

The WRITING Center



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Every writer needs a reader.

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All kinds of writers

Every writer needs a reader.

Whether you're a strong writer, a struggling one, or somewhere in between, the Writing Center has something to offer you. A conversation with one of our friendly, highly-trained writing coaches can help you generate and develop ideas, break projects down into manageable parts, set goals, and overcome barriers. Our coaches will share their ideas as fellow writers—and their feedback as readers.

All kinds of papers

College writing is all about flexibility.

You'll be writing for a variety of courses and contexts at Carolina. We're happy to help with any of them. Biology lab reports, philosophy papers, formal analyses for art, ethnographies for anthropology... you name it, we've probably discussed it with a student. We can also work with you on applications for grants, scholarships, and professional school programs, as well as cover letters and personal writing.

All stages of the writing process

You don't need to bring a draft.

Perhaps you're just getting started on a paper, or perhaps you're wrapping one up. Either way, we're happy to talk with you. We'll teach you strategies for everything from understanding assignment prompts to editing and proofreading. Making an appointment can help you overcome writing anxiety, defeat procrastination, and get your writing project moving forward. And if your visit here happens to be just a couple of hours before your final draft is due, we won't judge—we'll give you focused feedback.

By appointment or online

Either way, it's free.

Visit our website to reserve a time for a one-on-one, face-to-face conversation with a writing coach; undergraduates can make two 45-minute appointments per week. Or try submitting your draft to our Online Writing Coach service, where you'll receive written feedback. We also have fun events like Write Nights, which offer drop-in tutoring, and Midnight Marathons, where students gather to make great writing progress in the

course of an evening. And for those times where you've got a quick question, we offer live chat.

ESL services

We love language questions.

Our professional ESL specialists provide extensive training that prepares our coaches to meet the needs of English language learners. We'll help you find answers to your questions about grammar, vocabulary, and American academic writing conventions and classroom culture.

Online resources

Our site gets more than a million hits a month.

We offer more than 80 online handouts and short videos with tips on topics like argument, organization, thesis statements, commas, conciseness, blog writing, effective emails, and writing in different academic disciplines. They're popular all over the world, but we designed them just for you.

Looking for help with time management, study skills, note taking, reading, test prep, LD/ADHD questions, and more?

Visit our partner organization, the Learning Center, at learningcenter.unc.edu.

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