

Grammarly and Tutoring

APSU Writing Center Handout

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

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