

Attending a Write-In

What is a write-in?

The Writing Center periodically offers events where students can write in a quiet, productive group setting, with the opportunity to ask TFs questions as they arise. These are informal sessions, so there's no need to register, and we encourage you to drop in at any time.

Who should attend?

Everyone is welcome, whether you have specific writing concerns or not. That said, here are some of the things we often help with:

Feeling stuck or overwhelmed	Don't know how to get started? We can help you brainstorm, break down a complicated assignment, talk through topic ideas, or organize your writing process.
Understand academic expectations	<p>Writing TFs are senior HGSE doctoral researchers in their dissertation phase. They come from diverse writing backgrounds and collectively represent a broad range of writing expertise (see our website for more about our TFs). As students ourselves, we are intimately familiar with faculty expectations and the student experience, so we can help you figure out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your teaching team's expectations, based on the prompt and rubric• How to structure specialized paper genres, like policy memos, literature reviews, or research proposals.• Conventions of academic writing in the U.S., such as appropriate language use
Specific writing questions	<p>We can work through a specific writing problem, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paraphrasing and citation• Work together to revise a short section to be more clear and concise• Strengthen topic sentences• Concerned about English word choice and confirming that your ideas are correctly translated (it's helpful to identify specific sentences/paragraphs)• Strategize tips for revision and editing
Get further help	TFs can help you navigate the Writing Center resource list as well as other support services available at HGSE.

What writing TFs can't help with:

Content knowledge	All TFs have experience in writing and education research, but not necessarily in the subject of your course, and they may not be familiar with the content of your paper.
Proofreading	TFs can work with you to research your questions about citation format, grammar or style principles, word choice, etc., but are not necessarily grammar experts. We can practice proofreading skills with you, but will not proofread your draft.
Groups	We work best one-on-one.

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