

The Writing Center
 c/o Roberta Kjesrud
 MS 9124

Where Writers and Readers Come Together

Writing Center

Moving to College Hall 09 in 2007!

Our Philosophy

Writing enables us to learn deeply, to think clearly, and to raise our voices confidently in the eternal human conversation. Equipping writers to enter that lifelong discourse, the Writing Center brings writers together with readers to converse about the nature and presentation of ideas. As part of Western's academic mission, then, the Writing Center serves as a site of literacy instruction, providing academic support to student writers of all disciplines and abilities.

Our Pedagogy

- Establish a comfortable working relationship.
- Clarify assignment and examine related materials.
- Attend to the whole draft.
- Identify writer's main question/concern.
- Verify the thesis.
- Identify specific strengths, giving examples.
- Respond with specific questions, strategies, and materials.



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Writing Center Support Services for Faculty

CURIOUS FACT:

What's the main reason Western students don't use the Writing Center?



They don't believe they need help with writing!



In-Class Support

In a recent survey of WWU students who don't use the Writing Center, 40% cited this reason: they don't believe they need help with writing. Let's convince them otherwise!

To that end, we're offering writing instruction right in the classroom. Our writing workshops support writers with process strategies to help them compose more easily and effectively. Know that the "Getting Started" workshop is by far the most popular, but see the box below for other topic ideas.

In addition to workshops, we will also designate one or more Writing Assistants (known in the past as Writing Fellows) to assist writers enrolled in Writing Proficiency or Writing II courses. Assistants can provide in-class workshops along with face-to-face and online reader response for writers at any stage of the writing process.

WORKSHOP TOPICS

- **Getting Started**—Just after receiving an assignment, writers choose their topics and brainstorm ideas.
- **Revising for Clarity and Order**—Writers use visual techniques that reveal logical connections and suggest revisions.
- **Giving Useful Reader Response**—Writers exchange drafts and use guided response forms to prompt revision.
- **Other** topics—Be it editing or exam preparation, we can create a workshop to meet your students needs.

Center Support

The majority of writers who do use the Center indicate that they've learned about us through faculty like you. Thank you for talking us up!

Since we moved to the Wilson Library "attic," however, students are having trouble finding us. To improve accessibility, we have expanded service options. We hope you'll help us announce these options by ordering Center Information or Demonstrations (see right panel).

Fairhaven satellite

in FH 107 computer lab—
open Sun, Wed, 7 - 9 p.m.

Open 24 hours

for online draft submission at
www.acadweb.wwu.edu/writingcenter

Helpline

phone consultations—650-3219.



A little friendly collaboration

Support Request

Center Information (info to give your class)

- ___ Blurb for Syllabus
- ___ Bookmarks
- ___ Brochures

Demonstrations (W.C. staff visit your class)

- ___ Classroom Demo (10 minutes)
- ___ Demo w/ W.C. Tour (20 min)
- ___ Demo on CD (2 minute movie)

Workshops (50-minute, in-class sessions)

- ___ "Getting Started"
- ___ "Revising for Clarity and Order"
- ___ "Giving Useful Reader Response"
- ___ Other _____

Affiliated Writing Assistant/Fellow

- ___ Need designated readers for Writing Proficiency or Writing II course

Faculty Information

Name _____

Phone _____ Department _____

E-Mail _____

Course _____ Enrollment _____

Date/Time _____ Room _____

Writing Assignment _____

Writing Objective _____

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