

Thompson Writing Program

Writing Studio



Support for Undergraduate International / ESL Students

Writing Studio Tutoring Sessions

At the Writing Studio, you can meet with trained writing tutors to discuss your writing concerns. By discussing your work-in-progress with a tutor, you will develop skills that will help you to improve as a writer.

Tutors help at any stage of the writing process —from brainstorming and researching to drafting, revising, and polishing a final draft. You may schedule a maximum of one appointment a day and two appointments a week, depending on availability.

The Writing Studio offers a choice of face-to-face and E-Tutor (electronic submission) appointments. We recommend starting with a face-to-face appointment, which allows you to talk to your tutor, rather than E-Tutor, which does not.

While all our tutors have training and experience in working with international writers, the appointment page lists tutors with the strongest background in this area.

For more information and to schedule an appointment, visit:

<http://twp.duke.edu/writing-studio/appointments>

Pop-In Tutoring Sessions

You also have the opportunity to meet with undergraduate writing partners for peer tutoring sessions. For locations and hours, visit <http://twp.duke.edu/writing-studio>

Writing 75 Workshop Course

Writing 75 is a half-credit course designed to support multilingual international students as they take the required first-year Writing 20 course.

Students in Writing 75 strengthen their writing process as they gain experience in:

- Reading texts with a critical eye
- Creating viable thesis statements and arguments



- Paraphrasing material and citing sources
- Utilizing resources to improve word choice and usage

Consider registering for Writing 75 if you:

- Feel uncertain about structuring thesis statements and academic arguments
- Would like to increase your confidence with writing in English
- Have primarily written essays of three or fewer pages

***Offered in the fall and spring semesters
Instructor permission required Satisfactory/unsatisfactory grading***

For more information:

<http://twp.duke.edu/undergraduate/writing-15>

Weekly Writing Workshops

The Writing Studio offers numerous workshops throughout the fall and spring semesters. Topics covered regularly include:

- Organizing Research Projects
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- Making Academic Arguments
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- Improving Writing Style: Clarity and Conciseness
- Avoiding Plagiarism: Working with Sources
- Improving Your Writing Process
- Strategies for Editing for Clarity and Proofreading for Correctness
- Improving Writing Style: Cohesion and Coherence
- Reading to Write
- Winning Personal Statements
- U.S. Academic Writing: Considerations for International Writers
- Oral Presentations

For more information and to register, choose the workshop link on this webpage:

<http://twp.duke.edu/writing-studio/appointment>

International Conversation Cafe

Join our weekly conversation gatherings in the Bryan Center.
Come discuss current events, world cultures, local customs, and more.

These lively discussions bring together students and other members of the Duke community. The facilitators are native English speakers. For more information, email wstudio@duke.edu



ESL Resources Online

The Writing Studio website provides numerous resources in the form of handouts, PowerPoint workshop tutorials, and web links.

Popular handouts include:

- Developing a central claim
- Paragraphing: The MEAL Plan
- U.S. academic writing: Some considerations for international writers
- Useful tools for ESL students
- Reverse outlining
- Roadmaps

Duke ESL News Blog

Visit our blog to learn about Duke resources, local cultural events, and intercultural norms. Take a moment to post a comment or question: <http://dukeeslnews.wordpress.com/>

Writing Studio Locations

MAIN STUDIO
ART BUILDING 106
EAST CAMPUS

112 PERKINS LIBRARY
WEST CAMPUS

LILLY LIBRARY
SECOND FLOOR
EAST CAMPUS

LOCATIONS AND HOURS:

<http://twp.duke.edu/writing-studio/location-hours>

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