How can the Writing Center help multilingual writers? Use this chart to find out.

What is your goal?

To work on a specific paper

Do you prefer a fixed or flexible schedule?

I want to discuss writing every week at the same time throughout the semester

For All Students
ESL opt-in program

For Graduate Students and Visiting Scholars
ESL writing groups

I want to work on my writing only at certain times of the semester

For All Students
individually scheduled Writing Center appointments

For Graduate Students
weekly write-ins

To learn more about writing generally

quick guides
helpful links
workshops
language workshops

For Graduate Students
thesis and dissertation consultations

Questions? Email Tanya Bychkovska, Writing Center ESL Specialist, at tbychkov@gmu.edu
Description of Services

For undergraduate students, graduate students, and visiting scholars:

- **Individually scheduled Writing Center appointments.** Schedule up to 15 appointments every semester to work one-on-one with a tutor on all phases of a writing project. During a 45-minute session, you will discuss your paper with a tutor, receive feedback, learn tips and strategies, and make a plan for further developing or revising your project. Consider also online tutoring (OWL) and video tutoring (video OWL) sessions.

- **ESL Opt-in program.** If you’d like to receive additional, targeted support on a weekly basis throughout the semester, consider enrolling in the ESL Opt-In Program. Students admitted to the program determine a regular day and time to meet with the same tutor once each week or with two tutors twice a week. The Writing Center sets up the appointments at the beginning of the semester to ensure the student is able to meet with the same tutor throughout the term.

- **Workshops.** Attend 90-minute workshops on topics ranging from getting started on a draft to punctuation refreshers. One of the topics, Online Resources for Improving Grammar and Word Choice in Writing, is specifically designed for multilingual writers.

- **Grammar workshops.** Each 45-minute workshop includes discussion of a specific grammatical structure, practice, and application of new skills in writers’ papers.

- **Quick guides and helpful links.** Writing Center quick guides provide concise instructions on a variety of writing skills, tasks, and processes. Multilingual writers may be also interested in the topics related to language use. These handouts as well as helpful links to grammar, style, and punctuation websites can be found on the website.

For graduate students and visiting scholars:

- **ESL writing groups.** Once a week, a group of 3-6 graduate writers or visiting scholars from the same or different disciplines meet for an hour to provide feedback on one member’s draft. Group members comment on all aspects of writing ranging from idea clarity and organization to word choice and grammar. The discussion is facilitated by an ESL Specialist.

- **Weekly write-ins.** Write-ins begin with a short conversation about goals and end with a short wrap-up on accomplishments. The remaining time is dedicated to writing. A Writing Center consultant is on site to coordinate the session and to take consultations. Writers may sign up for any number of sessions between one and twelve.

- **Thesis and Dissertation consultations.** Graduate students working on their thesis or dissertation proposal, prospectus, or draft, or on an article for publication may schedule sessions with the Writing Center's Thesis and Dissertation consultants. Unlike other writing center sessions, thesis and dissertation consultations provide time for consultants to read your draft before they meet with you.