

# Get to know the Writing Center

### What is the Writing Center?

We are a free resource available to all UNLV students, staff, and faculty.

Our services provide an opportunity to help writers improve their writing and grow as writers. Trained consultants help writers develop ideas, address writing concerns, and build strategies to meet writing goals.















#### At the Writing Center we

Strive to build writers' confidence, morale, and skills Work with writers of all skill and experience levels Assist with writing in any subject or genre Help at any stage of the writing process Translate professors' expectations for writing assignments Give writers the tools to revise and edit their own writing



#### **Types of Synchronous Consultations**

#### In-person Consultations

- Face-to-face at the Writing Center
- Drop-ins available

Consultations for Multilingual Writers \*

Consultations for Disabled & Neurodivergent Writers \* Virtual Consultations

- Online via Google
  Meet
- Appointment-only



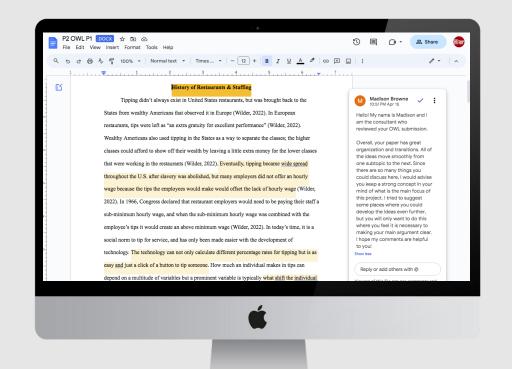
\* Led by consultants who have received additional training for common challenges that diverse writers face. DRC accommodations **not** required!

## **Online Writing Lab (OWL)**

Consultants spend 45 minutes giving written feedback on general writing issues, such as clarity and cohesion

Submit OWLs on the Writing Center's website

\* No feedback on sentence-level issues or Reference pages





#### **Quick Questions**

Consultants address one specific question/concern per day (must take 10 minutes or less to answer)

Quick Questions may be best for

- A question you need an immediate answer to, especially right before the deadline
- Questions that come up before you are ready to schedule a full consultation

Submit Quick Questions via email, Google Chat, phone, or in-person



## The UNLV Writing Center Website

Find resources including

- Handouts on many writing topics
- Information about our staff
- Hours, location, and events
- Instructions for getting DRC accommodations
- FAQs about consultations



#### unlv.edu/writing-center



#### How we can support instructors

- 1. Class presentations
  - Consultants can visit in-person or virtual classes
  - Instructors can share a video on WebCampus
- 2. Handouts
  - Instructors can link to resources on WebCampus
- 3. Notifications
  - Students can request instructors be notified of their session we have a process and will not offer any individualized notifications
- 4. Consultations
  - Get feedback on assignment prompts that students struggle with



#### How instructors can support us

- 1. Provide clear, detailed instructions
  - o Consultants focus feedback on the criteria in the assignment prompt
  - Consultants are not experts in every genre or discipline's writing conventions
- 2. Encourage all students to visit the Writing Center early
  - All writers get stuck and benefit from receiving feedback
  - Students do not often come when they are first starting their task
  - Do not require students to make an appointment
- 3. Talk to students about the writing process
  - Most students underestimate the time and effort needed to write



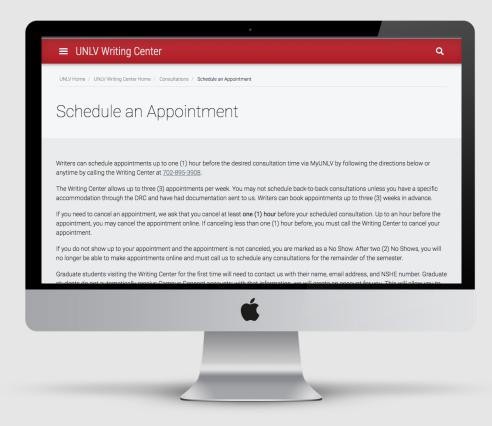
#### How to schedule consultations

Find instructions to schedule online on our website: unlv.edu/writing-center

Call 702-895-3908

Stop by our office: CRC, Room 216 \*\*\*

Send an email or Google Chat to writingcenter@unlv.edu





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