

University Writing Center Frequently Asked Questions

- **Can you let my professor or advisor know I used the UWC?**
 - Yes! There are three ways to do this: 1) request this in the appointment blurb when you make your appointment (provide instructor email address); 2) ask your consultant to send a copy of the session report to your instructor (provide email address); 3) email uwc@wiu.edu after your appointment with the request.
- **Will someone proofread or edit my work for me?**
 - Our goal is to help writers improve their skills and abilities, so we don't simply proofread or edit your work for you. However, we will work with you on recognizing errors or challenge areas at the sentence level, and guide you through the editing and proofreading process, providing tips and guidance for improving your own proofreading skills.
- **I don't know how to start. Can you help?**
 - Absolutely! We can help you with decoding an assignment, brainstorming, outlining, and other activities to get you writing.
- **I don't understand what I'm supposed to write. Can you help?**
 - We often work with writers on figuring out expectations for writing, whether it's a paper, a scholarship application, or any other form of writing.
- **Do I have to be a student to use the UWC?**
 - We offer our services free to students, alumni, faculty, and staff. You just need to register for a free account in WC Online.
- **Can graduate students use the UWC?**
 - Yes! Many graduate students use the UWC regularly for help with citations and formatting, as well as papers and exit options like thesis projects.
- **I need help with grammar. Can you help?**
 - Definitely! We have resources we can share with you to help you with challenging areas at the sentence level, and our consultants can work with you on identifying what approaches and guides will help you most.
- **What support do you offer for multilingual writers?**
 - Multilingual writers will find a supportive environment for writing and learning in the UWC. Additionally, the UWC Director can work with you directly to develop a writing support plan. Many of our multilingual writers find working with the same consultant on a regular basis helpful over the course of a semester.