## Getting Started on Your Thesis: This four-part course provides practical strategies for making the early stages of thesis-writing less stressful: by avoiding procrastination, choosing an effective structure for a thesis, engaging the reader’s interest at the beginning of the text, and framing the thesis effectively. Open to writers in all fields. ($100)

**Fridays:**  
Jan. 26 to Feb. 16 | 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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## A Thesis Writer’s Workshop: This four-part course helps writers to develop effective thesis chapters. We read examples from the field, workshop students’ own drafts, and discuss principles of editing and project management. Our environment is friendly and supportive, and our advice is practical. ($100)

**Thursdays:**  
Mar. 1 to Mar. 22 | 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Mondays:**  
Mar. 19 to Apr. 16 | 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

*No Class Apr. 2

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## Keeping Your Writing on Track  
This free one-hour session is intended for all graduate students who plan to undertake a major writing project in the coming months or years. Everyone is welcome; we ask that students contact us via e-mail to let us know if they plan to attend. (FREE)

**Tues., Jan. 9** | 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

**Thurs., Jan. 11** | 11 a.m. – Noon.

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## Crafting a Thesis or Dissertation Proposal  
An effective proposal serves as both an argument for the merit of your project and a planning document for future work. Learn techniques and strategies that will help you to craft a persuasive argument that enables your success. ($50)

**Wed., Jan. 31** | 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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## Editing a Chapter for Publication  
Looking to convert a chapter of your thesis into an article? This workshop will explore strategies for: (a) reframing your text, (b) selecting a journal, and (c) responding to readers’ critiques. It will focus on traditional, rather than paper-based, thesis chapters. ($50)

**Thurs., Feb. 15** | 9 a.m. – Noon.

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## Writing Your Thesis or Dissertation in Two Pages a Day  
You can write your thesis or dissertation in as little as two pages a day. Come and learn strategies for breaking your writing up into chunks, otherwise known as short sections. We will discuss how to use these blocks of text to build a chapter. ($40)

**Fri., Mar. 2** | 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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## Individual Appointments  
In these 45-50 minute appointments, receive individualized expert help with your academic concerns, from writing, time management, and exams to studying, reading, and presentations. ($25/session or $60/3 sessions)

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# Writing a Literature Review

Do you find it difficult to write about other work without sounding redundant? Craft an effective literature review chapter for a thesis/dissertation in the social sciences. Writers in other disciplines may also benefit. ($50)

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# Writing an Effective Funding Proposal

Tackling that funding proposal but unsure of how to present your request? Learn strategies to increase the probability of positive responses to your scholarship or funding proposal. ($50)

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# Engaging Presentations

Learn how to develop and deliver dynamic, engaging presentations. This three-hour session covers presentation organization and formats, verbal and non-verbal communication tips, vocal techniques, PowerPoint design and use, and more. ($40)

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# Managing Major Projects

Balancing your coursework, research, projects, and personal life can be difficult, especially when dealing with procrastination. Learn practical scheduling strategies to help you become more productive and less stressed, as well as strategies for dealing with distractions. ($40)

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# Reading Research Papers

Do you need to sort through numerous research papers and remember the main focus of each? Learn to become effective in your reading to make the most of your time and effort. ($40)

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# Oral Defense of your Dissertation: Strategies for Success

Defending your dissertation is your opportunity to tell the world about your research and learning. Strengthen your communication skills by learning how to appear confident, answer questions appropriately, engage with your audience, and more. ($50)

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