

# Where to Get Help with Your Writing

**The University Writing and Rhetoric Center** offers *free*, one-to-one consultations for *any class project* that requires an element of writing and rhetoric: reading, writing, speaking, and developing visual texts. Undergraduate and graduate students professionally trained in both a 300-level course on one-to-one conferencing and subsequent workshops on writing and rhetoric in the disciplines are available to help all Cal Poly students improve their writing skills.

You may use the writing center's services at any stage of your writing process, whether you are getting started on a project or editing at the final stages. Thirty-minute tutoring sessions are available by appointment or on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tutors are prepared to assist you with the following:

- Understanding the expectations of an assignment
- Brainstorming and generating ideas
- Crafting a thesis
- Developing your thoughts
- Organizing your points
- Researching and documenting your sources
- Adhering to a required format
- Editing your final draft
- Reviewing grammar and punctuation
- Writing in all disciplines (e.g. lab reports, research papers, literary analyses, senior projects)

Keep in mind that writing lab tutors will not simply proofread papers or provide you with a stamp of approval prior to submitting an assignment. Instead, the goal of a tutoring session is to help you gain new writing strategies and improve your writing skills so that you may more successfully complete writing tasks at Cal Poly and beyond.

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