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Questions Frequently Asked in the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE)

#1 What would I need ACE for?

Successful students take advantage of what is available to help them excel. ACE helps students of all ability levels strengthen their study skills and offers one-on-one and group tutoring in specific subjects. Last year alone, over 1,600 Bryant students benefitted from ACE services.

#2 Who works at ACE?

Our staff combines professional staff with peer tutors. The staff includes a network of part-time professionals who are specialists in math, academic skills, and learning disabilities. The peer tutors are Bryant students who have been recommended by faculty because of their ability in certain disciplines. They provide assistance that is cooperative, immediate, and non-threatening.

#3 What's the ACE course?

The ACE course won't be found in the College catalog, as it isn't a "formal" course offering. It is a seven week, voluntary enrollment study strategies course designed to help students earn and maintain superior GPAs. The ACE course runs from the third to the tenth week of every semester and numerous sections are offered to accommodate students' schedules. If you're interested, call x6746 as soon as possible; over 350 students are already enrolled for the fall semester.

#4 What will seeing a tutor or taking the ACE course cost me?

You've already paid for these services as part of your Bryant tuition. So, while we explain that tutoring and other ACE services are "free," we also remind you that, as consumers of an education, you should strive to get your money's worth.

Questions Frequently Asked in the Writing Center

#1 Is the Writing Center just for English papers?

Goodness, no. Though we do help many students enrolled in English and humanities courses strengthen their writing skills, we are here to help writers in **all** disciplines communicate more clearly through writing.

#2 Can I go to the Writing Center to get help with my grammar?

Of course. That is one of the many things we can help you with. What we don't do is do work *for* you; we will help you learn how to be a better proofreader of your own work. If, for example, you have had a problem with run-on sentences, we'll help you **understand** the problem they cause, **find** these problem sentences in your own writing, and **revise** them so that they are no longer a problem.

You can also visit the Writing Center to talk out ideas, work on structure/organization, develop a point, and/or get "unstuck," among other things. We can help at any stage in the writing process.

#3 Do I have to make an appointment?

No, you don't *have* to make an appointment. You can visit the Center during walk-in hours (see schedule, this page) and meet with a Writing Consultant or, if one is available, a Writing Specialist. The only draw-back is that you might have to wait, as walk-ins are first-come, first-served, and we'll probably be busy the night before that big project is due.

To avoid having to wait and/or to ensure that you'll be able to work with your favorite Writing Center staff member, you can make an appointment. Doing so is easy. Simply call x6567 at least a day before you'd like the appointment, and let us know when you'd like to come in.

Hours for the Academic Center for Excellence

Monday-Thursday	11a.m. -- 10p.m.
Friday	11a.m. -- 4p.m.
Sunday	1p.m. -- 10p.m.

Check out our web site
at <http://web.bryant.edu/~ace>
for our most up-to-date
schedules and staff listings!

Hours for the Writing Center

Main Location - Hall 6, 4th floor

Monday-Thursday	9a.m. -- 10p.m.
Friday	9a.m. -- 10p.m.
Sunday	1p.m. -- 10p.m.

Walk-in hours:

Monday-Thursday	2p.m. -- 9p.m.
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Annex - Hall 15, 2nd floor study lounge

Monday nights	4p.m. -- 6p.m.
	and
	7p.m. -- 10p.m.

