

Augsburg College Writing Lab

The writing lab is an invaluable resource for Augsburg students to use, but unfortunately it cannot always comply with a student's request. The following are examples of what the writing lab can and cannot do and when a student's request will be respectfully declined.

CAN

- Work with students at any stage of the writing process

CANNOT

- Help with every step at the last minute

CAN

- Brainstorm ideas for a starting place for the paper in question

CANNOT

- Write your paper for you

CAN

- Check for areas where content could be improved and strengthened

CANNOT

- Fact check your content (biology labs, psychology papers, etc.)

CAN

- Help answer questions about citations

CANNOT

- Be a citation machine

CAN

- Improve your paper as much as possible

CANNOT

- Guarantee a grade

CAN

- Give comments and constructive criticism

CANNOT

- Tell the student what grade it is believed they will receive

CAN

- Edit a student's paper *in the writing lab during writing lab hours*

CANNOT

- Edit a student's paper outside the lab, outside of writing lab hours

CAN

- Accept papers via online writing lab*

CANNOT

- Accept papers via personal e-mail

CAN

- Writing lab tutors will work to assist students in any way possible...

CANNOT

- Work miracles

There are other instances where requests may be denied, but these are some of the most common examples. It is at the discretion of Augsburg College Writing Lab tutors to deny any request made by a student if it is deemed unreasonable. Tutors will explain such denials and attempt to provide service in another manner.

*The online writing lab is available only in extreme circumstances

