



The Writing Center

What is the Writing Center?

The Writing Center provides free tutorial services to all Mason writers. Students, faculty, and staff may make an appointment to consult a tutor. Appointments are offered in 45-minute face-to-face or online sessions.

What should I expect?

We work with writers at every stage of the process:

- brainstorming
- outlining
- composing
- revising
- polishing

During a typical session, tutor and writer review the assignment prompt, set goals for the session, read through and discuss the writing, and discuss strategies for effective writing. Tutors help writers develop, clarify, and organize their ideas as well as share strategies and techniques for writing and revising.

What if I can't make it to the Fairfax campus?

Take advantage of the Writing Center's OWL and video sessions. Using the OWL service, writers can submit a draft for thoughtful written feedback from a tutor. And if you make an appointment on the Video schedule, you can meet your tutor online in real time.

How do I make an appointment?

To register and make an appointment, go to the Writing Center's website: writingcenter.gmu.edu and follow the Register link. After registering, you can access the schedule online to make an appointment. For a face-to-face session, choose the Fairfax schedule. For online appointments, choose the OWL or Video schedule. Walk-in appointments are accepted if tutors are available, but we encourage Mason writers to book an appointment in advance.

What else does the Writing Center offer?

In addition to individual consultations, the Writing Center offers an array of online resources, delivers workshops, and sponsors graduate writing groups. And if you're interested in becoming a tutor, it can offer you a great experience as an educator, communicator, and leader. To learn more about all of the Writing Center's services and opportunities, visit the website at writingcenter.gmu.edu.

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