

# Center for Writers Appointments | Fall 2023

One-on-one writing consultations provide effective and efficient writing support to improve the rhetorical skills of undergraduate and graduate students. Not only do Center-for-Writers (CFW) consultants give specific feedback on clients' documents, but the consultants also develop professionally and academically through their work with students.

Writing consultations are typically one-hour sessions, scheduled through WOnline. The CFW provides two schedules for clients, an undergraduate schedule and a graduate schedule, with availability provided by 9 undergraduate consultants, 6 graduate consultants, and one part-time lecturer/administrator.

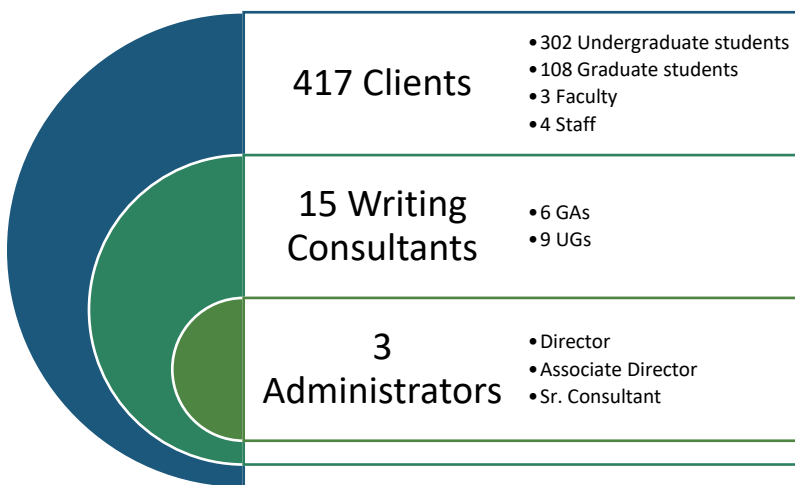
744 Total Appointments

714 Individual

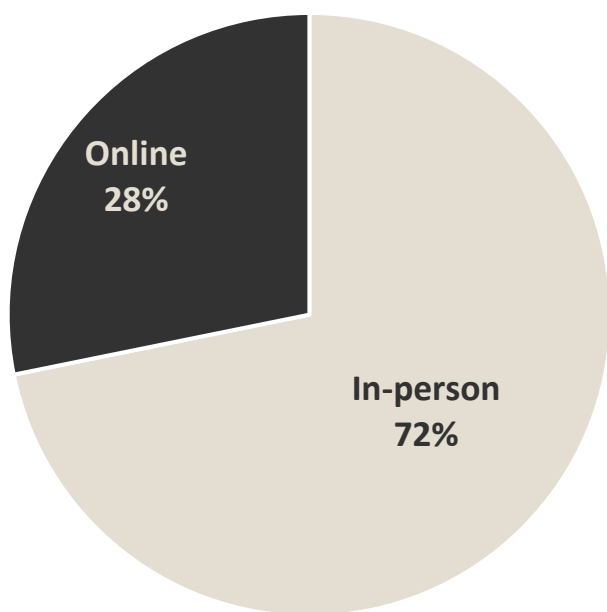
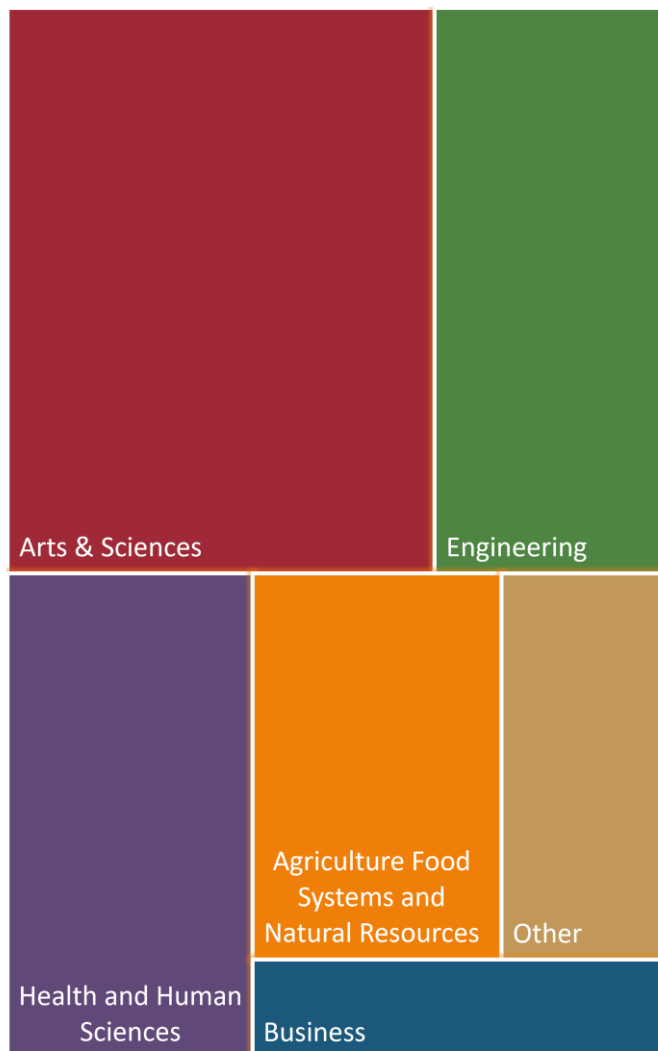
30 Group

404 Grad

310 UG

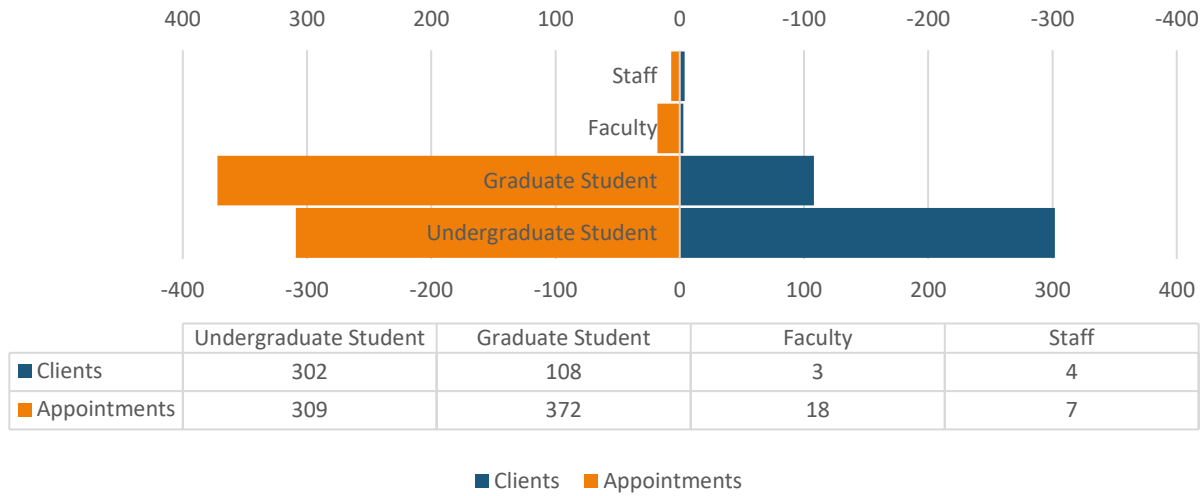


Clients by College



## Undergraduate side and Graduate side

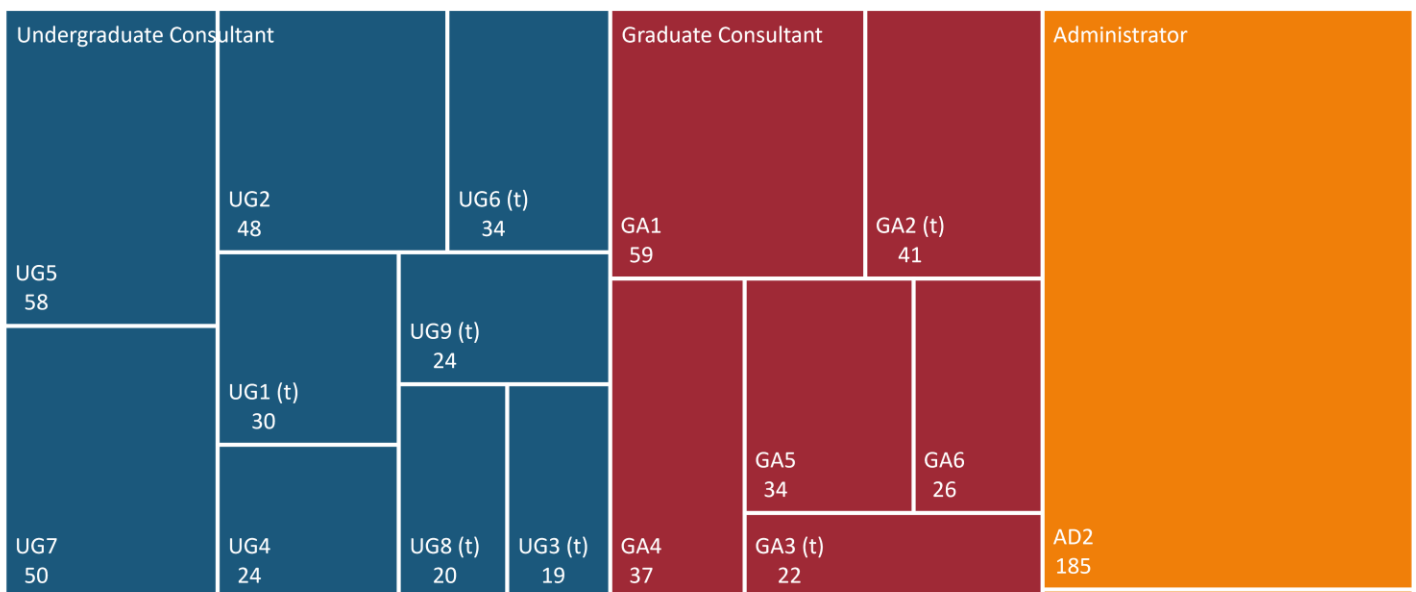
While total appointments are higher for the graduate schedule (372 vs. 309), total clients served is higher on the undergraduate side (302 vs. 108). One reason that individual graduate clients are more likely to have multiple sessions is that graduate writing is more often extended and complex. Another distinguishing characteristic of NDSU's graduate population is that it is much more highly internationalized than the undergraduate population, which may make clients more open to writing help and more likely to need support in navigating cultural and linguistic challenges of graduate work.



## Consultants

The CFW had a total of 17 consultants: 9 undergraduate consultants (UG), 6 graduate consultants (GA), and one part-time lecturer. Seven (7) consultants were new (t) to the CFW and required training/on-boarding, which limited appointment hours in the early part of the semester. GAs had hours dedicated to special projects: disquisition processing, Engineering discipline, RaMP students, GRFP workshop series, Writing Groups, and Research-Writing workshops

Appointments by Consultant



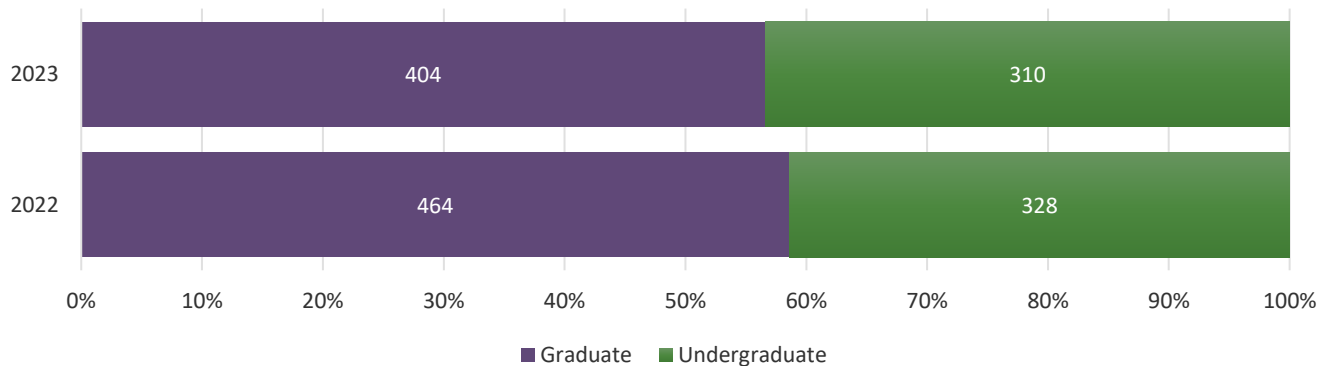
## Class Visits: 490+ students / 31+ visits

Class visits are an outreach activity where CFW staff and consultants have contact with students in the context of their classes. Consultants visited 17 100-level classes and 4 300- and 400-level classes to inform students about CFW services, using a script prepared by CFW staff. A presentation on Writing Center scholarship and CFW resources was provided by the director to graduate students in English. The CFW also hosted multiple site visits for Bison Bridges near the beginning of fall term. The Sr. Grad Consultant and a GTA coordinated with instructors to provide writing instruction support in 10 classes, which included 2 100-level, 2 300-level, 3 700-level, and 1 800-level classes.

## Year-over-Year Comparison: Steady Ship

Compared to Fall 2022, Fall 2023 appointments are remarkably similar in total number of appointments and the proportion of Graduate vs Undergraduate appointments. One exception is the significant decline in September appointments (-81), which can be explained by the re-direction of efforts for GRFP support (workshops instead of appointments) and fewer hours offered due to a higher number of consultants in training.

### YoY Fall Appointments by Client Status



### YoY Appointments by Month

