

Student Writing Center Resource: Using Grammarly to Boost Your Confidence as a Writer

What is Grammarly?

- It's a cloud-based writing enhancement program. All Jefferson students (and faculty and staff) have free access to the premium version for use on their own computers (PC or Mac).
- It's a tool that can help you gain confidence with grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, spelling, and common word/phrase usages. However, it is not a substitute for the one-on-one support available through the Student Writing Center, which includes attention to the overall organization, content and formatting of your writing assignments.

How to Use Grammarly:

- Login at <https://library.jefferson.edu/tech/grammarly/> with your campus key for a download link and instructions. The Grammarly tutorial is easy to follow and the program allows you to select the specific types of feedback you want. For technical questions regarding access to Grammarly, visit <https://support.grammarly.com/hc/en-us/categories/115000018631-Tips-Tutorials>.
- We recommend uploading a draft document into the program for feedback and suggestions. Each suggested change can be accepted or ignored, and each suggestion offers a clickable “card” with an explanation and examples to reinforce the underlying rules or recommended usages. (Note: you may also compose directly in Grammarly, but we don't recommend this because real-time feedback is distracting as you organize your thoughts.)
- Be sure not to accept Grammarly suggested changes to text you are quoting directly from another source. Quoted material should appear exactly as found in the original source.

Using Grammarly Before Your Student Writing Center Appointment:

- Upload your draft into Grammarly. Make corrections *before* your tutoring appointment, and bring that corrected text with you.
- Note any patterns in feedback from Grammarly—for example, punctuation or grammar issues you struggle with and don't fully understand. Mark examples on your draft so we can discuss them when we review your assignment, or schedule a tutoring session to work on a specific writing or grammar issue you find challenging.
- *After* your tutoring session, revise your manuscript as discussed; then upload it again to Grammarly for a final grammar check and proofreading before you turn it in. (Note: This won't enhance the content or check the formatting of your assignment, but it should give you more confidence about the fundamentals of your writing.)