

# The Writing Assistance Program

The Writing Assistance Program is a free service provided to all Concordia students who want to improve their writing skills or who need assistance with written assignments in English or in French.

Writing Assistants work with students to help them clarify, develop and present their ideas in a written format that meets the requirements of their specific assignment. Through this process, students become more confident of their ideas and develop strategies that make them better writers.

Please note that the tutors at the writing centre **cannot edit or proofread any work.**

The writing centre can be beneficial to all SAGE members, even those not working as TAs. Come to the French conversation groups or book an appointment with a Writing Assistant!

TAs: Please recommend the Writing Centre to your students! If you do suggest our services to a particular student it would be useful to give them a specific problem to bring to us. E.g: I would recommend you seek assistance from the Writing Centre as you have some issues correctly using a thesis statement.

## How to book an appointment with a Writing Assistant

- Writing Assistance begins on January 12th at SGW in H-662 and Loyola in AD-10.
- Drop by without an appointment Mondays and Thursdays 4:00-7:00 pm and Tuesdays 12:00 - 3:00 pm in H-662.
- Appointments at Loyola are available Monday through Thursday afternoons by appointment. There is no drop-in at Loyola.

To make appointments, login to [MyConcordia Portal](#) using your netname and password

- Under "Student Services" click on "Counselling and "Development"
- Carefully read the usage Terms and Conditions and click "Accept" if you agree
- Click on "Peer Tutor Writing Appointments"
- Then follow the instructions to book the appointment you want

**We also offer conversation groups in English and in French:**

### English

**Talk-time: weekday chat sessions: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 12:00 - 1:00 pm in H-662**

- Small group chat sessions led by a fluent English speaker

***Lunch'n Learn: Tuesdays, 11:30 - 12:30 pm in H-440***

- Weekly discussion session for international students and students for whom English is a second language.

**French**

***Jazz-ons: weekday small group chat sessions: Monday through Friday, 3:00 - 4:00 pm in H-662***

- Small group chat sessions to practice French conversation. You do need some knowledge of French in order to participate.

***Beginner Jazz-ons: Monday and Thursday, 1:00 - 2:00pm in H-440***

- Start speaking in French by learning to use simple everyday vocabulary.

For more information on the Writing Centre and to see our handouts on writing, click [here](#).

There are lots of other workshops on writing and other issues such as time management that may be beneficial to students; see an up-to-date list [here](#).