

# Writing Center

**Program Mission:** To provide a welcoming learning environment where certified student consultants offer constructive guidance to all writers of all levels at all stages of the writing process. Consultants work with students on any aspect of a piece of writing, offering strategies, advice, and resources to help the student improve her/his writing abilities. One of the central goals in the Writing Center is to help make better writers, not just better writing. The Writing Center does this by focusing feedback on the writing process, not just the paper at hand.

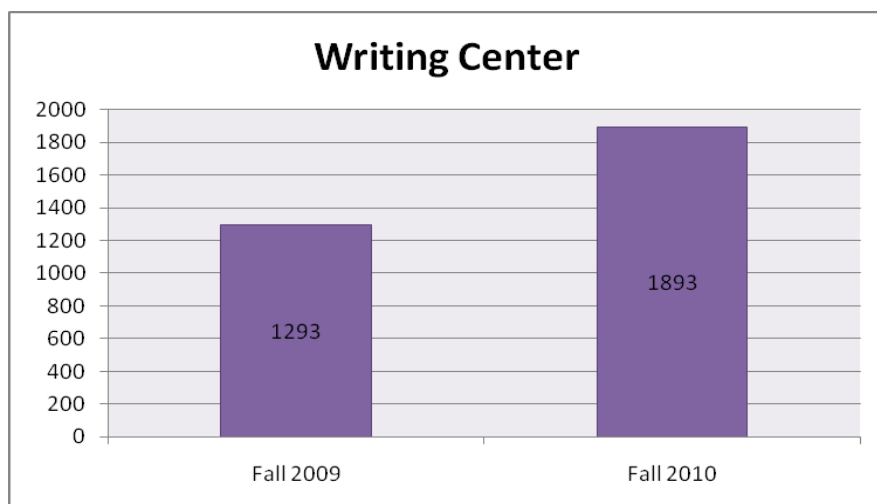
## Courses Tutored:

- All courses with writing involved.

## Resources and Services Provided

- 1. Free one-on-one tutoring.**
  - Students can set appointments 30-minute consultation sessions with the Writing Center and receive free tutoring.
  - The tutoring provided is on a one-on-one basis and will help students at all levels of the writing process.
- 2. Online tutoring**
  - Students who cannot physically access the Writing Center in a timely manner, can submit papers through the Online Writing Lab (OWL) for prompt feedback.
- 3. Online resources are provided for students to refer to as they write.**
  - General writing resources – includes a glossary of rhetorical terms students may come across in their readings and assignments, critical reading exercises, compilations of writing advice from various university writing centers across the nation, resources for academic research, and guidance for summarizing without plagiarizing.
  - Opportunities – for students to network with other writers, as they emerge as writers themselves.
  - Tips – for understanding assignments, college-level writing expectations, grammar and style, citing sources, and overcoming “writer’s block.”
  - Language Assistance – English language style rules and resources and assistance for students whose primary language is not English.
- 4. Writing Workshops are facilitated to cover common challenge areas.**
  - For student convenience, writing workshops are scheduled every week during university hour covering a variety of topics of both academic and professional interest.
  - Departments can employ the assistance of the Writing Center to provide workshops for their students on topics specific to the discipline (example: APA workshops for the School of Nursing).
- 5. Tutoring services provided during evening hours in University Village Apartments.**
  - Sunday evenings, tutors from the Writing Center set up to provide tutoring services to students who live in the University Village Apartments on a walk-in basis.

## Writing Center Tutoring Activity Increases:



In the Fall 2010 semester, the Writing Center experienced a 46% increase in student activity from the Fall 2009 semester.