

Writing Center Assignment

Assignment Overview

Strong writers involve trusted peers and mentors throughout their writing process. To help you develop your composing processes, you will complete a tutoring session with USU's Writing Center with an assignment from this class. Writing Center tutors are objective and trained peers who will guide you through the process of analyzing and revising your writing process, from understanding an assignment's writing prompt to gathering ideas to narrowing your focus to making final revisions.

To complete this assignment, you are required to meet with a Writing Center tutor. Go to writing.usu.edu to make an appointment and view a list of hours and locations. You may complete the tutoring session using any of the available tutoring session formats. Be sure to schedule your appointments far in advance. The Writing Center tends to get busy around the time of deadlines, so this is one assignment you don't want to procrastinate.

Assignment Requirements

Your tutoring session must meet the following requirements to be considered for full credit:

- Complete a tutoring session before or on the deadline.
- Discuss an assignment from this class during your tutoring session.

How To Prepare for Your Writing Center Visit

The Writing Center helps with all phases of the writing process, including pre-writing, drafting, and revising. This means your session can take a variety of shapes, from a session where you bring in just an assignment description and brainstorm ideas, to looking at a partial draft of a paper, to revising a paper that has already been graded. Keep in mind that tutors are *not* editors. Prepare to be an active participant in your session.

When you schedule your appointment, you will be asked to do some things in preparation for your visit:

1. List your concerns and questions about what you would like to work on during your tutoring session (e.g., "I don't understand this part of the assignment description," or "Can we go over organization in this draft?" or "Is my audience clear?" etc.).
2. Submit a draft of your paper, unless you want a brainstorming session with your tutor.
3. Submit the assignment description.
4. Be open to the feedback you receive from the tutor. Make the most of your required visit by being prepared and actively engaged in your tutoring session. Keep in mind that even professional writers have editors to offer feedback before publication.

Grading

The Writing Center visit is an "all or nothing" assignment, meaning if you complete your visit by the deadline, you receive full credit. If you miss the deadline, you receive no credit.

Once you've completed your Writing Center visit, you will get an email with notes from your session with your tutor. Please take a screen shot of the email and upload it to Canvas.