# WRITING CENTER

#### **Mission Statement**

Writing is an important part of many UW-Superior classes, with students regularly called upon to write essays, research papers, reports, and various other genres. UW-Superior offers a Writing Center (https://www.uwsuper.edu/academics/academic-support/writingcenter/) to support students as they seek to become better writers. The Writing Center's mission is to engage students in conversations about ideas at any stage of their writing processes to help them become more thoughtful and engaged learners and writers.

## **Philosophy and Approach**

The Writing Center is a place where student writers can feel comfortable trying out ideas, where their writing is not judged, and where a process of inquiry is encouraged. In a relaxed and informal atmosphere, peer consultants offer support to less experienced writers. The Writing Center sees writing as a form of problem solving in which consultants can offer strategies and suggestions that will enable students to better accomplish their work as writers. Ownership of the writing remains always with the writer.

#### **Services**

The Center welcomes student writers from all courses and disciplines, undergraduate and graduate students alike, to meet with its trained peer writing consultants to discuss ideas and to find support as they plan, develop, and revise their writing. The meetings can take place in person or online. In these free consultations, which last from 30 minutes to an hour each, consultants work with student writers on many different parts of the process of producing an effective piece of writing: searching for a topic, getting a draft started, looking for a method of organization, establishing a thesis (main point), developing clear examples to support one's points, using and documenting sources properly, revising an early draft, reconsidering the direction of a piece of writing, eliminating errors, and more.

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