



Writing and Research Workshops

Summer 2011

The Graduate Writing Center offers a wide variety of general writing workshops and workshops on more specialized issues. We also hold targeted writing workshops for graduate students in the areas of Humanities & Arts, Social Sciences, and Sciences & Engineering. Special thanks to our campus programming partners: UCLA Library, Writing Programs, Academic Technology Services Statistical Consulting Group, Student Psychological Services, and the Career Center.

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Research Workshops

EndNote and Zotero library workshops are not scheduled during the summer.

- For Endnote help visit the [EndNote Research Guide](#) and/or contact [Miki Gora](#) or [Gabriella Gray](#)
- For Zotero help visit the [Zotero Research Guide](#) and/or contact [Joseph Yue](#)

Library Research Appointments for Graduate Students

Graduate students are welcome to contact Library's subject specialists any time for further assistance with research, library resources, and subject databases. [Contact information for subject librarians](#).

To see the most current and complete schedule of UCLA Library workshops, [consult the UCLA Library seminar page](#).

Statistical Software Workshops

ATS Stats Consulting Seminars and walk-in consulting:

For walk-in consulting information, Stat books for loan, and the most up-to-date listing of seminars, please see the [ATS Stats Group website](#). Click [here](#) for more detailed location information, including directions to the Visualization Portal in the Math Sciences building.

General Writing Workshops

How to Write an Abstract: Concrete Recommendations

Netta Avineri, Applied Linguistics

This session will help any graduate student write the abstracts required for journal articles, conference papers, and

fellowship applications. We will consider the elements of convincing abstracts in various disciplines. Then, you will assemble your own abstract, piece by piece. For speakers of other languages, strategies for English-language abstracts will be analyzed. If possible, please bring a draft of your article or paper for this hands-on workshop.

Wednesday, July 27th, 3:00-5:00pm

Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level) ([map](#))

An Introduction to Publishing Journal Articles

Netta Avineri, Applied Linguistics

Thinking about preparing an article manuscript for submission? Based on Wendy Belcher's workbook, *Writing Your Journal Article in 12 Weeks*, this workshop will focus on the aspects of the process of getting an article published that most differ from other graduate work, such as selecting appropriate journals and interacting with editors. We will discuss how to structure an article as well as the writing and revision process.

Wednesday, August 3rd, 3:00-5:00pm

Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level) ([map](#))

Revision Workshop: Strategies for Revising Longer Texts

Marilyn Gray, Graduate Writing Center Coordinator

This hands-on workshop will provide people with revision strategies for longer texts, such as master's theses, dissertation chapters or proposals. Please bring a hard copy of your own work, at least 15 double-spaced pages (more is fine). If you would like to do some of the preparation work ahead of time, start working on a backwards outline by tagging each paragraph with a phrase describing its main point.

Wednesday, August 10th, 12:00-2:00pm

Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level) ([map](#))

Editing Skills Workshop

Marilyn Gray, Graduate Writing Center Coordinator

This hands-on workshop will guide people through strategies for improving writing at the sentence level. We will look at common problems like the overuse of weak verbs, passive voice, and nominalizations as well as offer specific tips to strengthen clarity and flow. Please bring a hard copy of your own work, at least 5-10 double-spaced pages (more is fine).

Wednesday, August 17th, 12:00-2:00pm

Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level) ([map](#))

Preparing a Conference Paper: PowerPoint Presentations in the Social Sciences

Netta Avineri, Applied Linguistics

This workshop will focus on techniques for outlining, building, and presenting an effective 10-20 minute oral/video (e.g., PowerPoint) presentation as typically presented in the social sciences. We will discuss strategies including converting a written paper into an oral presentation, effectively using limited time, and incorporating multimedia elements into a presentation.

Wednesday, August 24th, 3:00-4:30pm

Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level) ([map](#))

Dissertation Workshops

Dissertation Writing Strategies for ESL Graduate Students

Netta Avineri, Applied Linguistics

In this interactive workshop, ESL graduate students will learn strategies to get through the dissertation process. In addition, we will discuss useful on-campus, online, and print resources that will help students to work independently to improve their writing. There will also be time for questions and answers about ESL writing issues and concerns.

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Self-Editing Strategies for Non-Native Speakers of English

Netta Avineri, Applied Linguistics

Marilyn Gray, Graduate Writing Center Coordinator

This workshop will provide concrete strategies and online tools to enable non-native speakers of English to make appropriate vocabulary choices and approach issues like article and preposition usage in their own writing projects.

Wednesday, July 13th, 12:00-1:45pm

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