



## **GRADUATE WRITING SERVICES**

### **What is Graduate Writing Services (GWS)?**

We understand that writing a graduate thesis, dissertation, or other major project is challenging and differs from undergraduate work. To cater to the unique needs of graduate study, we offer graduate students the opportunity to link their writing center conferences by meeting with the same graduate writing assistant for up to 8 conferences each semester.

We should point out that any writing center visits cannot substitute for consultation with an advisor or the services of a dedicated editor or reading group. Therefore, our services should be considered supplemental to the writing process.

### **What can I expect?**

To sign up for GWS, grad students should fill out the attached form and contact Meaghan Dittrich, Director of the Writing Center. Together, they will then discuss goals, timelines, specific writing concerns, and how the writing center operates. The Director might also provide additional resources and point graduate students towards other/ additional appropriate services on campus. Finally, the Director can then match a graduate student with a graduate writing assistant and to schedule conferences.

Graduate students may make up to 8 appointments a semester. The summer session counts as its own semester.

The graduate student and graduate writing assistant may address

- the writing process
- self-editing skills
- weekly work schedules
- time management
- structural and organizational concerns
- argumentation
- anxiety-reducing techniques

A graduate writing assistant will act as a sounding board, brainstorming partner, and informed—though general—reader. While graduate students may use these sessions as they see fit, proofreading and copy editing are not among the functions the Writing Center will provide. If a graduate student wishes sustained editing to be done on his or her behalf, we can provide a list of professional editors.

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IN-TAKE FORM**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check:      Masters              Doctorate

Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Days/Times when you are available: \_\_\_\_\_

Dissertation/Thesis Topic and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

What stage are you at in the dissertation/thesis process?

What issues/concerns do you have about your writing process or your project?

By the end of your eight sessions, what would you like to have accomplished (i.e. better time management, improved self-revision strategies, lower anxiety)?

I understand that this service does not replace the help of an advisor or editor and does not guarantee the successful completion of a thesis, dissertation, or other writing project.

I understand that I maintain sole responsibility for the content and completion of my thesis/dissertation/project.

I agree to the terms of the Connors Writing Center Graduate Writing Services and will schedule no more than 8 sessions per semester.

Signed (you may type):

Date:

*Please return this form to [Meaghan.Dittrich@unh.edu](mailto:Meaghan.Dittrich@unh.edu)*