Strategies for Writing the Social Sciences Dissertation Proposal
This workshop will give an overview of the main components of a dissertation proposal in the social sciences and cover strategies for writing the introduction, literature review, methods, and significance sections. These strategies should be adapted to your department's and advisor's expectations about the structure and content of your proposal. Please bring two copies of your abstract to this workshop. RSVP requested.
Thursday, September 30th, 5:00-7:00pm
Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level) (map)

Strategies for Writing the Humanities Dissertation Prospectus
This workshop is geared towards giving incipient prospectus writers the tools to write their prospectus over the course of two months. We will discuss literature review and argument development as well as how to turn the many different pieces of a prospectus into a coherent document. Nota bene: this is meant to be an addition to—not a substitution for—serious discussions with your advisor about what is expected of you in your home department. RSVP requested.
Wednesday, October 1st, 4:00-6:00pm
Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level)

Writing Groups, Support Groups and Resources for Dissertators
The workshop will provide information about resources for dissertators and thesis-writers. The panel will discuss writing groups and support groups, including how to run your own dissertation writing group or writing partnership. Finally, at the end of the workshop, we will meet with graduate students who are interested in being placed in a writing group and submitted the questionnaire by Monday, September 29th, 5pm.
Thursday, October 2nd, 5:00-7:00pm
Location: Conference Room 3, Student Activities Center (basement level)

Time Management for Dissertators
Dr. Alan Nagamoto, Counseling and Psychological Services
Dr. Alan Nagamoto, who works at the UCLA Counseling Center, will present an introduction to the principles of time management and offer practical advice on how to manage time during the dissertation writing process. He will cover common pitfalls and how to overcome them.
Wednesday, October 15th, 4:00-6:00pm
Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level)

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 15-20 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.
Thursday, November 20th, 4:00-6:00pm
Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level)

Online Workshops about Writing in the Sciences
The Graduate Writing Center has some online workshops about writing in the sciences, including Writing Dissertation Proposals in the Natural Sciences and Best Practices for Writing Scientific Articles and Article-Based Dissertations. http://gsa.asucla.ucla.edu/gsrc/gwc/content/Writing_for_the_Sciences.htm

See our website for information about summer dissertation programs.