A Message from the Graduate Writing Center

The UVM Graduate Writing Center’s online Fall scheduling calendar is now live with appointments starting September 8. Our six peer consultants—advanced graduate students in Biology, Computer Science, Counseling, Education, and Natural Resources—are trained to support graduate student writers across the disciplines with all of their writing and presentation projects, from brainstorming and first-draft feedback to big-picture revision and final edits. Register and sign up for your first appointment at uvm.mywconline.net. You can choose

- an **Individual online appointment**: On the scheduled day and time, just click on your appointment to enter the online consulting space. You can also attach a draft or include a Google Doc link with the appointment.

- a **Group online appointment**: Make sure everyone on your writing team has registered with uvm.mywconline.net. Just one of you should schedule the appointment and include the names and email addresses of your teammates. Then watch your inbox for a Microsoft Teams invitation from your consultant.

- a **Review and Meet appointment**: If you have a long draft such as a thesis chapter or a technical project, make a Review and Meet appointment, so your consultant can get familiar with your work before you meet together. Mark the first appointment Review and upload or include a link to the draft. Make a second appointment with the same consultant and mark it Meet. The consultant will spend the Review appointment offline, preparing to join you for the Meet appointment.

- a **Review by Email appointment (new)**: Although a real-time meeting is easiest to ensure a consultant grasps your project, can help you try out a new strategy, and can shift gears of an approach if it’s not working, we understand the challenge of time zones and internet access. This semester we’re piloting Review by Email. When you choose this option, attach your draft with a detailed note about your project, stage of writing, and goals and concerns. The more context you provide, the more responsive your consultant can be. Within 24 hours after the appointment, you’ll receive an email alerting you that your consultant’s feedback is ready. You won’t receive back a copyedited manuscript or a Track Changes document. But you will receive a supportive and knowledgeable outside reader’s understanding of your project, their read on what is and is not yet working for your aims, and their advice for your next steps.

Best wishes for the coming semester, and we look forward to working with you in the Graduate Writing Center!