“Blurb” for Your Syllabus

The Write Place (located in Spangler Learning Center 206B) is a free service dedicated to supporting student writing in any class at ODU. The staff of undergraduate student tutors is trained to assist ODU writers with all aspects of the writing process. Students may visit on a drop-in basis (Monday-Thursday 10 AM-9 PM, Friday 10 AM-3 PM, and Sunday 6 PM-9 PM) or make an appointment by visiting the ARC website, emailing writeplace@ohiodominican.edu, or calling 251-6673.

Scheduling a Class Visit

The Write Place will be happy to visit your class to inform students and promote our services. Any course (not just English courses) may request a visit. Your visit will last approximately 10 minutes and will be presented by either the Coordinator of the Write Place (Allen Williams) or an undergraduate writing tutor. Alternatively, you may also schedule a “field trip” to bring your class to us (Spangler 206B). Please email writeplace@ohiodominican.edu or call Allen Williams at 251-4510 to schedule.

What to Do if a Student Is Struggling

In addition to logging a retention alert case about the student, it is also perfectly acceptable to refer a student to the Write Place for tutoring. A good first step is to suggest a visit to the Write Place when writing comments on a student’s essay or assignment. If a student speaks with you after class or during office hours, that might also be a good time to recommend our services. It is a good idea to keep such recommendations as private as possible. You may also email writeplace@ohiodominican.edu or contact Allen Williams directly at 251-4510 about a particular student or students.

Expectations of a Write Place Tutoring Session

The Write Place is not a remedial writing service. We strive to create and nurture better writers, regardless of their class standing or writing or reading aptitude. The Write Place serves all levels of ODU writers.

We have a policy of “pen off paper,” which means that a writing tutor will never write on a student’s paper at the Write Place. Our goal is to give a writer the tools to succeed on their own; we strive to create better *writers*, not necessarily better *writing*. Because of this, a student may not show immediate improvement or results after visiting the Write Place. Several visits may be necessary.

How to Track Your Students' Use of the Write Place

If you seek data for your class regarding the Write Place (e.g. how many of your students are visiting, which students in particular are visiting, how long your students are staying) this is both possible and easy to report. This kind of reporting can be a one-time request, or if you prefer to receive updates throughout the semester regarding your students' usage of the Write Place, this is entirely possible as well. Please call or send an email to Allen Williams, Coordinator of the Write Place (williama4@ohiodominican.edu or 251-4510).