A University Writing Centre in the middle of the Library
The open workspace in front of the WC
The tutee faces the tutor and her computer screen
Why is it important for a university Writing Centre to be located in the Library

• Part of a normal working environment for students and staff
  – Asking a writing tutor becomes as natural as asking a librarian.
• Cohesive support for students from beginning to end
  – in their academic studies
  – during the writing process
• Authentic non-electronic sources are just footsteps away
• Cooperation on educating students about writing and information literacy
• Increased attendance and attention
• Identity and trust
The two campuses of University of Iceland
Five milestones in the writing process

- **Prewriting**
  - Purpose
  - Questions
  - Ideas and organisation
  - Planning
  - Readers
  - Genre
  - Books on Academic writing

- **Searching**
  - Sources of information
  - The Library
  - Evaluating sources
  - Theoretical framework

- **Researching**
  - Paragraphs
  - Ideas into words
  - Line of thought

- **Drafting**
  - Rewriting
  - Discussion
  - Commenting
  - Logic and cohesion
  - Coherence and balance
  - Style

- **Revising**
  - Editing
  - Type of publication
  - Style of referencing
  - Layout
  - Template
  - Reading aloud
  - Last check

- **Publication**

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Baldur Sigurðsson: Writing Centre and Library
The Pentagon model of „the Good paper“ (Rienecker and Jørgensen)
Minicourses on academic writing

On information searching, databases and source handling

Handling sources in EndNote Online

*Leitir.is*: The search tool for Icelandic libraries

Searching and finding in peer-reviewed Journals

Citing and referencing following the APA-manual

On writing in general

Writing a bachelor thesis, the question, structure and planning

Writing a masters thesis, the question, structure and planning

Writing a research plan

Language use in academic writing

Discussing with your sources: *They say – I say*

A formal template for final theses

Processing a large paper in Word, organization and layout

How to answer open questions on exams

Plagiarism and avoiding plagiarism with Turnitin
The tutoring session

- The Library as a natural working environment for writing
- Cooperation and mutual help
- Discussing writing in an open space
Attendance and attention

• School of Education Writing Centre
  – 2015: 946 registered tutoring sessions

• School of Humanities Writing Centre
  – Since 2014

• A joint Writing Centre desk in the National and University Library
  – Since January 2016
  – 167 active bookings
Active bookings per week in the National Library, spring 2016

Weekly presence, 4x3 hrs
Thank you!
Questions and discussion