

How to use the Online Writing Lab (OWL)

Use the **Online Writing Lab (OWL)** to get a personalized overview of any paper for any class. This works best with a paper that is nearly complete.

- The OWL is not a required course, but an elective service.

OWL Writing Tutors will check for:

- **Basic paper structure** - clear thesis, related supporting points, smooth paragraph transitions, thorough conclusion, & proper citations.
 - If your paper is not a traditional academic research paper, let us know in the Comments box.
- **Correct punctuation & grammar** - Rather than pointing out every error, we'll identify types of errors and tell you how they can be fixed.
- For resumes and applications, please see the Center for Career and Professional Development's [Resume Critique](#).
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To submit your paper:

- Click on the **Content** tab above.
- Click on **Paper Submissions**.
- Provide the requested information in the **Comments** box.
- Click on **Add a File** to upload your paper - **Word documents only, please!**
- Hit **Submit** to finish.

To retrieve your feedback after 48 hours (2 days):

- Click on the **Course Tools** tab above & select **Dropbox**.
- Click on **View** in the **Feedback** column on the far right of the page.
- Submissions are listed at the top of the page - most recent at the top.
- Feedback is listed at the bottom of the page - most recent at the bottom.
- **Please note** that papers submitted over the weekend will take longer!

If you would like more coaching on how to develop your paper or on how to find and fix errors:

- See the AARC handy reference guides:
 - [Grammar & Punctuation](http://libguides.sfasu.edu/aarc/basicgram) - libguides.sfasu.edu/aarc/basicgram
 - [Formatting & References](http://libguides.sfasu.edu/aarc/formref) - libguides.sfasu.edu/aarc/formref
- Writing Walk-In hours are 3-7 p.m., Sun - Wed.
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Notify Kathy Bryson of any concerns at (936) 468-1542 within 3-5 days of submission.

To leave feedback, click on the [Customer Satisfaction Survey](#)