New and Improved! TLC Writing Lab

We’re over a month into 2021, but the impact of 2020 on our classrooms and communication methods continues to resonate. As we spend more time on virtual platforms—and face new obstacles like “Zoom fatigue”—the need for clear, concise, and meaningful communication is as evident as ever.

This need is emphasized in the Joint Chiefs of Staff’s call for leaders with “effective written, verbal, and visual communications skills” used “in a manner appropriate for the intended audience and environment.” That last phrase is key; we must all be adaptable communicators, ready to deliver information in a way that meets the needs of those receiving our message, adjusts to the explicit and implicit expectations of differing forms and purposes, and leaves little room for misunderstanding.

With this in mind, the TLC’s Writing Lab is planning to develop new programming for the range of communication skills, including the teaching and assessment of these skills in Air University courses.

For written communication, the Lab will continue to offer one-on-one tutoring, seminars, and faculty consultations.

For verbal and visual, we invite your feedback:

… in your visualization of data and other information?
… in your formatting and presentation design?

For faculty, how can we support your efforts to cultivate strong written, verbal, and visual communication skills in your courses—particularly when teaching online?

We’d love to hear your thoughts.

Please complete our one-question form or contact Meg Varney, Lead Writing Specialist at megan.varney@au.af.edu or 334-953-5233.