



Writing your Thesis or Dissertation

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| 4:00PM-5:00PM | Avoiding plagiarism and complying with copyright |
| 5:00PM-6:00PM | Including citations in the text of your documents and writing to differentiate your ideas from your references |

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| 4:00PM-4:50PM | Comparing and contrasting literature |
| 4:50PM-5:40PM | Writing an abstract |
| 5:40PM-6:00PM | Formatting a thesis or dissertation for graduate school |

Avoiding Plagiarism and Complying with Copyright

Plagiarism is taking credit for someone else's idea, research, etc. Copyright gives the copyright holder (e.g. publisher or author) the right to control the copying of their work. This applies to books, reports, articles and even images in articles. Learn about plagiarism and copyright to avoid problems when writing your document.

- What is the difference between copyright and plagiarism
- Why are they wrong
- Avoid plagiarism by paraphrasing and giving credit
- What is fair use and what is a creative commons license

Include Citations and Writing to Differentiate Your Ideas from Your References

Have you ever read something and you weren't sure if the author was making a point or if they were stating the idea of someone else? Do not make this mistake yourself. Learn techniques to make clear where ideas in your paper originated.

- In-text citations and the reference section
- How to place the citations to make it clear who's idea it was

Comparing and Contrasting Literature

When you are writing your thesis or dissertation, you want to analyze other literature related to your topic. Learn the difference between summary and synthesis, as well as techniques to make the process easier.

- Purpose of contextualizing your work
- The difference between analyzing (comparing and contrasting) and summarizing literature
- Methods of organization that can help when analyzing literature and writing

Writing an Abstract

An abstract is a short document that that gives the reader the information they need to decide if they want to continue reading. Learn about the 5 questions all abstracts should answer and common mistakes that authors make.

- Purpose of an abstract
- Questions that are answered with an abstract

Formatting for Graduate School

The Guidelines for Preparing a Thesis or Dissertation from graduate school contains accepted formatting practice. Learn some details about formatting and ask questions.

- Why is formatting important
- Where to get the documentation
- Example using Microsoft Word