



Visit the Writing Centre

**NEW LOCATION: DAWB 1-102**

Website: [www.wlu.ca/writing](http://www.wlu.ca/writing)

Student appointments: ext. 2220

### Regular Hours:

Daily 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### Drop-In Hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday  
4 – 8 p.m.

Sunday 1 – 5 p.m.

### Staff:

- Margot Snyder, Administrative Assistant, Learning Services, ext. 2220, email: [learningservices@wlu.ca](mailto:learningservices@wlu.ca)
- Undergraduate Student Tutors, top students who are trained, paid, and with a GPA of 10 or above
- Boba M. Samuels, PhD Candidate, Writing Consultant, ext. 3869, email: [bsamuels@wlu.ca](mailto:bsamuels@wlu.ca)
- Emmy Misser, MA, Manager, Writing Centre, ext. 3339, email: [emisser@wlu.ca](mailto:emisser@wlu.ca)



For a detailed description of the writing centre program please go to [www.wlu.ca/writing](http://www.wlu.ca/writing) and click on the following:

- Writing support for graduate students
- Writing support for faculty—gives useful links and lists good resources
- Online writing resources—for handouts and links
- The Assignment Planner: [wlu.ca/writing/planner](http://wlu.ca/writing/planner)
- Recommended books and resources
- Writing workshops—on grant proposals etc.
- About appointments
- About our staff

### Contact:

- Boba M. Samuels for information about the services offered by the Writing Centre (ext. 3869 or [bsamuels@wlu.ca](mailto:bsamuels@wlu.ca))
- Emmy Misser for requests for in-class workshops and presentations as well as all other inquiries (ext. 3339 or [emisser@wlu.ca](mailto:emisser@wlu.ca))

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## Writing Centre

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## Writing Centre



*Sharpen your  
writing skills ...  
and sharpen  
your thinking*

Using the  
Writing Centre:

A Guide  
for Faculty



[www.wlu.ca/writing](http://www.wlu.ca/writing)

# The Writing Centre Program

The Writing Centre offers writing support for undergraduate students, graduate students, TAs, and faculty.

## *What we offer for students:*

- individual writing consultations with trained tutors and writing professionals
- university-wide writing workshops on a variety of topics
- handouts and writing resources available in the Writing Centre and on our website

In individual appointments, students get constructive feedback to help them acquire the specific academic writing skills needed in their electives, majors, and graduate programs.

The main focus of an appointment is always to help students understand the aspects of academic discourse that communicate independent thinking supported by evidence and reasoned analysis.

Undergraduate students meet with a tutor a year ahead of themselves, and graduate students meet with a writing professional who will have read some of their paper ahead of time.

## *How you can use the Writing Centre in your classes:*

- request a brief in-class visit to inform your students about the services offered by the Writing Centre
- incorporate writing centre handouts and other writing resources into your syllabus and assignments
- arrange an in-class writing workshop on a topic suitable for your course and/or assignment
- meet with us to discuss assignment development, criteria for writing assessment, writing resources or any other writing-related issue

## In-Class Workshops or Presentations

We try to tailor in-class workshops to the discipline and rely on you to supply us with the relevant assignment, grading criteria, and student writing samples to work from.

### *Examples of in-class writing workshops we can tailor to your discipline:*

- Focus and Structure in Academic Papers
- Writing a Strong Thesis Statement
- The Literature Review
- The Annotated Bibliography
- The Abstract
- Structural Coherence and Paragraph Writing
- Citation Practices in Academic Writing (MLA, APA)
- Typical Grammar and Punctuation Errors

### *Discipline-Specific Writing Workshops:*

Some of these in-class workshops have developed to the point where they have become integrated into the course or the program.

When instructors take the time to work more closely with us, we can collaborate on projects focused in the discipline while emphasizing the development of academic writing skills.

### **NEW:** *Assignment Planner*

#### *Plot Your Path*

Try our online writing planner to help you plan your next assignment.

### *Undergraduate Workshops:*

- Please see the complete list of available workshops at [www.wlu.ca/writing/workshops](http://www.wlu.ca/writing/workshops)

### *TA Workshops:*

- Grading the Writing Component
- Marking for Grammar and Punctuation

### *Graduate Student Workshops:*

- Writing the OGS, SSHRC, and NSERC Proposal



## What we do:

- Send you an update at the beginning of every term on what's new in the Writing Centre with a list of workshops which will always be posted on our website
- Respond to your requests for in-class workshops as long as we get adequate notice

## What we don't do:

- Edit student papers—we teach students to become better at revising and editing their own writing
- Guarantee students good grades—what students do with our feedback is ultimately their responsibility
- Work with students on take-home exams—we need your written consent

## What we would like to do:

- Know more about the types of assignments you use
- Get samples of strong and weak student writing
- Find out about your expectations for student writing
- Know more about professional writing in your field
- Get feedback from you

*So please get in touch!*

