ACCESSING AND USING THE WRITING CENTER: A GUIDE AND INVITATION

Welcome to the Purdue Global Writing Center!

In addition to the writing skills, instruction, and feedback you receive from your instructors and peers or colleagues, the Writing Center has dynamic, online tutorial services and resources to encourage and equip you for your success as an effective university writer.

Our robust services include live, interactive tutoring and audio-video recordings. In most cases, you will have the option to type, read, and listen to receive support; however, accessing and participating in some services may require sound on your computer and ideally a headset if available to you (Figure 1). To access podcasts, videos, and Live Tutoring without speakers, closed captioning and/or transcripts are also available.

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ACCESS THE WRITING CENTER

On your Purdue Global Campus homepage, click “My Studies” and select “Academic Support Center” (ASC, Figure 2). On the ASC homepage, under Get Help From, select Writing Center (Figure 3), or go directly to a Writing Center service by selecting the Writing link under Connect with a Tutor, Submit a Paper or Question, Manage Your Studies and Time, and Watch Webinars.

Figure 2. Purdue Global Campus > My Studies > Academic Support Center

Figure 3. Academic Support Center > Connect With a Tutor, Submit a Paper or Question, Get Help From, Manage Your Studies, Watch Webinars, and Connect

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CONNECT WITH A TUTOR

Expert, professional writing tutors are available four days a week to work one-on-one with you in an online tutoring room (Table 1). Tutors will brainstorm with you, address questions, and help you work through your writing situation. You can share your screen, upload a document, write on a whiteboard or notepad and more. Please note that Live Tutoring is closed on official University holidays.

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Access Live Tutoring from the Writing Center homepage by selecting Writing Tutor (Figure 4).

ATTEND OR WATCH A WEBINAR

The Writing Center hosts live workshops in the Academic Support Center Webinar (ASC) Room. To access the ASC Webinar Room, from Writing Center homepage, select Writing Workshops. On the Writing Workshop page, click the picture that says, “Enter Here” (Figure 5). To view upcoming writing workshop dates, times, and descriptions and archived recordings of past workshops, select the ASC Webinar Calendar link, which will open the Student Webinar Calendar (Figure 6).

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SUBMIT A PAPER OR QUESTION

The Paper Review and Question and Answer (Q&A) Service is perfect for students who do not have time for live tutoring sessions. You will receive personalized feedback within 2-3 hours of your paper or question's scheduled submission time. Submit your paper or question using our new Cranium Café calendar tool that blocks off time on a tutor's schedule to review your paper or address your question. Click the calendar icon (Figure 7) on any Writing Center Paper Review and Q&A Tutor’s card. You will then select the first available time and complete a short intake form (Figure 8).

The Paper Review service is offered to provide suggestions for writing improvement, especially in terms of purpose, organization, and grammar. Rather than editing or rewriting your paper, tutors will provide you with a better understanding of areas that need improvement or development. Please note: This is not a proofreading or paper correction service.

Figure 7. Click the calendar icon to submit a paper or question.

Figure 8. After adding your paper or question to the tutor's schedule, complete this short intake form with 1) your name, 2) your course, 3) your question or concern, 4) whether or not you are attaching your paper, 5) your paper, and then click 6) “Schedule Appointment” to submit your paper or question. (This is not a live meeting).

WATCH, LISTEN, OR READ

A WRITING GUIDE OR STUDY SKILLS TUTORIAL

Become a stronger, more confident, and independent writer with 24-hour access to the Writing Reference Library, accessible from the Writing Center homepage (Figure 8). The Writing Reference Library features writing guides, podcasts, and video tutorials on all facets of the writing process including the use of sources, revision, reading, editing strategies, style, and grammar fundamentals (Figure 9). Load the tutorials in your browser or download them for use offline or on a smart phone,
Figure 8. Writing Center home > Writing Reference Library

You are here: My Studies > Academic Support Center > Writing Center > Writing Resources

Writing Reference Library

SEARCH WRITING GUIDES BY TOPIC

Use the table of topics to search the topics. Many topics have more than one tutorial and come in multiple formats: webpage, printable download, audio, and video. If you do not find what you are looking for, please ask us. Below the table of topics, you will find a button to Ask a Tutor. We also invite you to give us feedback or provide using the survey button.

- COLLEGE WRITING
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  - Assignments and Essays
  - Audience
  - Clear Writing
  - Formal and Informal Style
  - Graduate Research
  - Research Writing
  - Rhetoric
  - Tone and Voice
  - SEE ALL

- WRITING PROCESS
  - Discussion
  - Editing
  - Getting Started
  - Introduction
  - Feedback and Revision
  - Presentation
  - Thesis Statements
  - Writing Process
  - NCT 2012
  - SEE ALL

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Figure 9. Use the Writing Guides Table of Topics to quickly find what support on academic research and professional writing in a variety of formats.

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THE PURDUE GLOBAL WRITING CENTER MISSION

The Writing Center empowers students and supports faculty by offering positive, holistic feedback through media-rich services and resources. Professional writing tutors foster a community of writers (Figure 10) and guide students through all facets and stages of the writing process. Our goal is to ensure students have the tools they need to improve their writing skills.

Figure 10. The Writing Center supports students with the tools they need to improve their academic and professional writing skills.