Transform your writing experience

What our students say

“I was motivated to engage with this unit of study because I knew the content was relevant outside of the course.”

“This subject has given me a way to re-evaluate things that once held sway over me.”

“The global focus on writing studies makes this course particularly useful for the information/digital age.”

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Take your writing to new heights

Discover how Classical and New Rhetoric can help clarify the writing process and give you greater control and confidence in your writing.

The Writing Hub uses new approaches to rhetoric to help you shape debates about writing, thinking and knowledge.

Writing can sharpen the way you think.

Writing can help you to turn your ideas into action.

Writing can improve your communication abilities.

Who are we?

Our teaching draws from established research in a wide range of fields including rhetoric and composition, classics, philosophy, religious studies, digital cultures, Australian studies, and higher education studies.

The Writing Hub is joining a growing number of Rhetoric and Composition programs in North American and European universities that teach students advanced critical literacy in print and digital communication. We run two seminar series, How I Write and Rhetoric in the Real World, facilitated by local and international experts, to connect with broader issues of writing and communication.

What do we teach?

The ability to devise sound arguments is the cornerstone of writing success, both at university and in the workplace. Our units of study will increase your abilities and confidence in critical thinking, argumentation, global awareness, and composition.

In WRIT1000 you will:

- learn how to communicate clearly and effectively through critical reading, thinking, and writing
- develop your writing style by applying rhetorical principles to sentence, paragraph and essay structures
- engage in reflective writing and peer review

In WRIT1001 you will:

- learn how to use rhetoric to analyse written and visual texts
- develop a global perspective on writing
- work intensively on the elements of an academic essay

In WRIT1002*, you will:

- study the theory, construction, and delivery of sound arguments, which are critical to success in the university and the workplace
- learn to craft persuasive, ethical, and engaging arguments for a range of audiences
- extend your writing, revision, and critical thinking abilities
- *This unit of study is taught completely online.

In WRIT2000, you will:

- study the development of contemporary rhetoric from the classical era, through examples of social, political, and popular rhetoric
- develop a better understanding of the relationship between rhetoric and writing
- learn how to apply rhetorical principles to the analysis, interpretation and production of a range of texts

In WRIT2002 you will:

- discover, produce and deliver effective arguments
- engage in critical thinking, analysis, and multimodal writing
- cultivate intensive and effective research, writing, and reporting practices

In WRIT3000 you will:

- learn to construct persuasive communicative texts
- learn to apply reasoning and evidence in logical workplace communication
- apply ethics to render workplace communication credible
- learn how emotion can be used to capture and retain audiences
- use information about contextual elements to shape workplace communication

Why study with us?

Exceptional writing requires more than knowing the rules of grammar and style. Unlike academic skills workshops and websites, we engage deeply with writing as a process of thought, not as a product. We conduct research-led teaching and emphasise invention to ensure active improvement of critical thinking and writing.

Our programs improve the abilities of all writers, from beginners to the more advanced. Our Student Writing Fellows are trained to guide their peers through the writing process. The Fellows will also have the opportunity for for exclusive writing and rhetoric internships with our corporate clients.

Where are we?

The Writing Hub is located in the Old Teachers’ College on the Camperdown campus.

Our Tutorial Room offers state-of-the-art digital technologies including video, web conferencing equipment and networked laptops. Students collaborate and converse with peers around the world in an everyday learning environment.

Our Common Room is open to all Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences students and anyone enrolled in a WRIT unit of study. Free Wi-Fi is available in the Common Room, which offers a comfortable and quiet setting where you can meet and collaborate with peers, consult a tutor for writing advice, work on your draft or simply sit and read.

Our drop-in service operates in the Common Room at advertised times throughout teaching periods. You can talk one-on-one with tutors who can help you devise an argument and troubleshoot for referencing, style and audience awareness.

Learn more:


The University of Sydney