



CTW Center for Academic Writing Development Topics

Ideal for Early Stage Graduate Students & Undergraduates Preparing for Graduate Study

1. “Next Level Writing: Meeting Faculty-Research Based Writing Expectations”
2. “Don’t Write Too Soon: The Critical Skill of Organizing Ideas”
3. “First Things First: Crafting the Proper Thesis for Your Document”
4. “The Body Paragraph: Master Writing at the Micro Level”
5. “The Art of Revision: Ask the Right Questions to Strengthen Writing”
6. “The Writing Process Personalized: Finding a System that Works for You”

Ideal for Mid-Stage Graduate Students (2nd, 3rd year...)

7. “The Struggle is Real: How to Establish an Authentic Research Agenda”
8. “The Topic Funnel: Narrowing Ideas to Research-Worthy Topics”
9. “Opinion or Informed Position? Elements of a Sound Academic Argument”
10. “You Want Me to Do What? Strategies to Write a Comprehensive Literature Review”
11. “Get It Approved: Necessary Components of a Thesis/Dissertation Proposal”
12. “Connect the Dots Academically: An Overview of Coherence Devices”

Ideal for Late-Stage Graduate Students (Thesis/dissertation Writing)

13. “Be Productive: A Project Management Approach to Finishing a Thesis/Dissertation”
14. “Pinpointing the Primary Relationship Your Research Explores: Methods of Developing Ideas in Research”
15. “State it Succinctly: Eliminating Wordiness from Writing”
16. “Teamwork: Establishing a Healthy Working Relationship with Your Chair”
17. “Spice Up Writing: How to Create Sentence Variety”

Other Academic Writing Development Topics

1. “Scientific Writing: Writing about Research and Results in STEM fields”
2. “Collaborative Writing: How to Avoid the Epic Fail”

Special Series: “Preparing Your Professional Dossier”

1. “What You Uniquely Offer the Workplace: Developing a Professional Brand”
2. “Preparing a Curriculum Vitae: An Overview and Detailed Components”
3. “Articulate Research Well How to Write a Comprehensive Research Statement”
4. “Market Yourself Effectively: How to Write a Compelling Cover Letter/Personal Statement”

Special Series: “I Wasn’t Taught That: Soft Skills that Employers Value”

1. “Presentation Skills: Speaking to Academic and Non-Academic Audiences”
2. “Angry, Frustrated or Stressed at Work? Emotional Intelligence in the Workplace”