

What is the English UC Academic Writing Center (AWC)?

It is a center specialized in supporting the writing process of the Chilean academic community. The English UC AWC is an initiative of the US Embassy in Santiago and EducationUSA Chile, which implements the service offered to the academic community in partnership with the English UC Language Center. Our office is located inside the English UC Language Center in Campus Oriente (Av. Jaime Guzmán Errázuriz #3300, Providencia).

What do we do?

UC Academic Writing Center aims to help students improve their **English writing skills** (clarification of ideas, narrowing the topic, grammar, citations, etc.). We help participants make their own choices as writers, improving their critical thinking and organization strategies. Also, **texts are reviewed only with the writer**, when he/she is present. **It is not only about producing good writing, but also about becoming a better writer.**

The Academic Writing Center can assist students and faculty with:

- undergraduate/graduate program applications,
- reviewing research papers, abstracts, studies in journals or magazines to be published
- drafting emails to English-speaking professors in their discipline, and/or
- practice for the writing component of an academic English exam (TOEFL iBT, IELTS, GRE, SAT, or ACT).

Who can attend?

The Academic Writing Center welcomes students (high school, undergraduates, and graduates) and faculty members from the Santiago Metropolitan Region.

How much does it cost?

Sessions at the Academic Writing Center are **free of charge**. We encourage participants to attend **as many sessions as necessary** to develop the entire assignment. However, due to demand, we will likely need to limit the number of weekly sessions one can attend.

What does a session look like?

Sessions are **one-on-one** and last **50 minutes**. This dynamic approach allows us to focus on what the participant expects to develop (e.g., you may be brainstorming, outlining, drafting, revising, or editing your project). Together we go through all sections that need development.

Friendly reminder:

- The AWC is **NOT a course/class**. We do not review standard contents for a group of people.
- The AWC is **NOT a translation center**.

What are the benefits of attending sessions at the English UC AWC?

If you attend, you will be able to:

- practice academic writing in a second language,
- develop cognitive skills,
- connect with the academic community all over the globe,
- communicate a message -not only read what others publish-, and
- have a voice in the global community.

Also, you will become familiar with our complementary services, such as advising for US higher education, applications, book loans, informational sessions, test prep courses*, academic workshops, scholarship information, cultural and university-life induction, etc. For further information, contact grpereira@uc.cl.

How do I make an appointment?

Please email grpereira@uc.cl explaining **what** you are working on and **when** you would like to come.

**International exams (e.g., TOEFL iBT, IELTS, and SAT).*