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Grammarly and Tutoring

What is Grammarly?

- Grammarly is a free online AI tool that checks your spelling, grammar, and punctuation. It can also suggest clearer wording and help make your sentences flow better.

Grammarly vs. Writing Center Tutoring

- **Grammarly**

  - AI tool that checks grammar, spelling, and punctuation
  - Gives instant feedback but doesn't explain why
  - Great for quick proofreading before or after tutoring

Grammarly is great for grammar and mechanics, but it doesn't check formatting, sources, or content quality. Always follow your instructor's assignment guidelines.

- **Writing Center Tutoring**

  - One-on-one feedback with a tutor who can help with any part of the writing process, from brainstorming ideas to revising your final draft
  - Tutors explain writing rules and help you understand how to fix and prevent future mistakes
  - Great for learning, organizing ideas, and improving your overall writing skills

Why Tutoring Still Helps

- Grammarly is useful for proofreading, but it can't replace real human feedback. Tutors can:
  - Explain confusing feedback from Grammarly or your professors
  - Teach grammar and writing skills in context
  - Help with content, structure, and flow
  - Offer encouragement and support as you write

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How to Use Grammarly with Tutoring

- **Before Your Appointment**

  - Upload your draft to Grammarly

  - Review and correct issues such as punctuation before meeting with your tutor

  - Note any repeating errors or feedback you don't understand or see often

  - Bring your draft and questions to your tutoring appointment

- **During Your Appointment**

  - Talk with your tutor about the feedback you didn't understand

  - Ask questions about grammar or writing style

  - Work with your tutor to strengthen your writing organization, ideas, structure, and clarity

- **After Your Appointment**

  - Revise your paper using your tutor's feedback

  - Upload your final version to Grammarly for a last grammar and proofreading check before submission