Master’s Thesis Workshops & Programs

The UCLA Graduate Writing Center partnering with the UCLA Library and Student Psychological Services

Master’s Thesis Writing Group Program
If you are interested in participating in a master’s thesis writing group during spring quarter, please fill out the questionnaire (found at the following link): http://gsa.asucla.ucla.edu/gsrc/gwc/content/Questionnaire.doc and email it to gwc@gsa.asucla.ucla.edu. Space is limited. Deadline to apply is April 1st.

Writing groups will meet weeks 2 through 10 of spring quarter:
Mondays, 6-8pm, Humanities and Social Sciences (qualitative emphasis)
Tuesdays, 6-8pm, Sciences and Engineering
Wednesdays, 6-8pm, Social Sciences (quantitative emphasis)
Each writing group will be facilitated by a trained GWC program associate. The groups will focus on activities and strategies to facilitate continuous progress on master’s theses or similar projects. The facilitators will provide tips on general writing and revision strategies as well as specific approaches to components of a thesis. Most of the writing groups’ time will be in the format of peer review and interactive writing activities using sections of the thesis draft. Participants are required to commit to writing a minimum of three new pages per week (typed, double-spaced) and to participate every week.

Best Practices for Writing Your Master’s Thesis
Netta Avineri, Applied Linguistics & TESL
This workshop will begin with a discussion of scope, expectations, and time constraints as related to master’s theses. We will then consider writing and organizational strategies for the typical components of master’s theses in different disciplines. Lastly, we will discuss approaches to and tips for revision of the project. Students at any stage of writing are encouraged to attend.
Thursday, April 3rd, 12:00-1:30pm
Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level)

Time Management for Thesis Writers
Dr. Alan Nagamoto, Student Psychological Services
Dr. Nagamoto will present an in-depth introduction to the principles of time management and offer practical advice on how to manage time during graduate school. He will cover common pitfalls and how to overcome them. This workshop is very helpful for graduate students at the dissertation or thesis stage.
Wednesday, April 16th, 4:00-6:00pm
Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level)

Copyright and Permissions Issues: What You Need to Know to File
Sharon Farb, Associate University Librarian for Collection Management and Scholarly Communication
Angela Riggio, Head of Digital Collection Management, Digital Collections Services
This workshop will explain permissions and copyright issues related to filing theses and dissertations. It will cover how to use work that you have already published, when to obtain permissions for using works published by others, and whether using visuals requires permissions. The workshop will also offer practical advice on how to request permissions and copyright your own thesis. Please bring your questions!
Thursday, April 17, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Location: Charles E. Young Research Library East Electronic Classroom, Room 21536

Revision Workshop: Strategies for Revising Longer Texts
Marilyn Gray, Graduate Writing Center Coordinator
This workshop will be a hands-on workshop to give people ideas and strategies for how to revise 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, May 22nd, 4:00-6:00pm
Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level)

The Graduate Writing Center is located in B11, Student Activities Center
For more information and to make an appointment please visit our website at:
web: http://gsa.asucla.ucla.edu/gsrc/gwc/   email: gwc@gsa.asucla.ucla.edu   phone: 310.267.4805

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