

# What is the Writing Centre? Research Commons Writing Centre!

The Writing Centre is a student-centred space that aims to support students as they navigate the world of academic writing. We offer one-on-one and group consultancy services to students who want to talk about their writing. Students from all faculties and all academic levels are encouraged to make use of this space.

We believe that all students can improve their writing, whether they are highly experienced writers or complete novices. You can receive assistance at any stage of the writing process, from analysing a task, to writing up the final draft of your thesis.

The Writing Centre is a project within the Language Development Group in the Centre for Higher Education Development. Read more at: [www.ched.uct.ac.za](http://www.ched.uct.ac.za).

## Where:

**Postgraduate Research Commons Seminar Room**

**Level 6, Chancellor Oppenheimer Main Library**

## When:

Fridays: 09h00 – 13h00

## Online booking:

[uct.mywconline.com](http://uct.mywconline.com)



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# The Writing Centre



Building good  
writing practices

# How do I use the Writing Centre?

As soon as you know you have an upcoming deadline, make a booking.

**The Library Research Commons writing centre consultant's name is Ilse Groenewald.**

## How to make a booking:

1. Go to [uct.mywconline.com](http://uct.mywconline.com)
2. Register an account in order to use the system. There is a 'Click here to register' link.
3. You will be asked to create a new account. Fill in as many of the fields as possible.
4. Log in using the email address and password you provided.
5. Once you are logged on, hover over the yellow 'HELP?' icon for instructions.
6. **Make sure to pay attention to all instructions and requirements. Look out for 'Library Research Commons' under the list of Writing Centre consultants.**

## What can I expect?

- Consultations are usually 45 minutes in length.
- Your Writing Centre consultant will be a senior postgraduate student who has gone through, and continues to go through, training sessions. Your consultant may or may not be from your discipline.
- Consultations are focused on the effective communication of your ideas and not necessarily the content of your piece. We are not discipline-specific tutors.
- We attempt to point out and work through grammatical errors, but we are not an editing service. We have a list of editors available at our reception on Upper Campus.

## What Students have to say about the Writing Centre:

- "It is useful to have such a resource to help students be aware of what is required in assignments and essays. I suggest that more students should be encouraged to visit this Centre more often" - First Year
- **"Keep up the good work, it's very useful and as a commerce student I can but only be grateful for the assistance" – Second Year**
- "Keep up good work, without this place I would have given up" - Masters Student
- **"[It was helpful] asking someone knowledgeable and that had time to listen to us, advise us"– First Year**