

The Writing Studio



Our Mission

- To promote students' long-term academic success at West Virginia University by supporting effective communication.

The Writing Process



1. drafting:

brainstorming, evaluating sources, identifying an, argument or major claims, organizing your ideas.

2. revising:

evaluating structure and clarity, incorporating sufficient evidence or research.



3. editing:

proofreading for grammatical errors, adhering to formatting, including correct citations.



How can a
writing studio
consultant help
YOU?



Drafting

- We can help with suggesting new ideas to you.
- We can help you learn strategies for finding excellent sources.
- We can help you create an outline or arrange your ideas in a way that makes sense to you and your readers.

Revising

- We can evaluate if your writing is clear.
- We can determine if your writing makes sense.
- We can see if you have enough examples or have sufficiently supported your claims/assertions.
- We can help you reorganize sections of a paper, presentation, or even a speech.

Editing

- We help you find and fix grammar, punctuation, spelling, and other small errors.
- We can help you polish your paper so it is turn-in ready.

Who Works at the Writing Studio?

- Both undergraduate and graduate students (select "graduate tutoring" in Navigate if you are a graduate student looking for writing assistance)
- Strong writers from a variety of disciplines
- Well-trained students who have taken a 3-credit hour class in preparation to tutor and completed shadowing hours
- Kind and compassionate tutors!

EBERLY WRITING STUDIO STAFF



Alexis *sheather*
English PhD

Quote: "Let me be something every minute of every hour of my life. Let me be gay; let me be sad. Let me be calm; let me be scared. Let me be hungry... have too much to eat. Let me be ragged or well-dressed. Let me be sincere - be deceitful. Let me be truthful; let me be a liar. Let me be handsome and let me sit. Only let me be something every second minute. And when I sleep, let me dream all the time so that out one little piece of living is ever lost."

— Jerry Smith, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*

Favorite Word: *Courage*



Caitlin *sheather*
English | Psychology

Quote: "I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship." — Louisa May Alcott

Advice: When in doubt, write it out!

Favorite Word: *Kapitel*

Favorite Travel Destination: *Venice, Austria*
Favorite for Class: *Flannery O'Connor*
I recommend reading: *Thursday with Monks* by Mitch Albom



Chelsea *sheather*
Biochemistry

Quote: "We don't do things on our own, we see them as we are." — Anne Neri

Advice: When in doubt, write it out!

Favorite Word: *Amnesia*
Favorite Travel Destination: *Switzerland*
Favorite Band: *Arctic Monkeys*
I recommend reading: *Midnight Easy* by Jack London



Claire *sheather*
International Studies | English | French Minor | Aerospace Studies Minor

Quote: "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." — Eleanor Roosevelt

Advice: Get more than 4 hours of sleep!

Favorite Word: *Sensitization*
Favorite Book: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*
I recommend reading: *Daughter of Smoke and Bone* by Laini Taylor



Cody *sheather*
English PhD

Quote: "It's all in the neck." — Kevin Flynn, *Titan* (1944)

Advice: Chase your curiosity.

Favorite Word: *Vibet*
Favorite Video Game: *Shadow of the Colossus*
I recommend reading: *Bringing Down the House* by Ben Elton
Favorite Movie: *The Book of Eli* by Mel Gibson



Dylan *sheather*
Computer Science

Quote: "Don't take life too seriously — you'll never get out of it alive." — Albert Einstein

Advice: Always make time for your passions.

Favorite Word: *Unabhängig*
Favorite Travel Destination: *The Swiss Alps*
Favorite Film: *Heaven's Gate*
I recommend reading: *The Bartons* by Jonathan Safran Foer



JennaLee *sheather*
Civil Engineering | Professional Writing & Editing Minor

Quote: "Find something beautiful and worthwhile and move in its direction." — Bob Goff

Favorite Word: *Zesty*
Favorite Travel Destination: *Columbia, South America*
Favorite Activity: *Motorcycle rides with her dad*
I recommend reading: *Midnight Easy* by Jack London



Leah *sheather*
English WGST

Quote: "We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty." — Maya Angelou

Advice: Always listen to understand, not to answer.

Favorite Word: *Disembodied*
Favorite movie: *Shrek 2*
I recommend reading: *Persuasion* by Jane Austen



Maria *sheather*
English | Political Science

Quote: "Not because he's more repulsive than I am. Whatever our souls are made of, his and mine are the same, and an evil dream is a common dream from lightning, or from train fire." — Emily Brontë, *Wuthering Heights*

Favorite Word: *Sensationality*
Favorite Travel Destination: *Edinburgh, Scotland*
Favorite Movie: *When Harry Met Sally*
I recommend reading: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak



Michael *sheather*
Biology | English

Quote: "A purpose of human life, no matter who is controlling it, is to love whoever is around to be loved." — Kurt Vonnegut

Favorite Word: *Mediflora*
Favorite Travel Destination: *Vancouver, Canada*
I recommend reading: *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders



Missy *sheather*
English PhD

Quote: "Your silence will not protect you." — Audre Lorde

Favorite Word: *Unabhängig*
Favorite Travel Destination: *Yellowstone National Park*
Favorite Color: *Black*
I recommend reading: *London Spans* by Corey Ann Haydu



Natalie *sheather*
Biology | English Minor | Medical Humanities and Health Studies Minor

Quote: "Fiction is the lie that tells the truth." — Neil Gaiman

Advice: When in doubt, write it out!

Favorite Word: *Quintessential*
Favorite Travel Destination: *Bethany Beach*
Favorite Building on Campus: *Downtown Library*
I recommend reading: *Written and Lovers* by Lily King



Nathalie *sheather*
Writing Studio Coordinator

Quote: "Just like me and the sun, with the certainty of rain, just like hope waiting high, still I'll rise." — Maya Angelou

I recommend reading: *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett



Newton *sheather*
BFA Acting | English

Quote: "I love you, I'm glad I exist." — Wendy Cohen, *"The Orange"*

Favorite Word: *Crisp*
Favorite Travel Destination: *Iceland*
Favorite Movie: *Dead Poets Society*
I recommend reading: *London the North* by Tessa Hale



Sasha *sheather*
Accounting | Law and Legal Studies Minor

Quote: "No mountains, no forests. Among them, it passed like 'good luck.'" — Leigh Bardugo, *Six of Crows*

Favorite Travel Destination: *London, Toronto, and Barcelona*
I recommend reading: *Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo or *1984* by George Orwell



Taylor *sheather*
Master's in Professional Writing and Editing (MAPWE) Candidate

Quote: "Learn as if you will live forever, live like you will die tomorrow." — Mahatma Gandhi

Advice: Don't try to change yourself to fit in place that do anything other than help you thrive; never make yourself smaller, quieter, or less than yourself for anyone.

Favorite Movie: *Dirty Dancing*
I recommend reading: *All Good People Here* by Ashley Flowers

What to expect?

Expectations for you...

- ~ come with ideas and assignment criteria.
- ~ come with questions or goals for the session.
- ~ schedule ahead (though we do take walk-ins).

Expectations for us...

- ~ you will be treated with respect.
- ~ you will get ideas and guidance.
- ~ you will leave with a plan to take steps forward.

Who Uses the Writing Studio?

- Any WVU student can!
- We see students from any program or discipline/major.
- Our services are all free.
- We can help with any type of writing assignment or presentation.
- We tutor both online and in-person.

Benefits of Working with Our Staff

- Stuck in a writing rut? Let us help you get out of it!
- We can help with creating a plan so your project/paper is less overwhelming.
- We can help you find strong, credible sources.
- We can help you build your confidence as a writer.
- We can help already-great writing become amazing.

How to Schedule An Appointment



Schedule an Appointment Today!

- Writing Studio
Website: <https://speakwrite.wvu.edu/students>
- Navigate link to schedule an appointment online: <https://wvu.campus.eab.com>
- For in-person appointments, go to G02 Colson Hall



Questions?

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