How To Meet with your Online Tutor

To meet with your tutor, you'll use the program "Collaborate," which works like a virtual room where you can see and hear each other, and also share documents and websites. But first, you’ll need to make an appointment. Here’s how:

Go to the VSU Student Success Center webpage and click on "Make An Appointment." You may have to register the first time you do this. Next, watch this video on how to use the scheduling system:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cL7H7BGtKxo&feature=youtu.be

After you have made an appointment, your tutor will send you a guest link to their virtual Collaborate room. If you haven’t used Collaborate before, watch the video by following the directions below:

- Select: MyVSU from any VSU webpage
  - Login: with your Active Directory account
  - Select: Atomic Learning
- Type “Blackboard Collaborate” into the search window.
- Watch videos 1-7 (9 minutes).

After viewing the video, download the program and test it out!

To prepare for your session with a tutor, think of us as "writing coaches": we give you

- Feedback on your writing
- Tips for solving grammar and punctuation problems
- Strategies for clarifying, developing, and organizing your ideas
- Positive reinforcement!

Your job, as the "writing athlete" is to

- Come prepared with assignment instructions, drafts, notes
- Revise and edit your own work (we don't edit or proofread; we show you ways to do this yourself!)

For example, a typical tutoring session involves a powerful technique for catching all kinds of errors: reading out loud. It's amazing what you can catch on your own; then, if you need it, we show you ways to solve various problems.

We look forward to working with you!