Writing Center

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Here’s what students say

- “I feel better about my writing since I joined the Writing Center. I feel more confident in my papers because I know I’ve done several drafts and improved the papers before I turn them in. I think my writing has improved, especially in my supporting of ideas.”

- “I found it helpful to talk about readings with my Writing Center teacher because it allowed me to explore my thoughts…. I gained a stronger sense of self-confidence and felt more freedom to express opinions in class discussion.”

- “[W]orking together with my Speaking Center teacher, even after only two months, I made great improvements that people said they noticed. My teacher showed the utmost care and attention to detail in her efforts to help me improve my skills.”

Questions?

For more information, visit us on-line:

- Writing Center:
  www.uiowa.edu/~writingc

- Speaking Center:
  www.uiowa.edu/~rhetoric/centers/speaking
What are these centers?

The centers help you become a better speaker, writer, or reader. Both centers provide individualized instruction to undergraduate and graduate students.

- The Writing Center helps students improve their writing, including attitudes and self-confidence about writing. The Center also assists students with reading.

- The Speaking Center helps students improve their public speaking skills, including analyzing audience and occasion as well as coping with speech anxiety.

How do the centers help?

We can assist with:

- Interpreting assignments
- Avoiding procrastination
- Developing ideas
- Organization
- Revising
- Gaining confidence
- Using peer and teacher feedback
- Expressing ideas clearly
- Practicing speaking and writing
- Introductions and conclusions
- Quoting, paraphrasing, and proper citation
- Creative writing
- Dramatic performance
- Speech delivery techniques
- Pronunciation
- Strategies for effective presentations

Writing Center Services:

- Enrollment. Students who enroll in the Writing Center commit to meeting twice a week with the same tutor to make lasting, long-term improvements in writing.
- 30-minute appointments. Sign-up for help with specific writing problems and develop strategies.
- E-mail tutoring. Submit work through the website for digital feedback on your drafts.

Speaking Center Services:

- One-to-one and small group instruction: half-hour-long appointments for students and instructors who want to improve their speaking performance in classes, in teaching, or other areas of university life.

Who are the instructors?

Each center is directed by a Rhetoric professor, and center teachers are graduate instructors and full-time Rhetoric faculty members who have specialized training in writing, speaking, or reading.

Should you enroll?

Any UI student, graduate or undergraduate, or instructor from any college in the university can enroll in either of the centers. If any of your instructors suggests that you come to one of the centers, please stop by; however, you do not need an instructor’s recommendation to use our services. If you have any anxiety, dissatisfaction, or confusion about writing, speaking, or reading, or just want to improve your skills, please come in to see us.

What else?

Many semesters, the Writing and Speaking Centers offer special programs like creative writing groups, the Voices from the Writing Center publication, and workshops. See the websites for details about these programs and all of the latest information about the centers.