

**OAS Optional Skill Module:
Visit the Undergraduate Writing Center**

Quite possibly the greatest secret to college success, be it for your Facebook profile or a 15-page term paper, is good editing. It may be a masterful analysis of the entire Jane Austen oeuvre, but bad subject-verb agreement will leave your essay bleeding red after it gets to your professor. Lucky for you, there is an excellent Undergraduate Writing Center on campus. For the small price of tuition to UT Austin, you may enjoy one-on-one meetings with the Center's trained consultants who will work with you to improve your overall writing style and organization, as well as correct all of those pesky grammatical errors.

You may be saying to yourself, "But I am a Plan II/English double major and medieval literature aficionado with a 5 on both of my AP English tests. Clearly, I do not need someone to proofread my papers." Trust me, reading your own work at 3am the night before it is due after downing four espressos is not going to help. So give the UWC a shot.

This skill module requires:

- ♦ A couple of days before an essay is due, make an appointment with the UWC by calling 512-471-6222 or walking into their office on the second floor of the FAC and saying please.
- ♦ Work over your paper with a Writing Center consultant (it can be an OAS inquiry or a paper from another class).
- ♦ Write a half-page review of the experience, including any helpful tips you picked up or new ideas for your paper.
- ♦ Improve both your writing and your grades.