

My love for writing has developed more and more as I have gotten older. Although I am a STEM major, I am a strong believer in implementing writing across different disciplines. For example, in business or STEM; it can be difficult to translate specific vocabulary into another for those who are not familiar with the subject to be able to understand. Writing is also an incredible tool that can be used to communicate and is especially useful in standing out with being able to do so. I have used my experience at the writing center to be able to continue my love for writing as well as to develop it even more.

Learning in tutoring is a two way street, and I learn more about writing and people in every important. Everyone has a different style in writing and it is important to step back and realize that there is nothing wrong in that. In addition, I receive many projects with content I have never heard about and get to learn more about that. But I do not learn solely academics; I have also learned different methods of learning specific writers have which has allowed me to more specifically tailor my appointments to each writers' needs. One of my main goals as a tutor and as a person is to grow in being able to be an active listener as well as being sensitive to others. With this, I reassure every writer with whatever project they bring in and let them realize that their strengths are valuable and do not have to be writing—that is why we are here at the Ott to help.

With this, my tutoring philosophy is to make sure that no matter how an appointment goes, the writer leaves learning something and confident not only on their project but in themselves too. My strategies for tutoring are listening and pushing writers to find, fix and learn their own mistakes. I do this to ensure long term stronger writing and increased certainty. In addition, I recognize that although one may not enjoy writing and am sensitive to that. One of the greatest parts of being a tutor is seeing the sign of relief writers leave with and the satisfaction of a well edited paper. In all, I have learned a lot from my experiences tutoring and hope to grow more in the Ott.