

Introducing the Writing Center to Students

To keep students informed of services in the Writing Center, you may wish to include this description in your course outline and/or in your Blackboard shell:

The Writing Center

The Arizona Western College Writing Center is located in the Student Success Center on the main campus and in the San Luis Learning Center in room 109. The Writing Center offers free and friendly tutoring, writing workshops, computer access, onsite-use of course textbooks, and a quiet place to study. Peer tutors are trained to assist any level of writers during all stages of the writing process, from prewriting to proofreading; however, tutors cannot “fix” papers or speculate on what grade a student may receive. In addition to face-to-face appointments, the Writing Center also provides online chat tutoring, e-mail tutoring, and weekly small-group “studio” meetings. For writing resources or to make an appointment, please visit the Writing Center webpage at http://www.azwestern.edu/academic_services/student_success_center/writing_center.html or call (928) 317-6029.

Writing Center Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8am – 8pm, Friday 10am-3pm, and Sunday 5:00pm – 8:00pm.

Adding a Link to the Writing Center in Your Blackboard Shell

An easy way to provide your students ready access to the Writing Center’s website is to add a link to the Writing Center homepage on your class Blackboard site. Here’s how to do it:

1. On your course homepage, you have a control panel on the left side, and it’s here that you’ll be adding a link to the Writing Center.
2. Click on the + in the top left of that box and then choose “Web link”
3. In the Add External Link box, name the link “Writing Center” and paste in this URL: http://www.azwestern.edu/academic_services/student_success_center/writing_center.html

For the San Luis Writing Center: http://www.azwestern.edu/academic_services/student_success_center/san_luis_writing_center.html

4. Check the “Available to Users” box and click “Submit.”

That’s it! Now your students will see a link to the Writing Center’s homepage each time they’re in your Bb course site.

Classroom Roadshows & Workshops

At the start of the semester, we suggest instructors introduce the Writing Center to students in an interactive way. You can either bring them to the Writing Center for a tour, or a Writing Center representative can visit the classroom for a “roadshow” presentation. In addition, the Writing Center offers faculty with classroom workshop services, such as facilitating or assisting a class workshop on subjects like peer review or avoiding plagiarism.

Throughout the year, the Writing Center hosts a series of free student workshops on topics ranging from academic writing, digital literacy, and keys student success. We record our workshops and upload them to the Writing Center web page, so that students who cannot physically attend can still access the information. For a schedule of upcoming workshops or to access pre-recorded workshops, please visit http://www.azwestern.edu/academic_services/student_success_center/workshops.html.

To request a class visit or [workshop](#), email the Writing Center Coordinator Hollie Villanueva at hollie.villanueva@azwestern.edu.