

Saying it Well



One of the most important skills that you will develop along your educational journey is the ability to write with clarity, cohesion, and thoughtfulness. You won't become a better writer overnight - writing is a lifelong process of development and refinement. However, with the right tools, information, support, and mindset, your writing in college can make vast improvement.

Your classes at our university will provide ample opportunities for different types of writing - including discussion forums, reflection papers, formal research papers, lab reports, and summaries. Therefore, it will be important to develop skills in writing that are appropriate for many different scenarios. Writing well is not just for academics, either. The quality and professionalism of your emails and reports at work can have a direct impact on colleagues' and customers' perception of you and your company. Even a spelling or grammar error in your resume could cost you a shot at a coveted job or promotion.



This week we will spend time navigating through resources in the APU Writing Center. The Writing Center is an excellent resource for learning more about the subject of writing, and the center also provides free one-on-one tutoring services that are available both in-person and distance. You can take advantage of the tutoring and workshops at any time during your tenure as a learner at this university. As a student at our university, you also have access to tutoring services through the link to Tutor.com provided in your courses.

We will also review the concept of plagiarism this week. It is critical that you understand the meaning and implications of plagiarism - violating the university's academic integrity policy can have a severe impact on your ability to finish a course, or even stay enrolled at the university. Equipped with the right tools, you will have no problem writing well - in your own words.

This week you will submit PASSport Essay #2: What are My Goals? In Essay #1, you reflected on your own journey and development. This week, you will begin to articulate some of your goals in the areas of academics, career and vocation, and the integration of your faith, life, and learning. New for this essay, you will be asked to apply what you are learning in terms of APA style citations and formatting and include both in-text citations and a references page in your essay. By building on your research and writing skills a little each essay, you will gain the confidence and skills you need to be a successful college writer.