

Graduate Student Writing Support on UT Campus

College of Liberal Arts Dissertation Boot Camp

Since 2013, the College of Liberal Arts has offered a summer Dissertation Boot Camp that provides graduate students with the strategies, framework, and tools that they need to be highly productive and to complete their dissertation projects successfully. The course meets daily for two and a half weeks. Daily meetings include presentations from writing specialists from the University Writing Center (UWC) and other campus resources, structured 2-to-3-hour writing blocks, editing and peer review, and discussions about writing techniques. Doctoral students who have successfully defended a dissertation prospectus or completed their comprehensive exams may apply. Students who have completed some or all of their dissertation research will benefit the most from the course, which provides group support during a time period that is often solitary and stressful. Participants are expected to write roughly 2-3 pages per day, completing one dissertation chapter by the end of the course. Application is through departmental graduate coordinators. For more information on the Dissertation Boot Camp, visit the COLA Office of Research and Graduate Studies web page: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/research/news/9850>

Graduate Student Writing Group

Founded by graduate students in 2014, this interdisciplinary group helps connect graduate students across campus to set and meet goals for writing, presenting, and defending academic work. They host events throughout the year, including daily “sit down and write” retreats around campus, making use of empty classroom and seminar rooms to set up dedicated writing spaces, and monthly talks on issues related to writing. They can also help students set up small writing groups, provide guidance on how to work with writing groups to meet writing goals and give and receive feedback, and can assist in reserving meeting space. Membership in the Graduate Student Writing Group is free, and open to all graduate student and professional students at the University of Texas at Austin. #writing = #graduation

www.graduatestudentwriting.com / Twitter: @GraduateWriting / Also on [Hornslink](#)

Sanger Center

Our graduate writing service is the only all-inclusive graduate writing assistance available on campus. Trained writing consultants at the Sanger Learning Center work with you to improve your writing – bring in a paper, thesis, dissertation, grant proposal – any writing project in any discipline – and get immediate feedback for improving your work. Although we will not edit your paper, we can help you identify areas for improvement and assist with the overall writing process. To schedule a consultation or learn more, visit <http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/slc/grad>. The graduate school experience can be challenging in many ways. Meet with a Learning Specialist to discuss your professional goals, time management/procrastination, or anxiety about writing your dissertation.

To schedule an appointment, call 512-471-3614.

University of Texas Libraries

Librarians are available for one-on-one research consultations with specialists in every discipline. We can acquaint you with resources, help you conduct your literature review, and introduce you to citation management tools to track and organize your sources.

Find your librarian and schedule a visit: www.lib.utexas.edu/subject/index.php

University of Texas Libraries Scholars Commons

A hub for research and scholarly inquiry within the Perry Castaneda Library. It combines space for silent study, a lab for innovation in digital scholarship, and access to librarian expertise. The new Graduate Landing Spot is located at the far end of the Scholars Commons and accessible to graduate students by UT ID card. The Graduate Landing Spot offers a kitchenette, lounge areas and media-equipped, reservable meeting rooms for UT graduate students. These rooms may be used for group study and meeting with other graduate students, and consultations with UT Libraries staff.

For more information, visit Scholars Commons web page:

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/scholarscommons>

University Writing Center

A limited number of one hour one-on-one consultations about academic writing are available for graduate students and faculty of the College of Liberal Arts. To schedule a consultation, call 512-471-6222. The UWC also facilitates writing groups for COLA graduate students and faculty and offers open workshops on teaching writing and academic writing.

Check out the UWC's website for workshops for graduate students and learn more about our services: uwc.utexas.edu/graduate-students/

Texas ScholarWorks

Texas ScholarWorks holds digital works and provides related services that together constitute a campus institutional repository. The repository was established to provide open, online access to the products of the University's research and scholarship, to preserve these works for future generations, to promote new models of scholarly communication, and to help deepen community understanding of the value of higher education. Digital works include research and scholarship, as well as works that reflect the intellectual and service environment of the campus. UT faculty, staff, and students (including student groups) may submit work to the repository. Undergraduate student work must be sponsored by a UT faculty member.

For more information, visit this page: <https://repositories.lib.utexas.edu/>

UT Counseling and Mental Health Center

The UT Counseling and Mental Health Center (CMHC) provides individual and group counseling, consultation, and prevention services that facilitate students' academic and life goals and enhance their personal growth and well-being. All students can utilize the MindBody Lab, a self-paced environment designed to help UT students explore various resources for improving their emotional and physical health. In addition, the CMHC offers group counseling sessions specifically for graduate students writing their dissertations. A full description of available services can be found here:

<http://www.cmhc.utexas.edu/index.html>

Thesis and Dissertation Templates – Office of Graduate Studies

Bob Penman is the Thesis and Dissertation Support Specialist in the Graduate School. He helps graduate students use the Thesis and Dissertation Templates and has updated the templates for use with different versions of Microsoft Word. He also assists students with converting their thesis and dissertations to pdf format.

For further assistance with the templates of other formatting issues contact Bob at bpenman@austin.utexas.edu or 512-475-9365.

The DiNitto Center for Career Services in the School of Social Work

The DeNitto Center for Career Services offers Writing Consultations for current graduate students enrolled in the School of Social Work. The writing consultant can offer writing assistance with class assignments, employment materials (CVs, resumes, cover letters and personal statements), as well as grant proposals and fellowship applications. The DiNitto Center also offers a series of workshops and events related to job seeking.

Website: socialwork.utexas.edu/dccs/students-and-alumni/writing-consultations/

Writing Center at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs

The Writing Center offers graduate students enrolled in the LBJ School of public Affairs individualized assistance at any stage of the writing process. We consult with students on academic, professional development, and career materials. The Writing Center encourages critical reflection and prepares writers to make effective decisions about their writing. The Center also hosts a series of ongoing seminars on specialized topics.

Website: www.utexas.edu/lbj/writing

Location: SRH 3.104G

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