

Why is Reading so Important?



College Students spend an average of 14 hours reading each week.



Each 3-credit course requires 6 hours of reading or independent studying per week.



Efficient reading comprehension methods can result in better academic outcomes

Questions?

Contact us at writing-center@scranton.edu

Critical Reading Skills

Our Services

Active Reading Techniques:

Learn how to implement active reading strategies into your learning process by using methods like previewing, annotating, visualizing, mapping, and self-testing.

Comprehension Strategies:

Use methods to continuously improve your reading comprehension as a means to self-check your progress with techniques like identifying the main idea of paragraphs, outlining chapters, summarizing passages, making predictions, and synthesizing new knowledge with previous knowledge.

Vocabulary Development:

Use academic and discipline specific wordlists to expand your vocabulary. Learn how to use word roots, connotations, and denotations to maximize your comprehension of dense texts and develop your unique voice as a professional in your field.

Speed Reading:

Learn effective methods like visual reading, skimming, scanning, word chunking, and meta-guiding to increase your reading speed while maintaining a thorough understanding of written texts.

The Writing Center is a free resource designed to help students at all academic levels become better readers as well as better writers. We offer a safe, creative space where students from any discipline can receive critical reading strategies in a one-on-one learning environment. Most students do not realize the vast amount of reading required for college success, and texts themselves require different approaches. If you often find yourself unable to remember what you read, it is likely you need to try new strategies.

Our consultants help students navigate dense texts by teaching them about purposeful reading. They also model active reading methods, such as annotating and previewing, to help students absorb passages on the first readthrough. Students will also develop self-checking strategies to continuously test and develop their reading comprehension. Through on-going sessions with writing consultants, students can develop strong reading habits that will be beneficial to them beyond academia that will help them recall what they have read and think critically about the text.



Social Media & Helpful Links



Meet Our Team



Learn How to Make an Appointment



Check Out Our Blog of Writing Resources



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Appointment Formats

Face-to-Face Sessions:

These meetings occur in-person, so you will meet the consultant at one of our two locations, the Writing Center in LSC 582 or the Reilly Learning Commons on the first floor of the library.

Online Sessions:

These meetings occur virtually. You will still have live interaction with a writing consultant, but you will be at two separate locations.

Make an Appointment

To make an appointment follow these steps:

1. Login to my.scranton
2. Go to the Student Tab
3. Click on Student Resources
4. Click on Writing Center Scheduler

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