



AI Writing and What the Writing Center Can Do About It

In 2024, **86% of college students** self-reported regular usage of generative AI tools in their studies.

It is our responsibility as tutors to **meet students wherever they are in their writing journey**, even if we dislike or distrust the methods they use.

We must start by seeking a more comprehensive understanding of why college students are using AI for writing so that we can go about our next steps in a **well-informed** and **empathetic** way.

What can I help with?

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Why are college students using generative AI in their writing processes?

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Reason

To comply with a product-centric educational model

A system that disproportionately affects

multilingual students

disabled students

neurodivergent students

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What should writing centers be doing about it?

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Reason

Encouraging students to prompt generative AI and work with a tutor to critically evaluate the results

Correcting lower-order issues like grammar and spelling

Brainstorming

Beginning sessions by asking students to disclose whether or not they used AI in their writing process

Encouraging open, non-judgemental conversation about student AI usage