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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, ACE and the Writing Center held over 4,600 sessions with Bryant students.

#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 a specialist?

ACE employs several specialists who work with students in both one-on-one and group settings. These individuals are specially trained in the particular subject area in which they offer assistance. Currently, there are two math specialists, an academic skills specialist, and a full-time learning specialist. While math specialists offer students help with the various math courses offered at Bryant, the academic skills specialist is available to help students develop excellent study skills. From reading to note-taking to test-taking strategies, an academic skills specialist might have just the advice you need. The learning specialist offers all this and more. She is also available to meet with students with learning disabilities.

#4 What will seeing a tutor or specialist 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 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 should 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	3p.m. -- 10p.m.

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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

Monday-Thursday	11a.m. -- 10p.m.
Friday	11a.m. -- 4p.m.
Sunday	3p.m. -- 10p.m.

Walk-in hours:

Monday-Thursday 4p.m. -- 7p.m.

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