



NO. 57 IN THE WRITING CENTER HANDOUT SERIES

International Students: How the Writing Center Can Help You!

One-on-one help with writing for everyone

A Writing Center tutor can help you understand the special characteristics of American college-level writing. We can also help you interpret the expectations of courses, instructors, and disciplines at Agnes Scott. Students of all writing ability levels—from novice to expert—come to the Writing Center for help with their assignments from English courses, chemistry courses, philosophy courses—any course that has writing assignments. The relationship between tutor and student is a collaborative one, with each learning from what the other brings to the session.

Resources for you to use on your own or with a tutor

In the Writing Center's resource library, we have handbooks and sample papers for every kind of writing, every type of paper, every discipline; you may consult these on your own or go over them with a tutor. Our resource collection also includes grammar guides and English and foreign language dictionaries.

A place to write

The Writing Center is always open—seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day—for you to use as a place to write or study, and our books and sample papers are there for you to consult at any time. We have new computers and printers for you to use, and there is often a pot of coffee brewing! Tutoring takes place as scheduled on Sunday through Friday. Our services are free to all students.

Handouts covering many topics related to writing

We have over 50 handouts (available on paper and on our Web site) on a variety of subjects that can help students with writing. These handouts provide “quick tips” on many aspects of writing, usage, grammar and other related topics. Some examples of handout topics include the thesis statement, essay topic development, the comma, the chemistry lab report, writing for philosophy courses, writing for math courses, and how to avoid plagiarism.

Partners Program

This program was designed for International and EFL students, but has become popular with everyone who wants to work on writing. You and your “partner” tutor work together at least one hour per week on all aspects of writing, whether or not you have a paper due. The arrangement lasts for one semester or all year. It's a great way to develop your writing and to practice English. Complete the application if you are interested in having a writing partner!