

The Shasta College Writing Center
Upstairs in the Learning Resources Center, in rooms 208 and 205
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Hours

Monday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tutoring Sessions

The Writing Center is a resource for all writers, not just students working on English papers. We encourage students from all courses to take advantage of what we have available.

Writers may make appointments to work with a tutor in a one-on-one, writer-to-writer tutoring session at any point in the writing process:

- Brainstorming.
- Focusing on a topic.
- Fighting writer's block.
- Developing and supporting a thesis.
- Outlining and organizing.
- Revising for clarity.
- Editing the finished draft.
- Revising a graded writing assignment.

Any student who wants help with writing can drop in at the center for a session; if a tutor is available, the session can begin on the next half hour! Or, a student can make an appointment for another day--either by telephone (242-7589) or by stopping by the Writing Center. Appointments are usually one-half hour. For longer papers, four pages or more, we schedule appointments for at least one hour. It is usually helpful to make a few appointments throughout the writing process.

Online students or students from any Extended Education site in the Shasta-Tehama-Trinity area--Burney, Red Bluff, Corning, Hayfork, and Weaverville—may receive tutoring via telephone or Internet.

Computer Lab

The Writing Center also provides computers for word processing, research purposes, access to online classes, and e-mail. Our bookshelves in the lab are lined with dictionaries, thesauruses, readers, handbooks, and style guides the students may use while working. These books include the following:

- [MLA Handbook](#)
- [APA Publication Manual](#)
- [The Chicago Manual of Style](#)
- [The Everyday Writer](#)
- [Easy Access: The Reference Handbook for Writers](#)
- [A Writer's Reference](#)
- [Online! A Reference Guide to Using Internet Sources](#)

The Writing Center is equipped with more than 20 Dell computers and a HP LaserJet printer and a color printer. Our computers are available to anyone on a first-come, first-serve basis. No appointment is necessary. We offer the following software:

- Word
- Excel
- PowerPoint
- Access
- Photo Editor
- Internet Explorer
- Publisher

We have writing tutors available to help with questions and ready to assist with MLA, Chicago Style, and

APA formats as students write.

Students can also write, study, or enjoy their lunches on the Writing Center's balcony. Students working on group writing assignments may work in the computer lab also.

Links to Grammar, Writing, and Internet Tutorial Sites

The following grammar, Internet, and writing resource sites are links on the Writing Center's webpages. They are free of charge and offer useful help with many common grammar and writing topics. Some of the sites provide very helpful feedback in the form of interactive grammar quizzes.

GRAMMAR and WRITING LINKS

- Guide to Grammar and Writing
- Big Dog's Grammar (Scott Foll)
- Grammar Bytes
- Guide to Grammar and Style by Jack Lynch
- University of Chicago: Writing Program
- Nuts and Bolts of College Writing
- Bedford St. Martins Online
- The Everyday Writer
- Writing Guidelines for Engineering and Science Students
- Online Writing Tutor: Paradigm Online Writing Assistant

MLA LINKS

- The official MLA website (www.mla.org)
- MLA Examples from The University of Wisconsin-Madison Writing Center
- A Guide for Writing Research Papers in MLA style
- OWL: Purdue University's Online Writing Center

APA LINKS

- American Psychological Association (APA) Style
- A Guide for Writing Research Papers in APA style

INTERNET TUTORIAL LINKS

- Search Engine Watch
- net.TUTOR
- University at Albany Libraries Internet Tutorials

Workshops

The Writing Center offers workshops in the following:

- MS Word.
- Email: Sign-up and Usage.
- Getting Started with PowerPoint.
- Various Citation Styles
- Research Paper Formats

The Shasta College Writing Center truly is a writer's resource, where all writers are welcome.