

If at any time you must communicate your ideas to other people in or out of your field, your writing skills will be put to the test. And if those skills are not up to snuff, you may find your credibility adversely affected.

Excellent Writing Makes One Seem More Professional, and Indicates Intelligence

You cannot always communicate with people with the spoken word. This is especially true when it comes to applying for jobs, which generally requires you to write in applications, résumés, and cover letters. Excellent writing abilities go a long way in making all of those seem more impressive. On top of that, peak writing skills indicate a greater degree of intelligence.

Of course, this is not to imply that poor writers cannot be smart. However, the quality of your writing is very akin to a first impression when you meet people in person. Just like wearing a suit makes you seem more professional than casual clothing, high quality writing gives someone the impression that you are intelligent and educated.

It doesn't even matter if the written message is the same, or if the person reading your writing knows what you meant. In many cases, someone will consider you intelligent simply because you sound intelligent in your prose, even if they do not truly understand everything you have written. The reverse is also true: the knowledge you possess can easily be misunderstood if the way you write it down is lacking.

This also goes back to our previous point about communication between all fields: you might know what you are talking about, but if your writing is so atrocious that no one can understand what you are trying to tell them, all the knowledge in the world is pointless.

Writing Ensures Nothing is Lost, as Well as the Option to Reassess Knowledge

Assuming you do not lose the piece of paper or permanently delete the file you have written something on, there is a valuable aspect of writing that can easily be understood if one has ever written notes.

A lecture is all well and good: hearing the spoken word of your educators is undeniably important. But remembering everything that is said in a lecture is difficult, especially sometime after it has passed.

Writing things down in a clear, helpful manner means you can go back and review them anytime you wish. Moreover, the written word can be reevaluated if you are unclear of its meaning. While a spoken lesson has its merits, the ability to go back over it in written form allows you to study the lesson indefinitely and derive new information from it.

Of course, this all depends on your ability to write well. Poorly written notes are hardly any better than having no notes in the first place.

Academic Writing Helps You Develop Critical Thinking and Argumentative Skills

Most of the writing you do in college involves expressing your opinion on something or explaining the results of some sort of research. Naturally, you must do these things in ways that are not only clear and concise, but in a way that either informs the reader or convinces them of your point of view.

Basically, writing these types of academic papers provides you with a great deal of practice in certain life skills that will always serve you well: how to easily and accurately inform others of vital knowledge, and how to present a convincing argument in any sort of debate.

That is because, in academia, you cannot just say “I think this is right and that is wrong.” If you want to pass your classes, you must do research, find valid evidence supporting your arguments, and present them in an effective manner that will convince others.

While you are in college, this entire process will probably seem tedious. However, it will sharpen your ability to carry an intelligent debate for the rest of your life. Whether you must defend your stance on a serious political issue or simply wish to convince your friend of which superhero is the best, the ability you develop when sharpening your writing skills will help you do it.

Conclusion

Writing may be an underappreciated skill, but [studies](#) show that a higher level of writing ability is tied to many benefits in the professional field, including productivity. Aside from that, sharpening your writing skills in the field of education makes it easier to retain and teach information, as well as share knowledge with others more easily and make stronger arguments for things you believe in.

Regardless of your field of study, writing will be an important part of it. Whether it’s sharing the knowledge you learn with other experts, writing informative pieces for laymen, or teaching knowledge to other students of the field, all of them will require you to have a reasonable degree of writing skill.