What does the Writing Center do?
In Fall 2020, all services will be offered online. For most projects, you will meet with a peer consultant for 45 to 50 minutes in a synchronous session, with video, audio, and document collaboration capabilities. Our goal is to help you make informed decisions about your writing. Although we focus on one project (or portion of a project) in each session, our overall goal is for you to learn strategies that can transfer to all of your work. Each session is tailored to the needs of you as the writer and to the project at hand. Although we would prefer to welcome you into our sunny physical space, we are working hard to recreate the same helpful, personal support while remaining safe.

Are services free?
Yes! The Writing Center is one of the many services available to you as part of the tuition and fees you’ve already paid.

Do I need to bring a full draft?
No! We can help at any stage of the writing process: understanding assignments; brainstorming and expanding ideas; developing a thesis, claim, or research question; evaluating and incorporating sources; outlining and organizing drafts; documenting and citing sources (current versions of MLA, APA, Chicago, ASA, and others); strengthening grammar and mechanics; and other customized forms of support.
Your session will be more productive if you can provide the following:
- The instructor's writing assignment or writing prompt and/or the course syllabus
- Any writing in progress, questions, notes, or ideas
You will be able to upload these files directly to your appointment request.

Are appointments required?
We strongly encourage appointments, as we do have a limited schedule, but we accept walk-ins if the time is available. Except in special circumstances, you may schedule up to two appointments per week, one appointment per day, and as far as six weeks in advance. Note that longer projects may require more than one session.

How do I make an appointment?
We use an online system created for tutoring centers called WCONline, which is also used by the Tutoring Resource Center and the Ancell Commons. The system is accessed through the Writing Center website or directly through this link. If you are new to the Writing Center, you will first create an account. Then you can log in through any computer or mobile device to schedule and modify your own appointments. When it's time for an appointment, you will simply return to the scheduling system and click one button to join the session. It’s that easy! If you need assistance, you can email us or drop in to our WebEx based Virtual Information Desk during regular VID hours.
What if I just have a quick question?
In addition to synchronous sessions, you may also visit our Virtual Information Desk (VID) for quick questions, information about scheduling, and other needs. VID and appointment hours may vary.

Will my instructor know if I come to the Writing Center?
This is entirely your decision. If you do want your instructor to be informed, your consultant will email general information to the instructor after the visit. Otherwise, the visit is kept confidential.

My paper is due immediately after my session. Is that acceptable?
At the Writing Center, we want to give you time to make revisions and turn in your best possible work. The writing will always be yours! Therefore, you must reserve at least one full hour following the end of your appointment to work on your paper before it’s due.

Will you proofread or edit my paper for me?
Not usually. Our goal is always to help you learn. We will work with you to recognize and change errors so you are able to do so on your own in the future. The Writing Center adheres to WCSU’s Academic Honesty Policy, as stated in the CSCU’s Student Code of Conduct.

Can you help with a research paper?
We help with any kind of writing project. For assistance with research, the WCSU librarians are your best resource. You can schedule a research consultation with a subject expert through the library website.

Can I bring in a group project?
Yes, you can! However, Please note that we can only work on your own writing, meaning the portion of the group project that you personally wrote. We can only work on the writing of group members who are present in the session. When scheduling a group project session, be sure to make a note in the comments to your tutor and list the names of other people who may be joining the session.

Is the Writing Center only for good writers? or bad writers?
The Writing Center is for all WCSU students from any major, any course, freshmen through graduate students. All writers benefit from feedback, from the least experienced to the most advanced. Coming to the Writing Center (or being asked to come) does not mean you are a bad writer. It means you are learning! Learning to write well is a lifelong process, and we are here to help you make that happen.

Who works in the Writing Center?
The Writing Center is staffed by peer consultants: juniors, seniors, and graduate students from a range of majors. As experienced writers and fellow students, we are here to offer guidance and support in an empathetic, non-judgmental setting.

Can I work in the Writing Center?
We generally hire consultants in the late spring or summer to begin work in fall semesters. When positions are available, these are posted on our website and on the Student Financial Aid job listings. Feel free to email us with any questions!

Fall 2020 Hours
Appointments and walk-in sessions
Monday & Wednesday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Closed Friday and Saturday

Virtual Information Desk
Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.
(closed 10-11 on Wednesday for Team Meeting)
Sunday, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.