CAEX Workshop Preview: Doctoral Writing Workshops

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Welcome!

YOUR WRITING WORKSHOP IS READY.

CAEX DOCTORAL WRITING WORKSHOPS
Agenda

• Overview of workshops
• Prerequisites
• Week-by-week rundown
• Grading
• How to register
• Questions
Need Writing Help With Your Proposal?

- 1:1 writing help anchored in your own work
- We have you covered! 6 workshops:
  - Preproposal
  - Proposal
  - Introduction
  - Literature Review
  - Methods Section
  - Postproposal
- All workshops are 6 weeks
Evidence!

Proposal Approval Rates

- Students enrolled in CAEX Workshops: 70.00%
- Not enrolled: 0.00%
Prerequisites

- You must have:
  - a desire to improve your proposal draft!
  - a working draft of the relevant proposal section
- To register, you must submit a 2-3 page excerpt of your draft (more on how to register coming up)
A Quick Poll

What do you find most difficult about writing your dissertation / doctoral study?
Overview: All Workshops

• Workshops provide:
  – 1:1 writing instruction
  – Supportive group work with peers in the Discussion forum

• You will:
  – Focus on your proposal’s required components
  – Address common writing issues
  – Advance your proposal
  – Create a tailored plan for continued progress
Preproposal: Weekly Focus & Discussions

- Week 1: Foundation & Preparation (explanation of topic)
- Week 2: Mapping Out Your Study (problem statement)
- Week 3: Library Skills (portion of preproposal draft)
- Week 4: Research & Drafting (portion of preproposal draft)
- Week 5: Self-Assessment & Faculty Feedback (portion of preproposal draft)
- Week 6: Becoming an Independent Scholar (course reflection / next steps)
Preproposal: Week-by-week Assignments

- Week 1: Foundation & Preparation (program requirements)
- Week 2: Mapping Out Your Study (writing calendar)
- Week 3: Library Skills (search strategy)
- Week 4: Research & Drafting (writing calendar II)
- Week 5: Self-Assessment & Faculty Feedback (draft email)
- Week 6: Becoming an Independent Scholar (annotated preproposal)
### Preproposal: Grading Structure

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Other Workshops: Week-by-week Discussions

- Week 1: The proposal/section and your writing
- Weeks 2–5: Addressing writing topics related to issues in writing
  - Topics include: active voice, paragraphs, paraphrasing, precision, scholarly voice, synthesis, revising, using evidence, writers block
- Week 6: Identifying your S.M.A.R.T. goals
- Deadlines: Initial post, Day 3; follow-ups, Day 5
Other Workshops: Week-by-Week Assignments

• Week 1: Assessing your scholarly writing
• Weeks 2-5: Revising your draft
  – Example: Week 2 submit pages 1-5 of lit review; Revise; Week 3 submit pages 6-10 of lit review; Revise; etc.
• Week 6: Developing a postworkshop strategy
• Deadlines: Assignments are due on Day 4
Other Workshops: Grading

- Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
- To receive a Satisfactory grade, you must:
  - Complete Weeks 1 and 6 **in their entirety** (i.e., Discussion and Assignment activities)
  - Participate in all of the weekly **Discussion activities for Weeks 2–5**. You may miss 1 week of responses to classmates’ posts without penalty.
  - Complete at least 3 of 4 **Assignments for Weeks 2–5**
A Few Notes

• We provide writing assistance
  – We are not content experts in your field
  – It is important that you work with your chair / committee in tandem with your writing faculty during the workshops

• You will advance your proposal
  – However, you might not finish your proposal within a 6-week workshop
How Do I Register?

- **Contact your academic advisor to register for a workshop.**
  - Cost is $195 per workshop
- For more information, visit http://academicguides.waldenu.edu/ASCcourses/ASCworkshops
Questions?
This was the best thing I could have done to improve my writing skills. I learned how to develop a scholarly tone, compare and contrast research, develop clear topic sentences, and utilize the writing center.

The best parts of the workshop are receiving personalized feedback on my writing, connecting with fellow students, and the positive encouragement provided by the instructor and classmates.
Thank you for attending!