WRITING CENTER USAGE DATA
WINTER TERM 2013
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Raw numbers
• Writing Center staff conducted 623 conferences
• Over 75% of visits were return visits
• 217 different students used the Writing Center
  o 33% of visitors were freshmen
  o 36% were sophomores
  o 9% were juniors
  o 22% were seniors

The type of project
• 18% of meetings were used to go over applications
• 14% were used for comps
• 61% were used for essays
• 6% were used for “other” projects
• 1% were used for writing portfolio

The projected length of the finished project
• 20% were 1-2 pages
• 40% were 3-5 pages
• 25% of papers were 6-10 pages
• 4% were 11-20 pages
• 11% were 20+ pages

The writer’s goals for the session
• 74% of students wanted to work on clarity
• 52% wanted to work on organization
• 35% wanted to work on thesis
• 21% wanted to work on proofreading
• 18% wanted to work on integration of evidence/support
• 11% wanted to work on brainstorming
• 8% wanted to work on citations

Where the writer was in the writing process
• 8% wanted to brainstorm ideas
• 23% had partially completed a draft
• 45% had completed a first draft
• 24% of students had a second draft
The project’s due date

- 15% were due the same day
- 23% were due the next day
- 17% were due in 2 days
- 23% were due in 3-5 days
- 7% were due within a week
- 15% were due in a week or more

Departments for which students were writing (starting with the most visits):

- English
- Political Science
- History
- Economics
- Sociology and Anthropology
- Psychology
- Art History
- Biology
- Classics
- Philosophy
- Religion
- Women’s and Gender Studies
- Cinema and Media Studies
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Music
- Educational Studies
- Dance
- Cognitive Science
- Cross-Cultural Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Geology
- Russian
- Literary and Cultural Studies
Winter 2013 Writing Center Usage: % of Visitors Identifying Their Concerns As...

Winter 2013 Writing Center Usage: Project Due Date (% of Visits)