

Niagara Resources for WRT 100 Instructors

This document provides a brief overview of services available for WRT 100 instructors and students.

Blackboard

Blackboard provides:

- Course roster access and an online gradebook
- Space to store and present course information, notes, readings, multimedia, and Web resources
- Threaded discussion boards for whole-class discussion
- Online chat areas, including a shared whiteboard
- A digital drop box for files
- Group areas for file sharing and small group discussion
- Online quizzes and tests

To get a BlackBoard site for your course, visit

<http://www.niagara.edu/it/blackboard/courseform.htm> to fill in your information and submit a request for course creation.

Web site: <http://www.niagara.edu/it/blackboard/> and <http://blackboard.niagara.edu>

Contact information: blackboard@niagara.edu

Media Resources

Media Resources provides:

- LCD projectors to which you can connect a laptop
- Carts with computers and LCD projectors (for showing PowerPoint presentations or documents). These computers will not have Internet access unless you request it.
- DVD and TV carts
- Slide and overhead projectors
- Showing DVDs, movies, or other audiovisual information through the Synergy system (shown on the in-classroom TVs)
- Tape recorders
- Help with using the multimedia delivery systems in VINI.

To schedule any of these resources, you must contact Media Resources by email or phone and make a reservation by 5 p.m. *24 hours before* you want the resource.

Web site: <http://www.niagara.edu/media/>

Contact information: media@niagara.edu; 286-8470; first floor of Dunleavy Hall

Library Services

The library provides:

- Instructional modules to help students learn about different aspects of research.
- Access to a computer lab in the basement for student research or class research.
- Electronic and print course reserves for providing access to readings and other material.
- Online access to various research databases, a catalog of books, Web resources.
- Interlibrary loan requests.
- Helpful librarians.

Our librarians can help you with choosing and using resources to help students become effective researchers. Library staff are also available to help students in person or by phone.

Web site: <http://www.niagara.edu/library>

Contact information: Jonathan Coe; 286-8005; jcoe@niagara.edu

Writing Center

The Writing Center provides:

- Drop-in tutoring on weekday afternoons (1:00-4:00 p.m.) and tutoring by appointment
- Handouts, style manuals, and other writing resources
- Workshops on writing-related topics
- Referral forms for instructors
- Links to resources for help with writing

For more information about the Writing Center, please contact Heather McEntarfer.

Web site: http://www.niagara.edu/oas/writing_center.htm

Contact information: Heather McEntarfer; 286-8075; heatherm@niagara.edu

Information Technology

The IT department provides:

- ID Cards
- E-mail accounts
- MyNU access (campuswide announcements; StudentReach; EAP reports)
- WebAdvisor access (class rosters; grading)
- Wireless network access
- Blackboard access

Students who are experiencing technology problems should be directed to the IT department.

Web site: <http://www.niagara.edu/it/>

Contact information: HelpDesk on first floor of VINI; 286-8040