

# MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR SAW SESSION

When you arrive at the SAW Center, your mentor will guide you to a session room and ask about your project and goals. Together, you'll work to explore options, devise strategies, and develop your work.



When can you come to the Center?

**ANYTIME!** When you are...

- still choosing a topic
- a senior / a first year
- brainstorming, outlining, revising, rehearsing...
- an excellent writer
- an uncertain speaker
- and any other time!

What can you bring to the Center?

- analytical papers
- lab reports
- creative writing
- speeches
- personal statements
- conference presentations
- senior theses
- oral comments
- reflection responses

...AND MORE!



At the SAW Center, you can...

- practice a presentation
- check for grammar
- brainstorm ideas
- draft an outline
- sharpen your style
- organize your thoughts



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During a SAW session, **you and your mentor** will work together to achieve your goals. Your SAW mentor has been educated in peer mentoring theory and trained in techniques for developing speaking and writing. She'll ask you questions in order to bring out your best ideas and help you communicate those ideas clearly. **YOU** will be an **active participant**.



Bring your **prompt, assignment, course syllabus, or job description** to the session, or the URL to find it online. This will help your mentor understand the scope and purpose of your project and put you **"on the same page"**.

**Think ahead** about what you'd most like to accomplish in your session. Is it...

- ... getting your paper organized?
- ... practicing a speech?
- ... gaining control over your grammar and punctuation?

**Tell your mentor** what your top priorities are for the session (If you change your mind halfway through, that's okay.)

**The Center is equipped** with computers, recording and viewing equipment. It is recommended that you bring a printed copy of your draft to your SAW session. Working from an electronic copy is fine, too.

**SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT ONLINE!**

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