

# Writing Coaching and Tutorial Service

### Need some writing help?

- **Drop in** to our free tutorial clinic at the **Chapman Learning Commons** from 3pm to 7pm Monday to Friday: <u>http://learningcommons.ubc.ca/what-we-offer/writing-centre/</u>
- Make an appointment with a tutor at Ponderosa Annex C from 10am to 3pm Monday to Friday: <u>https://ubcca.mywconline.com/index.php</u>
- Take a **non-credit course** online or in-class to improve your writing (see other side).
- Contact the **Academic English Skills** (AES) program to see if they can offer you free coaching: <u>http://cstudies.ubc.ca/academic-english-support-program/</u>
- Find free self-learning resources online: <u>http://cstudies.ubc.ca/writers-workshop/writers-toolbox/index.html</u> or <u>http://cstudies.ubc.ca/writing/resources.html</u>

#### Services offered by the Writing Centre:

For the 2013-2014 Winter Session, we offer:

- An expanded list of **courses** (see other side of this handout)
- Free tutoring
- Online self-learning resources
- **Online tutoring** through WriteAway (limited to English 112 students for the 2013-14 school year)
- Tutor-led workshops
- Tutor-led writing groups (by request)

Most students who use our services meet with tutors one-on-one. Tutors may provide writing coaching or content-based tutoring (grammar, mechanics, approaching the writing process, etc.) based on the student's needs and goals for the session.

Our tutorial/coaching sessions are free, as are our workshops, self-learning resources, and writing groups.

#### What can I expect from a session with a Writing Centre Tutor?

- 20 minutes or 30 minutes, with the option to book back-to-back (depending on the location of your session) spent setting or addressing your writing goal(s)
- A professional, friendly, knowledgeable tutor to help guide you and answer questions
- The possibility of an ongoing conversation with the same tutor surrounding your project or specific writing concern
- Referrals to other UBC services or print/online resources, if applicable
- A polite "no" to requests for proofreading – we take UBC's academic integrity policies very seriously

Remember: plan ahead and start your sessions early. The more time between your first meeting with a tutor and the project deadline, the more helpful your sessions will be.

## Writing Centre Academic Courses

We offer the following courses for a fee\* to anyone looking to strengthen their academic writing skills. Please see <u>http://cstudies.ubc.ca/writing/academic-writing.html</u> for full details.

\* If you are part of the Academic English Support (AES) program, AES will pay your tuition for one of these courses. To learn more about AES, please visit <u>http://cstudies.ubc.ca/academic-english-support-program/</u>.

#### Writing 098: Preparing for University Writing and the LPI

This course focuses on clearly, competently, and correctly meeting the expectations of universitylevel writing at UBC and elsewhere. Skills and tools that will help you strengthen your LPI score are covered, as well.

Sep 4 – Nov 27: M/W 10-11:30am Sep 4 – Nov 27: M/W 11am-12:30pm Sep 4 – Nov 27: M/W 12-1:30pm Sep 5 – Nov 28: T/Th 11am-12:30pm Sep 7 – Nov 23: Sat 9:30am-12:30pm Sep 10 – Nov 26: T 6:30-9:30pm Sep 9 – Nov 29: Online Oct 21 – Jan 24: Online

#### Writing 099: Advanced Composition

In Writing 099, you will continue to develop awareness of what constitutes effective academic writing and evaluate your own work critically and systematically. This course can be taken after 098 or on its own.

Sep 4 – Nov 29: M/W/F 12-1pm Sep 7 – Nov 23: Sat 9:30am-12:30pm Sep 9 – Nov 29: Online Oct 21 – Jan 24: Online

#### Writing Under Pressure

Learn and practise approaches to writing effective essays and reports under the pressure of tight deadlines and specific expectations. *Oct 3 – Nov 21: Th 7-9:30pm* 

#### **Getting Ahead with Grammar**

Learn how to write well-constructed sentences and effective paragraphs, with a focus on grammar. By the end of the course, you will be equipped to detect and correct grammatical errors in your writing. Sep 5 – Oct 10: Th 4-6:30pm Sep 7 – Oct 12: Sat 9:30am-12:00pm Sep 30 – Nov 8: Online

#### Writing with Style

In this course, you will better understand the nuances of sentence length and rhythm, balance and symmetry, clarity and complexity. You will come away being able to produce writing that is elegant as well as grammatically correct. *Oct 17 – Nov 21: Th 4-6:30pm Oct 19 – Nov 23: Sat 9:30am-12:00pm* 

Oct 21 – Nov 29: Online

#### **Scientific Writing**

This course is designed to help you take your research and produce clear, concise scientific articles, reports, and conference papers. *Oct 17 – Nov 21: Th 4-7pm* 

#### Writing for Graduate Students

Writing at the Master's or PhD level presents distinct challenges, and this course helps you with the specific requirements of graduate-level articles, reports, and theses. *Oct 7 – Nov 25: M 1-4pm* 

Oct 15 – Nov 19: T 1-4pm Oct 21 – Nov 29: Online



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