

Guidelines for Writing in the Writing Center

“Writing” is an acceptable activity in the Writing Center as long as you are **writing** an assignment for your English composition course.

“Writing” is not an acceptable activity when:

- You are writing an assignment for a class other than English composition.
- You are reading and taking notes. (**Reading is not an acceptable activity in the Center.**)
- You have already spent three hours writing in the Center. (900 and 901 study plans allow three Writing hours. See “Optional Curriculum.”)

Because the Writing Center is not a homework lab, any writing activity should be supervised and guided by an instructor or writing consultant. Our staff is in the Center to assist you; we can answer any question you might have about your writing assignment, such as:

- Have I written an effective thesis?
- Am I writing on topic?
- Are my ideas clear?
- Is my example relevant?
- Am I citing sources in MLA style?
- Is my Works Cited page formatted correctly?

Of course, there are many more questions about your writing our staff can help you answer.

Remember, One-on-One instruction (tutoring) does not have to take place only at a table in the Instruction Room. You can receive instruction while working on the computer in the lab.

Ask for assistance while you are writing, and we will do our best to help you.