

## Emile Ottinger's Tutoring Philosophy:

Hey there! My name is Emile Ottinger (they/them). I'm a rising senior, who's especially passionate about Environmental Studies, English/Creative Writing, and Philosophy as disciplines. If we're working together, consider me stoked! Here's a brief overview of what a session with me will probably look like:

- You can expect an emphasis on mindful conversation—I believe that power ultimately lies with the writer. After all, I'm really just one of your very own (albeit particularly invested) peers. I'll help you come to your own conclusions, but I'm not inclined to make them for you.
- Though I understand that it can take loads of courage to share your words on the page, I prefer to read papers out loud (but only for those who are comfortable with it). I find it immensely helpful when assessing a work's readability. Plus, it's a great way to catch recurring errors, so to meaningfully address them together during the session.
- Regardless of your field, I'll want to know what's at stake in your paper. Especially if you're in a brainstorming stage, I'll urge you to consider why you're writing what you're writing, and how you can express it in your own words.

I think that tutoring is—though ultimately dedicated to you and your agenda as a writer—a symbiotic experience from which I can learn plenty, as well. Ideally, I want to help strengthen the quality of your writing process, just as much as your immediate product. For me, that ultimate satisfaction comes from aiding your development as a writer, because those skills will be applicable across all walks of life.

From that point, interdisciplinary topics hold a special place in my heart. I also love argumentative assignments (for that dear sweet ethos, pathos, and logos), and any paper that can be read with an assertive voice. However, I'm happy to shake things up with whatever you choose to bring in. Broaden my horizons a little!

My whole purpose in the writing center is to help you out. I'll serve up scholastic principles in plenty, but ultimately, I'm here to level with you as a fellow student who may or may not know just where you're coming from. No matter what we're working on, I aspire to benefit you as a second set of eyes!

\*Professors I've written for include Diaz, Jahiel, Scanlon, Theune, Engen, and Serraes. So far, I've completed two years of work at the writing center.