

Free Tutoring for Composition Students

Every section of Composition has a tutor available to work with students in that section. This is a free service provided by UMB.

Who is the tutor for your Composition section?

Every section has an assigned tutor. Your tutor is Samantha Harrison and she is available **Tuesdays and Thursdays 8a-3pm.**

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Why should you work with a tutor?

Everyone can benefit from tutoring; it's a way to strengthen your reading and writing, wherever your starting point. It is not simply for struggling writers, but for anyone who wants to develop their work. One way to think about tutoring is that it's like going to the gym, not going to the emergency room!

How can you schedule a session?

All tutoring services are managed through the MyWCOOnline website. Tutoring sessions are **30 minutes to 1 hour long and are held in the English Department Commons (Wheatley Hall, 6th floor)** unless you arrange a different location with your tutor.

1. Go to <http://umb.mywconline.com> and click "First visit? Click here to register."
2. Click "Create a New Account". **You must use your UMB email address to register.** After answering the required questions, click "Register."
3. You will then see the schedule of the tutor assigned to your course. **Click on the day and time you would like to meet.** Available slots are white, scheduled appointments are blue, and unavailable times are blacked out. After answering the required questions, click "Save Appointment."
4. You will receive a confirmation email once your appointment is correctly booked.
5. **Wait List:** if your ideal day/time is unavailable you may join a waiting list. If the appointment is canceled, everyone on the list will receive notice that the time slot is available; whoever signs up first gets it.

What if I have to cancel an appointment?

Appointments must be canceled at least **3 hours in advance** of the scheduled time. To cancel, log into MyWCOOnline, **select your appointment and click "Cancel This Appointment"** at the bottom of page. If an emergency prevents you from canceling your appointment at least 3 hours prior, **email your tutor immediately.**

If you miss an appointment without canceling beforehand, you will be considered a "No-Show." **After 2 no-shows your account will be disabled** until the following semester.

What should you bring to the tutoring session?

You should bring a copy of the instructor's assignment, readings that go with the assignment, any writing that you have done, (notes, drafts and/or teacher's comments), and the Hacker handbook. You should plan to turn off your cell phone during tutoring.

If you have any questions or need help, email the Tutoring Assistant, Kayli Maffei at kayli.maffei001@umb.edu