WELCOME TO THE NPS

GRADUATE WRITING CENTER

See what the GWC can do for you!

WritingCenter@nps.edu
https://nps.edu/GWC
FOUNDATIONS OF ACADEMIC WRITING

Learn about expectations and gain grad school survival skills in this 4-part presentation

Friday, 6 Jan., 12:00 Pacific

Part 1: Introduction to Graduate School Research & Writing

Part 2: Plagiarism Prevention 101

Part 3: The Writing Process

Part 4: Going Straight to the Source: Human Subjects Data

King Hall
Zoom Webinar for DL

MANDATORY FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS
### Winter AY2023 Workshops
Graduate Writing Center and Dudley Knox Library

**Registration is required for each session via WCOonline**

NOW OFFERING ON-CAMPUS, ZOOM, AND HYBRID SESSIONS!
Check locations below: hybrid sessions are held in the library and on Zoom; on-campus sessions are held in the ME Auditorium.

All times shown are in Pacific Time.

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*Questions? writingcenter@nps.edu*
Winter Workshops

Presented by the Dudley Knox Library & Graduate Writing Center
Jan. 2022

From Dudley Knox Library:

Library Quick Start
Develop research skills and learn how to use library search, databases, research guides, Google Scholar, and more!

Thesis Quick Start
Time to begin your thesis? Not sure how to start? This workshop covers academic research in general, as well as some NPS specifics.

Citation Management with Zotero
Save time and improve note-taking by learning Zotero, a free tool that helps you collect, manage, and format your references.

Perfecting Paper Structure:

What (Nearly) Every Academic Paper Needs
Learn how the building blocks of academic papers fit together, making your papers more readable, complete, and academic.

Think before You Write: Pre-write & Plan
Learn strategies for decoding instructors' essay-exam and paper prompts.

Organization: The Secret to Academic Writing
Discover techniques that produce strong papers and tools for effective communication.

Inquiry and Argument:

Constructing Research Questions
Learn proven strategies for developing answerable questions given constraints in resources, time, paper length, topic, and data.

Writing Persuasively: Logic, Evidence, and Style
Learn the strategies and conventions of written argumentation that are essential to your NPS studies and career.

Debating with Your Sources: They Say/I Say
Learn the methods that scholars use to engage in larger debates so you can stand on equal footing with the writers in your field.

Understanding Paper Types
Review the types of papers you may be asked to write at NPS.

Interpreting Prompts
Learn strategies for decoding instructors' essay-exam and paper prompts.

Getting Published:

Writing for Online Outlets
Want to impact broader military discussions? Learn to pitch, scope, draft, and revise short pieces for online outlets.

Writing for Academic Journals
Target journals for your discipline, decode submission requirements, query editors, and prepare manuscripts for your academic research.

Find the schedule online:
nps.edu/web/gwc/resident-workshops
Winter Workshops

Using Sources in Your Work:

Mastering the Literature Review
Learn how literature reviews are constructed and how to make yours justify your research.

Critical Thinking in Review
Identify the differences between review and critical analysis so you can assess the strengths and weaknesses of other scholars.

Paraphrasing & Quoting Like a Pro
Confidently incorporate others' words, ideas, analyses, models, and images into your writing through quoting, summarizing, and paraphrasing.

Grad School Skills:

Strategic Reading I & II
In this popular workshop series, practice Professor Zachary Shore’s method of reading at the graduate level. Learn techniques to quickly examine texts. Sessions are targeted to STEM or social Science students.

Mastering Note-Taking & Time Management
Learn and practice winning techniques for studying more effectively, taking useful notes, preparing for exams, and performing better during tests.

Writing Essentials & Revision:

Writing Essentials: Grammar
Review common grammar errors writers make and learn how to avoid them.

Writing Essentials: Punctuation
Learn about the most common punctuation marks in graduate writing, from em dashes to Oxford commas.

Writing Essentials: Clarity & Concision
Excellent clarity and concision stands as the core goal at the graduate and professional level of writing.

Writing Essentials: Strong Sentences
Learn how to communicate clearly and simply by demystifying the elements of sentence structure, including common patterns and the active voice.

Strategies for Active-Voice Writing
Overusing passive voice is a common stylistic blunder. This workshop explains what passive voice looks like and why, in most cases, active constructions serve you better.

...and more!

Professional Executive Summaries
Executive summaries help your research find an audience. Learn how to prioritize information, avoid jargon, write persuasively, and navigate this form’s rules.

Technical Writing
Learn the skills needed to write clear technical reports and theses. Together, you'll dissect a well-written report, and determine what makes it effective.

Illustrating Your Thesis with Tables & Figures
Learn guidelines for making effective visuals, explaining them in your text, and placing them in the thesis template.

Find the schedule online: nps.edu/web/gwc/resident-workshops
LIVE & INTERACTIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE!

The Graduate Writing Center offers a series of writing and research workshops presented exclusively via Zoom on Fridays and Saturdays, customized for online learning.

LEARN MORE:
https://nps.edu/web/gwc/resident-workshops

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Interpreting Prompts
- Organization: The Secret to Academic Writing
- Paraphrasing and Quoting Like a Pro
- Strategic Reading I
- Strategic Reading II
- Strategies for Active-Voice Writing
- Understanding Paper Types
- What (Nearly) Every Academic Paper Needs
- Writing Essentials: Clarity & Concision
- Writing Essentials: Punctuation
GRADUATE WRITING CENTER

ONE-TO-ONE WRITING COACHING

Writing and critical thinking help focused on your needs.

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
Live appointments: in person, Zoom, Teams, or phone
Asynchronous feedback via email
Drop-in help M–F 1100–1300

SIGN UP ON WCONLINE
Click here to learn more about coaching

NPS.EDU/WEB/GWC
FACEBOOK.COM/NPSGWC
TWITTER.COM/NPSGWC
ASYNCHRONOUS COACHING

WRITING FEEDBACK ANY TIME

Can't fit the writing center into your schedule? Let us fit into yours! Sign up for asynchronous coaching— with detailed email feedback!

1. View calendar
   Select the async calendar from the menu at the top of WCOnline.

2. Choose day
   Choose an open slot on the day you’d like feedback.

3. Send draft
   Email your coach a draft of your paper 48 hours in advance.

RECEIVE FEEDBACK BY 1700 PACIFIC THE DAY OF YOUR APPOINTMENT WITHOUT A REAL-TIME COACHING SESSION

Submit a draft to the writing center for feedback (not editing) on critical thinking and writing mechanics.

Questions?
writingcenter@nps.edu
nps.edu/web/gwc/asynchronous-coaching
Pressed for time? Have a quick question about a paper or a thesis?

Find us in the library!

**M–F · 1100–1300**

No drafts sent in advance, please.
First come, first served.
WRITING A PAPER OR THESIS?
WE'VE GOT YOU.

GWC Write-ins

Dedicate time to write and concentrate.
Set and meet writing goals.
Team with writing coaches and librarians.
Join and support your peers.

Fridays, 1000–1430
Meet in Herrmann Hall or on Zoom!

HTTPS://NPS.EDU/WEB/GWC/WRITE-INS
THINKING OF DOING HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH?

focus groups
surveys
human data

questionnaires
interviews
behavior

START BY SPEAKING WITH THE IRB!

nps.edu/web/research/irb-home
Many factors in your life play a role in the learning process, such as your health and fitness, ability to relax, and sleep patterns. This page provides resources that will help you maximize your lifestyle in support of your educational goals.

- Physical and Mental Health
- Sleep
- Relaxation
- Play for Rejuvenation
- Healthy Relationships
- Support Networks

Nearly everyone who has been out of school for more than a few years can benefit from a basic skills refresher. This page lists resources to help you get on your feet quickly, whether you are a resident, international, or distance-learning student.

Vital Skills for Academic Success:
- Critical Thinking
- Note-taking
- Presentation Skills
- Active Reading
- Test-Taking
- Time Management

In support of your academic mission, we have assembled resources and best practices on the GWC website:

nps.edu/web/gwc/learning-tools
Learning Tools

Research Refresher:
Most students are expected to conduct research: to collect and analyze information in order to answer a question, support an argument, and test a hypothesis. This complex, multi-step process will be less intimidating if you make research design choices that lead to more efficient work and meaningful findings. The tools here also help you get up to speed on terminology you will see in your readings.

- Library Navigation
- Research Terminology
- Group Study and Writing

Special Needs & Reasonable Accommodation:
NPS is committed to assisting all students' efforts to achieve academic success. Students with disabilities—whether temporary or permanent, visible or invisible—can receive a variety of services to adjust or enhance traditional teaching and testing.

NPS Program Officers coordinate services between faculty, staff, and students in an effort to offset circumstances that may negatively impact a student’s academic performance. At all points in the process, your private information is restricted solely to staff and faculty on a need-to-know basis.

What Are Reasonable Accommodations?
A reasonable accommodation is an adjustment or change to the environment that provides a student with an equal opportunity to learn and allows the individual to meaningfully participate in class activities.

Requesting Reasonable Accommodations at NPS
It is up to you to confidentially discuss your challenges and explore accommodations with NPS personnel. NPS is committed to making the process simple, fast, and discreet. Review the information on this website, then contact your program officer to get started.

Multiple Language Learners:
Whether you are visiting from another country or you have more than one language under your belt, you may find writing in American English a challenge at NPS. Use the links on this page to learn more about U.S. military writing style and formatting norms and polish your English. Visit the Writing Resources page for even more tools.

- Military Language
- English Language Learner Resources

nps.edu/web/gwc/learning-tools
Discover the GWC's

Student Publishing Portal

https://nps.edu/web/gwc/publishing

Academic publishing overview
Calls for papers
Publication outlets
Military creative writing outlets
Conference papers and presentations
NPS students' published works

We also help students set publishing goals through our pre-submission coaching and two publishing workshops:

Writing for Online Outlets
Writing for Academic Journals