



The Writing Center

Overview for Instructors

What Does it Mean to Encourage Students to Use the Writing Center?

Encouraging means to support, to announce, to nudge. As much as we believe that students improve as writers if they work with writing consultants, we would not want visits to be required or tied to grades and evaluation. Students who choose to work with writing consultants--with the support of their instructors--are actively engaged in learning more about writing and about themselves as writers.

Below is a paragraph that describes the KU Writing Center. We hope you will copy and paste this paragraph right into your next course syllabus. Please explain to your students that, while consultants will not proofread and edit papers, they will provide feedback on drafts in progress and share strategies for proofreading and editing.

Most colleges and universities have a writing center, a place for students to talk about their writing with trained peer consultants. At KU, our writing center has locations across campus called Writer's Roosts. Please check the website at www.writing.ku.edu for current locations and hours. The Writing Center welcomes both drop-ins and appointments, and there is no charge for their services. For more information, please call 864-2399 or send e-mail to writing@ku.edu. Currently there is no face-to-face consulting available at KU Med; online consultation is available for students at KU Med: www.writing.ku.edu

The KU Writing Center consultants work with writers from all disciplines. These qualified consultants are prepared to look at papers from architecture to zoology. We are also able to work with students at any level and at any stage of their writing process, from first draft to final product. Instructors with any questions or concerns about how the writing consulting service works should contact the director of the KU Writing Center, Michele Eodice. In addition, instructors at KU Med can find support through the KU Writing Center. Visit our Web resources for instructors: <http://www.writing.ku.edu/instructors/>