

Writing Lab

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http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/artscience/english/writing_lab/writinglab.html

About the Writing Lab

The Writing Lab is a friendly and supportive place to bring your paper. Consult a tutor, compose on a computer and make use of current reference materials such as style manuals and handbooks. The tutors are all Dept. of English graduate students. They can assist you in achieving your best writing effort. A visit to the Writing Lab will give you the opportunity to receive feedback on any writing assignment for any course.

When should I come to the Lab?

Whenever you encounter problems writing and need help. Tutors can show you how to make a rough draft flow more smoothly, but if all you have is an outline, they can give you ideas to develop it, or if you just have the assignment sheet, they can help you understand the requirements. The Writing Lab is a writer's resource. Students who make their first visit early in the term and return frequently make the most progress.

A Writing Lab visit might cover any of the following:

Topic ideas;
Getting started;
Gathering information;
Thesis statement;
Support;
Organization;
Clarity;
Word choice;
Grammar and punctuation.

Who uses the lab?

Students from all levels and all academic disciplines at UM-St. Louis use the lab. Many international students visit the lab, where an ESL (English as a Second Language) specialist is on staff.

We offer one-on-one tutoring to help you improve your writing. No appointment is necessary. It's a good idea to bring your instructor's assignment sheet. Our services are available online, at our sites on MyGateway and umsl.edu, Dept. of English. PCs with MS Word, Internet access, additional software, and a laser printer are available for your use. There is no charge for using the lab. **We will show you how to correct grammar errors, but will not take responsibility for correcting every one. The paper and the responsibility remain yours.**

Writing Lab Hours

Monday-Thursday 10-7 Friday 10-2 Saturday CLOSED Sunday 1-5