Writing and Research Resources for Graduate Students

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Thesis and Dissertation Services

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Role of Thesis/Dissertation Services

- Review manuscripts for uniformity, consistency, and legibility
- Provide support from pre-submittal through publication stages of the thesis/dissertation
- CONTENT is the domain of the advisory chair and committee
Resources for Formatting the Thesis/Dissertation
• On OGAPS website
• Detailed instructions for the formatting of manuscripts
• Includes examples
Templates

• On OGAPS website

• Basic and Recommended Word Templates
  – Basic for PC but usually functional for Mac
  – Recommended: two versions for both PC and Mac
  – Each has downloadable instructions

• LaTeX template still in development.
Pre-Submittal Conferences

- Usually held once a week except for April, November, and end of June/beginning of July
- Helps students before submitting
  - Review formatting
  - Students can ask questions about their manuscript
- Online Pre-Submittal Conference Option
- Strongly Recommended
Questions?

- Ashley Schmitt – schmittae@tamu.edu
- Thesis and Dissertation Services
  – thesis@tamu.edu
  – 979-845-3631
At a loss for words?
Our Goal

To enhance your oral and written communication skills
Help with Every Type of Writing

- Proposals
- Abstracts
- Articles
- CVs
- Dissertations
- Grants
- Literature Reviews
- Theses
Help with Oral Presentations

- Speeches
- Poster/Slide Presentations
- Conversational English
- Interviews
- Podcasts
- Videos
For an Appointment

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IN-PERSON APPOINTMENTS
for a helpful consultation

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ONLINE Consultations
for your CONVENIENCE

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About Consultations

- In-person Consultations
- Email Consultations
- Web Consultations
Locations

Evans Library
Room 214

West Campus Library
Room 205
Graduate Student Workshops

- Once-a-week (Monday nights at 7 PM) workshops designed to improve your academic writing and public speaking skills.

- Various topics that focus on the needs of graduate students.

- Check out our website for the workshop schedule and to sign up online!
Dissertation and Thesis Assistance (DATA)

- Receive one-on-one help with the same consultant for up to 5 sessions.
- Start this program at any time during the semester (we suggest starting at least 30 days before your thesis/dissertation is due).
Proposal Writing Retreats

- Two days, 9 am to 5 pm, offered once or twice yearly.
- Write, eat, and get writing and research advice from UWC consultants and library staff.
- For more information: uwc@tamu.edu
Dissertation/Thesis Writing Retreats

- Four days, 9 am to 5 pm, during the interims in August, May, and January
- Write, eat, and get advice every day from our most experienced consultants.
- For more information: uwc@tamu.edu
We’ll help you find the write words.

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University Libraries

Emilie Algenio – Copyright Librarian
Dr. Kathy Anders – Graduate Studies Librarian
Subject Expertise

- Librarian for every degree program
- Many have advanced subject area degrees
- Can find data, not just publications
- Meet with a librarian at the beginning of independent research
- Available for orientations
Scholarly Identity Consultations

- Managing research profiles – ResearchGate, Academia.edu, Google Scholar
- Understanding available researcher ID tools, like ORCiD
- Creating an impact statement
Publication Consultations

- Finding the impact factors of journals
- Maximizing citations
- Understanding altmetrics (views, downloads, social media impact, etc.)
Copyright and Open Access

- Answering copyright questions (we typically see questions about the use of previously published materials in dissertations/theses)
- Finding author’s rights statements
- How to find or publish Open Access materials
Workshops and Events

• GRAD Aggies workshop series – workshops every week on many topics
• Co-sponsor a research retreat with the University Writing Center
• Scholarly identity mini-retreat
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