

The Hollins Writing Center

In-class Services

Faculty may request from the Writing Center a variety of in-class presentations, led either by the director or by peer tutors. You may request any version of the sessions described below, or you may prefer something tailored specifically to your course. Please contact Marcy Trianosky, director of the Writing Center, for more information: mtrianosky@hollins.edu

1. Introduction to the Writing Center

This presentation is ideal for students in any writing-intensive class. It provides students with an overview of what the Writing Center does and the kinds of help we offer. For instructors who want to encourage their students to visit the Writing Center, this is a good way to get them started.

Length: 15 minutes.

2. Presentations on the Writing Process

Interactive sessions on brainstorming, drafting and revising can be tailored to your class's individual needs. Length: 30-45 minutes.

3. Principles of Research and Documentation

Presentations on principles of research documentation can be tailored to your class. Topics covered include developing research questions, creating annotated bibliographies, the use of attributions, proper paraphrasing, avoiding plagiarism, and creating a works cited page. The Writing Center supports the following styles: MLA, APA or Turabian (both parenthetical and footnote/endnote styles). Length: 30-45 minutes.

4. Peer Group Workshops

Writing Center tutors are available to facilitate the review of drafts in small groups. The director meets with the instructor first, to determine the needs of the class. Then a small group of tutors are instructed on how to provide feedback based on the instructor's assignment and on disciplinary conventions. The length of the workshop depends largely on the size of the class; a class of 20 students divided into five groups should allow about 75 minutes for a peer workshop. Some faculty have found it helpful to have the same group of tutors return several times during the semester using this technique.

Here is a sample list of some of the departments and faculty members who have asked the Writing Center to make presentations in their classes: :

Anthropology: Lee Ray Costa

Communication Studies: Lori Joseph

English: Marilyn Moriarty, Jen Boyle, Julie Pfeiffer, Michelle Abate

History: Ruth Doan, Peter Coogan

Religion: Darla Schumm

