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An aerial photograph of the University of British Columbia campus, showing various buildings, green spaces, and a clock tower. The right half of the image is overlaid with a dark blue grid pattern. The text is centered over this grid.

# Writing Across the Curriculum Lunch and Learn:

## How to Motivate Students to Get Help With Their Writing





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# Agenda

**1. Intros**

**2. Available writing and academic support**

**3. Working writing support into assignments**

**4. Tips for motivating students**





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# Writing Across the Curriculum

## About Us

- Workshops
- Consultations
- Resources
- People
- **To learn more: [scwrl.ubc.ca/wac](http://scwrl.ubc.ca/wac)**





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## The UBC Writing Centre

- Free one-on-one tutoring for all students in all faculties
  - By appointment M-F 10am-3pm
  - Drop-in M-F 3-7pm
- Tutoring  $\neq$  proofreading or editing
- Tutoring = offering feedback, asking questions, teaching proofreading techniques, mini-lessons, demonstrating research, helping to plan, decoding instructor comments, developing student confidence, etc...





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# UBC Writing Centre Tutors

- Peer tutors: peer support makes a difference
- Generalist and specialist support is available
- Tutors frequently make referrals
- Students can get support on any project at any stage





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## How can a student access these services?

- Students can make appointments using our online calendar (WCOOnline:[www.ubcca.mywconline.com](http://www.ubcca.mywconline.com)) or can drop in at the Chapman Learning Commons between 3-7pm
- Tutors can make classroom visits to share information or lead short workshops
- Graduate student support is also available





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## Academic English Support

- Free program available to all students who self-identify as having English as an additional language
- AES focuses on language support through various channels, including coach appointments, instructor-led courses, and online channels
- Graduate student support is also available





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## Chapman Learning Commons

- Various services, all in one place: third floor of IKBLC
- Currently, services are: Writing Centre, AMS Tutoring, (Science) Peer Academic Coaching, Thunderstudy, Kinesiology Coaching, CLC Help Desk
- All services are free
- All services operate through peer support







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## Incorporating Writing Support

- Information in syllabus: give students details up front
- Build revision and process into assignments
- Give students time for peer review
- Encourage students to share their experiences with writing support
- Schedule classroom visits from WC tutors and WAC
- Work with the Writing Centre to develop course-specific workshops





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## Motivating Students

- Give students encouragement; present seeking help as a positive
- Let students know the benefits of working with peers
- Spend time highlighting the roles writing play in science careers
- Give students time to share their writing processes and practices with each other
- Reinforce writing as a process every chance you get





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# Any Questions?







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