

LOOKING FOR
HELP WITH
A WRITING
ASSIGNMENT?

Here we are!

THE
WRITING
CENTER

The ESL Programs at The Ohio State University provides extraordinary learning opportunities for international students and non-native speakers of English.

The ESL Programs and OSU Writing Center are co-sponsoring Writing Groups (WG), for both undergraduate and graduate students. Groups meet in different times and start in the week of the Monday, June 16th (the last day is August 1st). Each group will be facilitated by Writing Consultants from the Writing Center. Groups will meet weekly so that participants can engage in one or more of the following activities:

- engage in pre-writing activities: brainstorming, outlining, reverse outlining, mind mapping, and more
- share their writing and receive feedback from other group members on a regular basis
- discuss assignments from 1901 and/or 1902 and/or other (undergraduate or graduate level) classes as well as personal writing projects: applications, personal statements, resumes, creative writing, etc.
- learn how to respond (verbally or in writing) to the work of others
- identify the *real* audience for your writing and make sure your writing meets the audience's expectations
- share concerns and understandings of assignments in future writing classes: English 1110, 2367, capstone or research writing in the majors
- take on specific writing issues like plagiarism, intellectual property, citations, grammar issues, the expectations of academic writing, etc.

Why?

Learning groups are common across campus. They facilitate learning and the development of all kinds of skills. Writing is no different. The CSTW sponsors writing groups for first-year students and for graduate students writing theses and dissertations. *At all levels*, writers can help each other.

Our goals

- Use the skills you and your groupmates have developed in previous writing classes in order to make use of them in your current writing projects
- Help you learn how to participate and organize writing groups so that you can create new learning groups later on in your OSU careers.
- Develop a better understanding the global nature of writing here at OSU and in most professions.

You can sign up for a writing group now. Fill out an online application on the CSTW website: cstw.osu.edu or go to the links: <http://go.osu.edu/ELLGWG> (for graduate WGs) or <http://go.osu.edu/ELLWG> (for undergraduate WGs). You can also contact Dr. Ivan Stefano (stefano.4@osu.edu) at the ESL Programs or Cynthia Lin (lin.1013@osu.edu) at the Writing Center if you have questions.