

## The Writing Center

**The Hendrix College Writing Center** offers personalized help with writing; Peer Tutors will meet with you to discuss your writing. They are ready to deal with matters ranging from grammar, spelling, diction, and punctuation to broader concerns such as focus, development, organization, and style. Whether you come for a single conference or sign up for a series of sessions, you are always welcome to come to the **Center**. **The Writing Center does not provide proofreading services.**

You may wish to use the **Writing Center** for the following services:

**Tutorial Conferences:** Bring to the conference the paper or assignment that requires attention

**Instructor Referral:** Some students work in the Writing Center upon the recommendation of one of their instructors. If you have been referred, please present the referral checklist to the tutor.

**Drop-in Help:** If you have a quick question or require immediate help with a paper, bring the assignment.

**Resources:** Feel free to use the Center's resources. Dictionaries, thesauruses, style sheets, writing handbooks, short texts, writing samples, and self-instructional units are just some of the materials available for your use while you are in the Center.

**Specialized Writing:** We are prepared to help with any of the following writing formats: paragraphs, essays, research papers, essay texts, reviews, and other writing-related assignments.

The **Hendrix College Writing Center** is for all students—freshmen to seniors—who think they might benefit from an experienced tutor's advising them about their writing. It is absolutely free! You may come by and receive immediate attention from a tutor on duty, or you may sign up for weekly conferences.

**The Writing Center** is located in the Jennings Snoddy Academic Resource Center,  
Olin C. Bailey Library

## Writing Consultants: What they can and cannot do

Consultants can help you at all points in your writing

You can talk to a consultant about a writing assignment before you even begin to write it.

You can show consultants notes, idea lists, and other explorations.

You can bring in a rough draft for help on how to revise it so that it is focused and makes sense to a reader.

You can bring in almost-finished papers for help with polishing.

Consultants can help you with organization and development

You can ask for help in figuring out what you have to say.

You can talk to a consultant about developing more ideas to write about.

You can bring in a paper that has all of your ideas and ask for advice on reorganizing so the paper has a better flow.

You can meet with a consultant about using transitions to tie your ideas together.

Consultants can help you with style and mechanics.

You can ask about improving sentence length and variation.

You can get help in shaping your argument.

You can seek advice on the piece's tone, diction, and voice.

You can see a consultant for help in writing bibliographies.

You can talk to a consultant about evaluating and incorporating outside sources.

You can meet a consultant for help on formatting papers.

Consultants can help you with grammar and punctuation.

You can ask for help on how to proofread and copy-edit.

You can go to a consultant for explanations of handbook terms.

You can ask a consultant to look over specific corrections you have made.

Consultants cannot do the work for you.

You cannot drop off your paper for a consultant to fix.

You cannot avoid the work of writing, revising, or editing by working with a consultant.

But you can expect the consultant to help you learn to write more effectively yourself.

You can expect your consultant to be knowledgeable about writing issues that may be

different for you. And you can expect your consultant to be attentive, respectful, and helpful outside reader of your work.

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