



A Message from the Graduate Writing Center

Get a head start on your Spring semester writing projects by making an appointment with the Graduate Writing Center! From brainstorming and mapping to final edits and presentation rehearsal, we're here to help at every stage in your writing process. Our eight peer consultants are experienced graduate student writers from Biology, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Counseling, Education, English, Food Systems, Social Work, and Natural Resources. They are available for morning, afternoon, and evening appointments (Eastern standard time) Sunday through Friday.

New this semester! All synchronous consultations will now take place on Teams. Provide your netid when you schedule your appointment, and at your appointment time, log into Teams to receive your consultant's call.

Your appointment choices are

- **Individual Online via Teams.** Include your netid on your appointment form; then at your appointment time, go to Teams for your consultant's call.
- **Group Online via Teams.** Include the names and email addresses of all group members, and make sure all members have registered with uvm.mywconline.net. Your consultant will send you and your group members a Teams invitation.
- **Review and Meet** (for longer or technical drafts). Mark the first appointment *Review* and upload or include a link to your draft. Make a second appointment with the same consultant and mark it *Meet*. The Meet appointment is the one you will attend, online via Teams, your consultant having spent the first appointment offline getting familiar with your draft!
- **Review by Email:** Limited internet access, hectic work schedule, or working from a distant time zone? This appointment option lets you attach a draft with a **detailed** note about your project, stage of writing, and goals and concerns. Then check back 24 hours after your appointment to download your consultant's feedback. (Note that while we are glad to offer editing tips and strategies, we do not copyedit papers.)
- **Waitlist:** If an appointment time is taken, you can add yourself to the waitlist (for the entire day or for a particular time or consultant). Watch your email or text for an alert of an opening.

Did you know ...

- You don't need a draft to meet with a consultant. Some of our most productive consultations take place before writing begins.
- You can meet with a consultant for poster or PowerPoint planning and feedback.

- Your consultant can help you set up a recurring appointment for support on a writing project over time.

What students say about the Graduate Writing Center:

- *I always leave feeling a lot better about my project and with a plan (that I feel I can accomplish).*
- *I went in with a unique need (making a PowerPoint) and the Writing Center provided just the help I needed!*
- *I appreciate the waitlist feature and getting an alert that an appointment had opened up on the day I wanted.*



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The Graduate Writing Center is open for Spring 2021 remote appointments. Our appointment options include:

- individual appointments in our online consulting space or on Teams.
- group appointments on Teams.
- two-part Review and Meet appointments: your consultant will use the “Review” appointment to get familiar with a long or technical draft before you come together for discussion in the “Meet” appointment.
- Review by Email to accommodate any work schedule, time zone, or internet connectivity challenge.

To make an appointment, visit <https://uvm.mywconline.net/>. When you click on available appointments, you can also learn about the academic backgrounds and interests of our ten graduate writing consultants—experienced graduate student writers from Biology, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Computer Science, Counseling, English, Food Systems, Higher Education and Student Affairs, Plant Biology, and RSENR.

We also want to follow up on the interest many of you have expressed in bringing back (in virtual form) our popular weekly writing retreats and in participating in small writing groups, the retreats and the writing groups both helping you to create weekly accountability, structure, and support for writing. [Take our short survey](#) to let us know about your interest in and availability for a virtual writing retreat, a virtual writing group, or both.

We look forward to another semester of supporting UVM graduate student writers in writing fearlessly!