



# Fred Meijer Center for Writing and Michigan Authors

Grand Valley State University Writing Center

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# Who Are the Writing Consultants?

- **A group of 60-70 undergraduate and graduate Grand Valley students from a variety of majors who:**
  - Go through a lengthy application and interview process
  - Have been trained and enrolled in a one-credit class through the Writing Center to expand on their training
  - Attend professional development seminars in order to further improve their consulting abilities

# Writing Center True or False

- All consultants are English or Writing majors.
  - False. We employ students from a wide range of majors including Business, Physics, History, Philosophy, and more.
- I can make an appointment over the phone to meet with a consultant
  - True. Students can work with a consultant by making an appointment over the phone, online, or by dropping into the center.
- I can get help writing a letter to my grandma at the Writing Center.
  - True. We will work with any and all types of writing.



# Writing Center True or False



- I can drop my paper off, have it edited, and pick it up later.
  - False. It is to your benefit to work with a consultant in person, so we require the writer to be present during a consultation (this even counts with online consultations!).
- I can come to the Center for help with brainstorming even if I have not written anything yet.
  - True. We can help writers with any stage of the writing process.
- Only bad writers go to the Writing Center.
  - False! Writers of all levels come to the Writing Center, from beginning writers to graduate students.



# We Can Help You:

- Brainstorm
- Organize
- Find a focus
- Get your point across clearly
- Write effective introductions and conclusions
- Document sources
- Avoid plagiarism



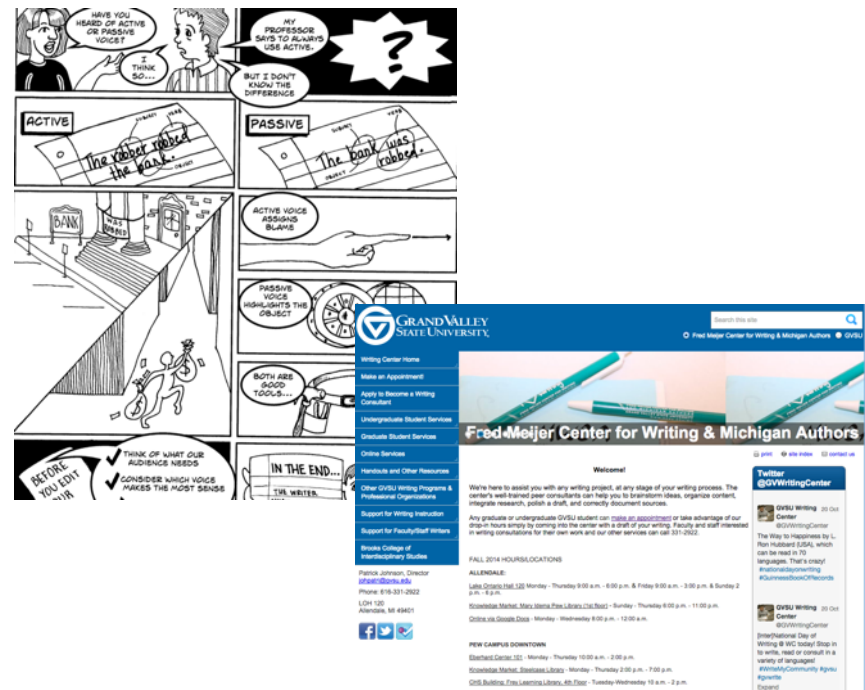
# Making the Most of Your Consultation



- Bring your assignment sheet if you have one
- Have a plan or idea of what you would like help with
- Give yourself some time – try to come in at least a few days before the due date
- At your request, we can notify your professor of your visit

# Check Out Our Other Services

- On the web – [www.gvsu.edu/wc](http://www.gvsu.edu/wc)
  - Find helpful handouts
  - Information about our services
  - Writing Guides for composing in disciplines across campus
- Library of useful writing texts for brainstorming, editing, documenting sources, and more located in the Center
- Knowledge Market – Peer consultants are available to assist you with research, presentations/speech, and data analysis as well as writing.
- Google Docs (additional details on web)
  - Online writing assistance (Mon-Wed 8pm-12am)
  - Share document with [fmcfwritng@gvsu.edu](mailto:fmcfwritng@gvsu.edu)
  - Use chat, comments, and Google Meet to discuss your draft



# Graduate Student Services



- One-to-One Graduate Consultations
  - 30-min drop-in or 50-min appointments
  - Make online or by phone
- Graduate read ahead option available downtown (PEW)
  - Make appointment online and select "Graduate Read Ahead Downtown" as location, then upload document.
- Virtual Knowledge Market
  - Research, Speech, and Writing consultants available online
  - Pilot Winter 2020, launching Fall 2020
- Graduate email consultations
  - Complete web form on WC website
  - Writing consultant will respond with feedback within 72 hours



# Winter 2020 Locations and Hours

- Allendale, LOH 120
  - Monday-Thursday, 9am-6pm
  - Friday, 9am-3pm
  - Sunday, 2pm-6pm
- Allendale, Knowledge Market, Mary Idema Pew Library
  - Sunday-Thursday, 6pm-11pm
- Pew Campus, Steelcase Library Knowledge Market
  - Monday-Thursday, 11am-6pm
- Pew Campus, Keller Lab 213 Engineering Student Success Center
  - Tuesday 4-6pm
- Online with Google Docs
  - Mondays-Wednesdays, 8pm-midnight



# Questions?



- For more information, feel free to visit: [www.gvsu.edu/wc](http://www.gvsu.edu/wc), call us at 616-331-2922, or stop by for a visit!