UW-Superior Writing Center FAQs

FOR STUDENTS

What is the Writing Center?

The UW-Superior Writing Center, located in **Swenson 1030**, exists to help all UW-Superior students (both on-campus and distance-learning) become better writers.

Our mission is to engage students in conversations at any stage of their writing process to help them become more thoughtful and engaged learners and writers. To that end, we offer in-person and online one-to-one peer consultations with students concerning their writing.

Who can have a Writing Center consultation?

Any UW-Superior undergraduate or graduate student (on-campus or distance learner) can use the services of the Writing Center in regard to any piece of writing they are doing for any class or for their on-campus jobs or internships. We also see students about writing that is not assigned—for instance, resumes.

Who are the consultants?

The Writing Center consultants are your peers, UW-Superior undergraduate and graduate students from a variety of disciplines. Our consultants are skilled both at writing and at working with you to strengthen your own writing.

We see writing as a form of problem solving in which the consultants ask more questions than they answer and offer strategies and suggestions that will enable you to better accomplish your work as a writer here at UW-Superior.

Get to know more about our consultants by visiting http://www.uwsuper.edu/writingcenter/employees/index.cfm

What can I expect from a Writing Center consultation?

At the start of your consultation, the consultant will work with you to establish an agenda. This helps keep the consultation focused on your needs, whether that be topic ideas, thesis statements, organization, research and citation, or other needs.

The consultant then chats with you about your writing to help you engage with the assignment and meet its requirements by using critical thinking and collaborative learning strategies.

Face-to-face consultations typically last 30 minutes (though 60-minute sessions are also available); online sessions require 45-60 minutes.

How can I make the most of my Writing Center visit?

Bring the assignment details with you to the consultation. You can make use of Writing Center services at any stage in your writing process, but regardless of the stage, it is helpful for our consultants to know the overall assignment requirements. If the consultation

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will concern a rough draft, please print the draft before you arrive and bring it with you (for an in-person consultation), or have it on hand and ready to paste onto the online whiteboard (for an online consultation).

What *don't* the Writing Center consultants do?

Because our mission is to help *you* become a better writer, *our consultants do not proofread and correct your papers (but we'll help you learn strategies so you can better proofread your own papers).* Our consultants do not take over authorship of your written work; instead, they hold conversations with you about the written work and offer suggestions while leaving authorship in your hands. Further, our consultants do not discuss with you any personal comments about the writing assignments or grading of your work; that is strictly between you and your instructor.

What if my instructor needs proof that I visited the Writing Center?

Simply ask the consultant for "instructor notification" of the consultation and provide us with your instructor's campus e-mail address. Your instructor will then receive an e-mail letting her or him know you completed a Writing Center consultation.

How do I make an appointment?

Make appointments at http://www.uwsuper.edu/writingcenter.

Appointments can also be made by phone at (715) 394-8095 or in person at our Swenson 1030 location. Walk-in appointments for in-person consultations are welcome if a consultant is available.

You can meet with our consultants in person or online during our operating hours (which will begin on Wed., Jan. 22 for the Spring 2014 semester):

In our Swenson 1030 location

Mon. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tues. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wed. 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Additional online-only hours (starting Feb. 9)

Sun. 6:00-11:00 p.m.

For more Writing Center information, news, and updates, visit us at http://www.uwsuper.edu/writingcenter. And "like" us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/uwsuperiorwritingcenter.

The UW-Superior Writing Center is part of the Writing across the Curriculum Program, whose mission is to foster a culture of writing on the UW-Superior campus.