

FHIS Learning Centre: 898 Buchanan Tower
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Would you like to practice your **conversation skills** or prep and practice for an oral interview?

Do you have questions about how to use certain **vocabulary words and phrases** or **grammatical structures** in the language you are learning?

Would you like to practice your **pronunciation** with a trained tutor or talk to someone about a work you are **reading** or an essay you are **writing**?

The FHIS Centre offers students help in all of these areas in the desired target language!

Mission Statement

The FHIS Multilingual Learning Centre is a **free service** available for students of all levels and languages of the FHIS curriculum (French, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish). We offer student-centered conversation practice, tutoring (i.e. grammar and vocabulary questions), and help with the continued development of core skills (i.e. speaking, listening, reading, and writing) necessary for students' success in acquiring and becoming proficient in the languages that we teach.

Scheduling and Session Formats

A new schedule of sessions is posted at the Centre (BuTO 898) every Wednesday at 12pm and it is also always available on the FHIS Department's website:
(<http://www.fhis.ubc.ca/undergraduate/writing-centre.html>).

At present, we offer two session formats:

- Drop-in:** no appointment necessary; first-come, first-served¹
- 30-minute individual** sessions²

Tutors available for any given time period/language are equipped to help students with conversational uses of the language, questions related to grammar and vocabulary, and reading and writing strategies.

¹ Drop-in sessions will be limited to 15 minutes if there are several students waiting to talk to the same tutor.

² Students are required to sign-up for individual appointments on the schedule posted at Buchanan Tower 898.

DESCRIPTIONS OF SERVICES

Conversation

Students use listening and speaking skills to communicate with the tutor and others attending any given conversation-based session. For such exchanges, grammatical accuracy is not the focus, though tutors will make suggestions if communication is hindered due to grammatical errors. Conversation topics are chosen by the student(s) present and pertain to topics covered in FHIS language and conversation classes.

Grammar and Vocabulary Acquisition

For questions related to grammar, vocabulary, and language usage, students are asked to come with their textbooks, specific questions, and/or previously graded assignments. Tutors will then provide students with brief explanations and strategies to problem solve and arrive at their own answers. Check out these resources for common grammar and vocabulary concerns: <http://blogs.ubc.ca/fhiswritingcentre/grammar-2/>.

Reading and Writing Strategies

For help with reading and writing strategies, students are asked to come to sessions with their textbook, assignment instructions, 2 copies of the writing piece in progress, and a list of their specific goals for the session. It is good practice to consider 1-2 points per session and some students may choose to visit the centre more than once for each particular assignment.

For tips on how to edit your own essay, go here:

<http://blogs.ubc.ca/fhiswritingcentre/2012/03/10/how-to-edit-an-essay-some-tips/>.

For further information, please view our Prezi

http://prezi.com/3pasezyzblbt/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy&rc=ex0share

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