

The Writing Center

For Graduate and Professional Students

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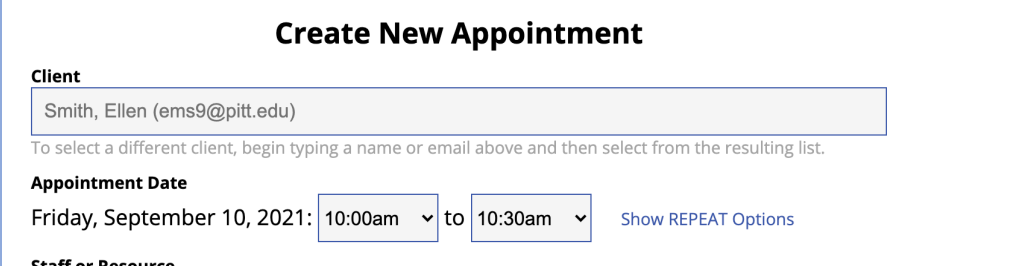


On-Site and Virtual Consultations

- The Writing Center is located in 317B O'Hara Student Center.
- We have a staff of consultants ranging from English department faculty to undergraduate peer tutors.
- We offer 30-minute sessions as a default; 60-minute sessions are a toggled option that is recommended for longer documents.
- Consultations can involve any aspect of the writing process, from planning to citation to brainstorming to revision.
- During Writing Center hours, walk-ins may be accommodated, though it is recommended that you make an appointment in advance.

What else to consider when making appointments

1. Does what you hope to do seem feasible in a 30-minute tutorial, or would it be better to toggle for a 60-minute appointment?
2. If you have a successful appointment and would like to schedule a recurring appointment, click **Show Repeat Options** on the scheduling page.
3. Give as much detail as possible about what you would like to work on.
4. Though Writing Center consultants are not allowed to directly edit work for writers, they can identify types of errors and offer strategies for identifying and editing them.



Create New Appointment

Client
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To select a different client, begin typing a name or email above and then select from the resulting list.

Appointment Date
Friday, September 10, 2021: 10:00am to 10:30am [Show REPEAT Options](#)

Staff or Resource

Accessing the Writing Center to make an appointment.

1. Go to writingcenter.pitt.edu. Click on **Schedule an Appointment**.

2. Register by creating username and password.
Note: Pitt username and password do not automatically sync to the Writing Center system.



3. If you wish to see both the online and on-site schedules, select both.

A screenshot of the appointment scheduling form. It shows a text input field with the email address 'emsa@pitt.edu'. Below it is a password field with a masked password '.....'. Underneath is the section 'AVAILABLE SCHEDULES' with two radio button options: 'Online Only Fall 2221' (which is selected) and 'Fall 2221 O'Hara Student Center'.

4. When the schedule loads, you can click on the name of scheduled consultants to see their specializations.

Support for International Student Writers and Writers with Disabilities

- The Writing Center is committed to accommodating writers with disabilities. Please tell us what we need to know in order to best work with you.
- International student writers of all levels are welcome to strengthen their style, mechanics, organization, and usage by working with the Writing Center. The Writing Center also offers casual sessions on English grammar and usage through the [International Café](#).

Other ways the Writing Center can support your work

- **Dissertation Camps and Project Workshops:** During the school year, the Writing Center and the Writing Institute offer at least one day-long Dissertation/Project Workshop per semester, with a focus on setting goals and managing your writing time. At the end of the spring semester, we offer a week-long Dissertation/Project Camp, which expands on and adds to topics covered at the workshops and also includes dedicated writing time. Information on all these events is distributed through directors of graduate studies.
- **Writing Days and Writing Accountability Groups:** Participants in Dissertation/Project Camps and Workshops are eligible to attend biweekly Writing Days, with the opportunity to consult with a writing instructor. At the beginning of the academic year, the Writing Institute organizes Writing Accountability Groups for graduate students.
- **Contacts. For Workshop/Camp/Writing Days information: Ellen Smith (ems9@pitt.edu); for Writing Accountability Groups information: Moriah Kirdy (moriah.kirdy@pitt.edu).**