<u>Grammarly</u>

Did you know that you can download Grammarly Premium for free at Berea College through a grant received by Disability and Accessibility Services?

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"What is Grammarly?" Grammarly is a tool for writers to use when checking the grammar of various types of writing. From formal essays to short stories, Grammarly can be used on any type of writing. Grammarly allows you to set goals about specific aspects of your writing. These goals will then be used to understand any *correctness*, *clarity*, *engagement*, and *delivery* issues that might appear throughout the piece.

- *Correctness* deals with spelling, syntax, and punctuation
- *Clarity* makes the paper easier to understand
- *Engagement* makes the piece more interesting and effective,
- *Delivery* helps the piece to make the right impression on the reader.

<u>Goals:</u>

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- *Audience:* Grammarly allows you to choose the target level of your audience. The levels are "General," "Knowledgeable," and "Expert,"
  - o They can determine the extent to which Grammarly 'grades' your work based on the audience's ability to interpret it.
- *Formality:* This determines the level to which Grammarly restricts the use of language. The levels are "Informal," "Neutral," and "Formal,"
  - o Each level emphasizes Standard English forms more and will be more restrictive, correcting dialect features and the use of personal pronouns.
- *Domain:* Grammarly uses this to apply the conventional rules of different kinds of writing to your work. The different categories are "Academic," "Business," "General," "Technical," "Casual," and "Creative."
  - o The prompt for an assignment usually emphasizes which category it will fall under.

- *Tone:* This goal is experimental, but can help writers as they advance to understand the importance of writing in different 'voices' when writing within different domains.

- *Intent:* The importance of this goal, while experimental, is to understand what you're trying to do as a writer when writing a particular paper. The categories are, "Inform," "Describe," "Convince," and "Tell a Story,"
  - o These categories are assigned at the prompt.

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- For example, if the topic is to choose a side of an argument, your intent is to *convince* the reader that your argument is valid and meaningful.

Pros of using Grammarly Premium
- It allows consultants to focus on the potentially bigger issues that could be under the surface of your paper
- It allows for more time to be spent focusing on building the paper beyond potential grammar mistakes
- It gives consultants a "second opinion" for what direction the appointment should take.

Cons of Using Grammarly Premium

- Grammarly Premium can, in some cases, restrict the flow of your piece and the creative aspect of what you're writing.
- It sometimes makes unnecessary suggestions that don't improve the quality of the paper; if you have questions about this, you can ask a consultant in your appointment
- The settings can sometimes be confusing (That's okay!) Just ask a consultant or office assistant at the desk for help.

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