

# GET THE MOST FROM YOUR VISIT TO THE WRITING CENTER

Writing Center tutors are here to help you become a better writer. But to do that, they need you! Here are a few suggestions on how to make your time here more productive.

1. Come to the Writing Center with an open mind and willing to learn. Tutors are not the "writing police." They won't turn you in! But you need to be willing to talk about your writing and listen to your tutor's suggestions.
2. Bring your assignment with you. With your instructor's assignment in front of you, you and your tutor can work together to make sure the assignment is clear and that you accomplish what is expected.
3. Bring everything you've done on the project so far. That may just be notes on scraps of paper, but it might all help you and your tutor come up with new ideas and directions.
4. Bring any papers an instructor has returned to you with feedback. It could be very helpful to review the comments instructors have made on your past work. You want to be sure the assignment you are working on now does not repeat problems you've had in the past.
5. Set a realistic goal for the session. Think about what you'd like to learn or better understand each time you come for tutoring. You are much more likely to accomplish your goals if you know what they are!
6. Think through your assignment. You can visit the Writing Center at any stage in the writing process – whether deciding on a topic, organizing ideas, writing an introduction or revising a draft. If you've thought through your assignment before coming, you'll be ahead of the game. Be prepared to answer questions about the assignment and about your writing.