



PURDUE UNIVERSITY'S ONLINE WRITING LAB

Who uses OWL?

In 2002, the OWL website received approximately 20.6 million requests.

Visitors to the OWL came from Purdue University (of course), but also from all fifty states and six out of the seven continents.

Our most popular downloads were our handouts on MLA and APA style, our PowerPoint presentations, and our resources for English as a Second Language speakers.

Last year the OWL tutors answered over 2000 e-mails about grammar, spelling, usage, research, documenting sources, and other aspects of writing.

Over 9000 people are subscribed to the Purdue OWL News, our free weekly newsletter.

The Purdue OWL started in 1993 to provide a resource for students who sought writing help but couldn't make it into the physical Writing Lab during operating hours. Currently, our OWL serves the Purdue community and the general public with a vast web site that offers a number of handouts, presentations, workshops, and resources; an e-mail tutoring service that allows for one-to-one correspondence between users and tutors; and the Purdue OWL News, a weekly e-mail newsletter..

THE OWL WEB SITE

- ◆ Information about the Writing Lab (hours, location, in-lab workshops, questions about tutorials) and the OWL.
- ◆ Close to 200 handouts on general writing concerns, grammar, spelling and punctuation, research and documenting sources, professional writing, and writing across the curriculum (WAC).
- ◆ Hypertext workshops and PowerPoint presentations on writing skills, writing research papers, and resumes and cover letters.
- ◆ Pages of links to writing and research resources, and an Internet research tutorial.

The OWL website is located at <http://owl.english.purdue.edu> and you can e-mail the webmaster at webmaster@owl.english.purdue.edu.

E-MAIL TUTORING

Purdue students, staff, faculty, and other interested parties can e-mail our tutoring staff with questions about any aspect of writing or with specific questions about individual projects. The tutors at the Purdue University Writing Lab are glad to work with writers on all sorts of writing projects. They answer questions about a text's organization, its focus, its readers, and other aspects. They also respond to questions about research techniques and mechanics (such as spelling and grammar).

You can e-mail the tutors at owl@owl.english.purdue.edu.

THE PURDUE OWL NEWS

The Purdue OWL News, a weekly e-mail newsletter, was launched in February of 2001 and has new subscribers every week. This newsletter provides tips on writing, answers questions from readers, and offers updates about what's going on in the Writing Lab and OWL.

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