**Writing Resources for Graduate Engineering Students**

**The Writing Center** [http://cstw.osu.edu/](http://cstw.osu.edu/) (Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing)
- Students can join a writing group
- **Make a one-on-one appointment**
- Find online Consulting

* Please see the next page for *Tips for Using the Writing Center*

**Highly Recommended Course: Engr 5194**, 2 credits. Meets for 2 hours once a week.
- Instructor Dr. Mary [Faure.2@osu.edu](mailto:Faure.2@osu.edu)
- Especially helpful in the graduation semester when writing non-thesis report or thesis/dissertation

**English as a Second Language Composition Program**: Elective courses to develop writing [http://esl.ehe.osu.edu/programs/esl-composition-program/](http://esl.ehe.osu.edu/programs/esl-composition-program/)
- EDUTL 6911, 6912, & 6913

**Formatting Resources**, The Ohio State University Library
(Ask your advisor if there is preferred formatting to be used for your paper)
- **Scientific Style and Format: The Council of Science Editors Style Guide** [https://library.osu.edu/find/resources/citation-examples/cse](https://library.osu.edu/find/resources/citation-examples/cse)
- **APA Citation Guide** [https://library.osu.edu/find/resources/citation-examples/apa/](https://library.osu.edu/find/resources/citation-examples/apa/)
- **MLA Citation Guide** [https://library.osu.edu/find/resources/citation-examples/mla/](https://library.osu.edu/find/resources/citation-examples/mla/)
- **Chicago Citation Guide**: o Author-date [https://library.osu.edu/find/resources/citation-examples/chicago-author-date/](https://library.osu.edu/find/resources/citation-examples/chicago-author-date/)
  o Notes-Bibliography [https://library.osu.edu/find/resources/citation-examples/chicago-notes-bibliography/](https://library.osu.edu/find/resources/citation-examples/chicago-notes-bibliography/)

**The Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM) ([http://oaa.osu.edu/coam.html](http://oaa.osu.edu/coam.html))**
- Monitors the academic integrity of The Ohio State University
- **If a student (s) violates the Code of Student Conduct** ([http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/csc/](http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/csc/)) University dismissal may result.

**Definitions of Academic Misconduct** (from the *Code of Student Conduct, page 2*) include but not limited to
- **Unauthorized sharing** of information, or assistance, in labs, on homework, exams
- **Plagiarizing** someone else's work as your own (not giving credit to the source)
- **Submitting the same work** to satisfy requirements from one course used in another
- **Submitting another student's work as your own**...

**Plagiarism**
- Can be avoided by using citation to give credit.
- Is the most common cause of academic dismissal

**Source for avoiding plagiarism** ([http://orientation.ehe.osu.edu/important-offices-and-policies-3/council-on-academic-misconduct/plagiarism/](http://orientation.ehe.osu.edu/important-offices-and-policies-3/council-on-academic-misconduct/plagiarism/))
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Tips for Using the Writing Center

1. All stages of writing
   • Rough idea—brainstorm, organize ideas & find a focus
   • Draft stage
   • Draft revisions
   • Final edits

2. All types of writing
   • Emails that are high priority
   • Cover letters,
   • PowerPoint slides
   • Statement of Purpose
   • Lecture Handouts (Graduate Teaching Assistants)...

3. Specific concerns or a specific goal to each appointment
   • Difficult phrases/sentence
   • Use of prepositions (A, an, the from, for, ...)

4. You take ownership
   • The tutors work “with” you. They do not do your work “for” you.
   • These tutors will not proofread your paper for you
   • They will explain what to look for as you proofread
   • You choose from suggested options; you will not be given 1 way to make a change

5. Start early! Long before the deadline.
   • Plan on more than one session.
   • More than one session often needed.
   • Higher-order concerns (e.g., organization or flow), addressed first
   • Grammatical errors are not higher-order; you will need more sessions for this

6. It is appropriate to meet with different tutors to find a fit