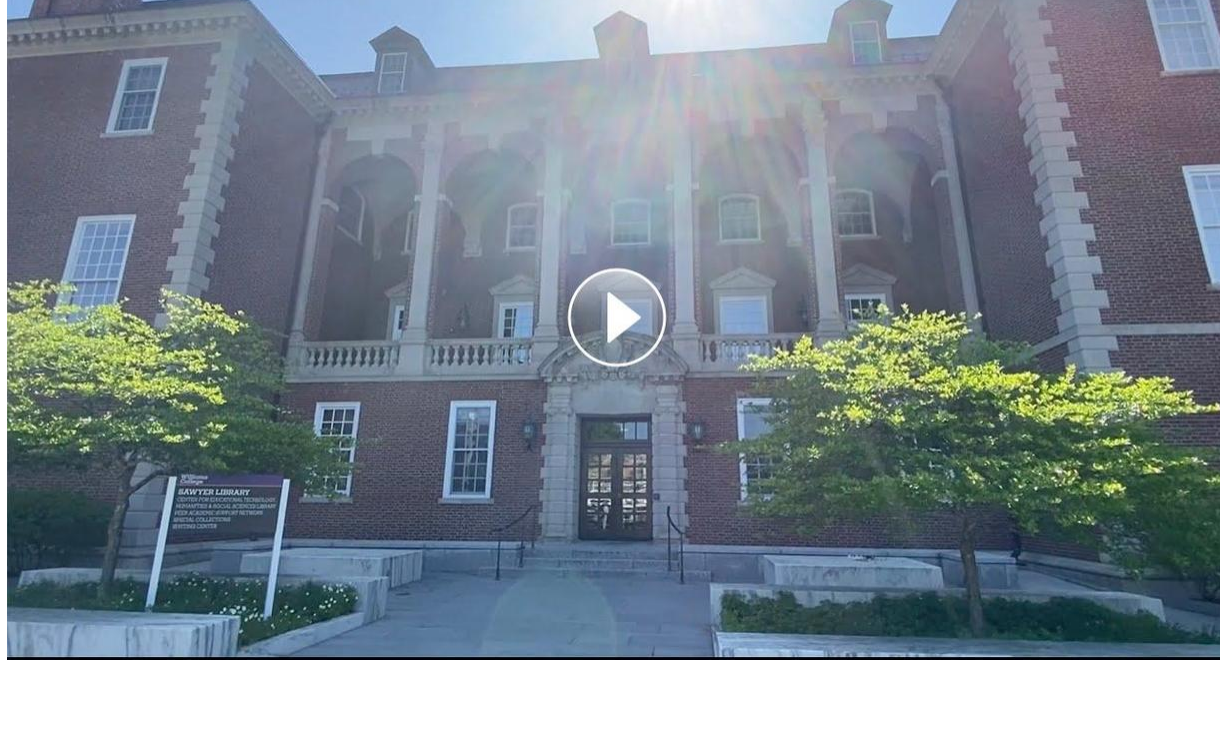


New Eph Update: First-Year Essentials

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THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WILLIAMS LIBRARIES!

Explore the campus libraries, learn how to use the catalog and choose a database. Discover zines and zine-making!

Dear incoming first-year students,

Hello from Williams Libraries and the Writing Center!

Joining a new community often means navigating a strange and unknown landscape of information. The libraries here at Williams are not only home to much of this information, we're also a resource to help you navigate your information needs. Looking for a great place to study? Wondering if you have access to your favorite book or movie? Need to develop a greater understanding of a concept or topic encountered in the classroom? Williams Libraries is here for all this and more. As we're fond of saying: just ask!

Housed in Sawyer Library is the Williams Writing Center, a place to come for one-on-one help with your academic writing. Students come in with papers they've almost finished and would like someone to review. Students also come in to brainstorm or when they get an assignment and have no idea where to start. We are here for all of that—and for everything in between. You'll learn more about us during First Days.

We're writing today to share some of the perks of being a Williams student—perks you can use right now, from home—that will help you see how writing and research go hand in hand. Williams students have access to hundreds (maybe thousands?) of resources that you'd otherwise have to pay for, including *The New York Times*. Check out the attached infographic about how to access historic and current content from the *Times*. Following these directions will help you learn how to use some of the library's vast resources, and the piece it takes you to is a fun read! It's about writing, by novelist and short story writer Jhumpa Lahiri, author of [Unaccustomed Earth](#) and [The Namesake](#), among [other things](#). We hope you check it out.

If you're ready to begin learning more about how to navigate the resources available to you through Williams Libraries, we encourage you to join our online [Williams Libraries GLOW course](#). While enrollment is entirely optional, the course offers an opportunity to get a head start on research skills, as well as space to engage with librarians and other incoming students before you even set foot on campus.

One final thought: This is an exciting, and complex, time—the days before you arrive at college. We encourage you to write about how you're feeling and what you're thinking leading up to your arrival at Williams. It will help you better understand and process your own thinking as you approach this huge milestone.

Warmly,
Hale Polebaum-Freeman, Reference & First-Year Outreach Librarian
Julia Munemo, Director of the Writing Center

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HOW TO THINK ABOUT THE LIBERAL ARTS, GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, MAJORS, AND COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR ADVISOR (A MUST SEE!)

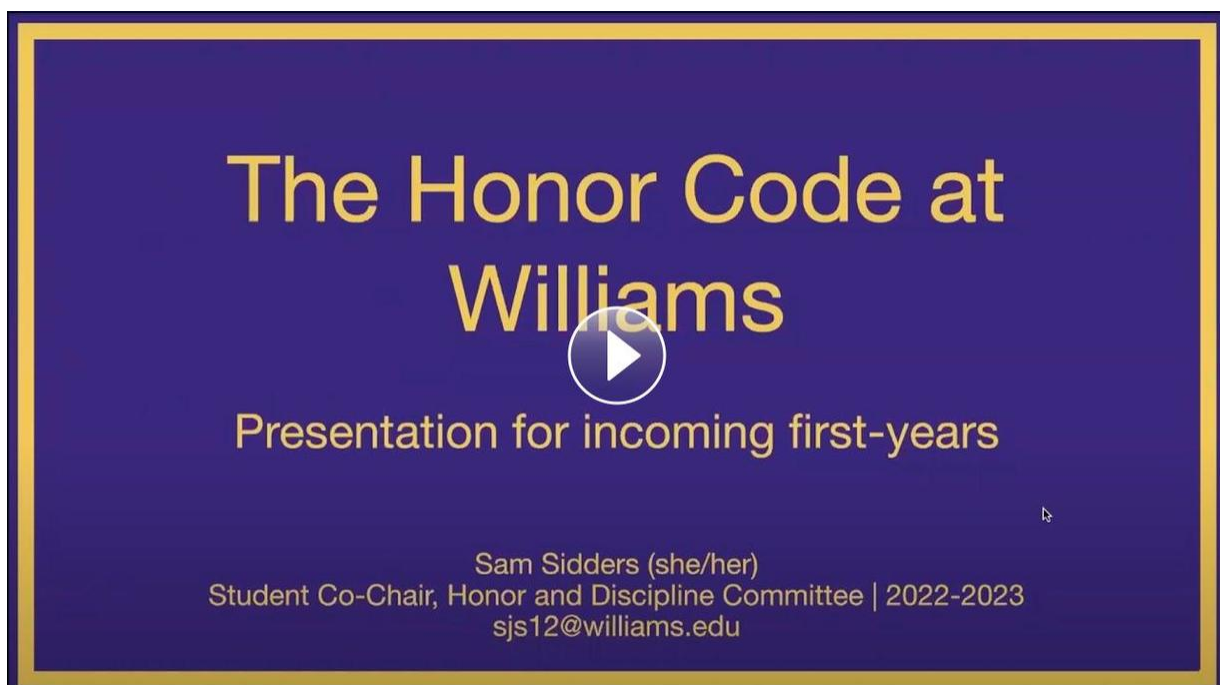
Prepare to meet your advisor and register for courses: Academic Advising Glow Course for First-Year Students

As you prepare to come to Williams, you may have questions about the academic environment, the Williams curriculum, and the faculty and staff here to support you. The co-directors of Peer Tutoring put together this [Glow course to help you familiarize yourself with the academic advising system](#). We encourage you to watch these videos before meeting with your advisor in the coming weeks.

ACADEMIC HONOR VIDEO (ANOTHER MUST SEE!)

All students are bound to the Academic Honor Code, but what is it?

The student-led Honor Committee has created this short video to help you understand the importance of academic integrity at Williams College. Avoid problems with plagiarism, citations, and AI with practical advice from your peers.



[Williams Honor Code](#)

[Williams Writing Workshop](#)

[Williams Writing Workshop on Plagiarism](#)

[Williams Library on citation](#)

[Student Health and Wellness Services](#)

[Professors and Deans \(various\)](#)

SNEAK PEAK: Next Week's Edition

An urgent reminder to submit your Student ID Photo!

- Get to know Campus Safety Services
- The Davis Center welcomes you! The DC advances broad campus engagement with complex issues of identity, history, and cultures as they affect intellectual, creative, and social life
- Discover PEACe: Prevention, Education, and Advocacy in Community Office

FIRST-YEAR LANDING PAD

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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