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SWEETLAND CENTER FOR WRITING
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Graduate Writing Support

Writing Workshop

Sweetland offers one-to-one, in-person and online writing consultations for graduate students in Writing Workshop. Our faculty consultants can assist you with any writing or multimedia project that directly pertains to your academic and/or research pursuits as a graduate student, including course assignments, dissertation chapters, conference papers, articles, grant proposals, and fellowship applications.

Rackham/Sweetland Workshops

The Rackham/Sweetland Workshops on Writing cover a host of special topics designed to help graduate students in various aspects of writing. Upcoming workshops and registration info can be found on our website.

Dissertation Writing Groups

These interdisciplinary writing groups provide structured, peer-facilitated support to aid writers through long-term projects. Groups typically consist of four members including a group leader. Participants must be in the writing phase of their dissertations or theses and be available to meet 8x per semester to workshop group members' writing on a rotating basis. Each group determines meeting schedules and expectations.

Dissertation Writing Institute

The DWI is for students whose research is complete or nearly complete, who have conceptualized the principal elements of the dissertation, and who have already begun to write the dissertation. Participants attend the Institute for at least six hours each day during the eight weeks of the Spring term. Sweetland provides a computer and individual office space. Students participate in group discussions, where they share their writing and receive feedback, and receive individual writing consultations with Sweetland faculty.

Fellows Seminar

During the Winter advanced graduate students and faculty from across the disciplines meet to discuss issues in writing pedagogy. Distinguished scholars from across the country provide instruction in the Seminar. Fellows apply knowledge they gain in the Seminar to their teaching of First-Year and Upper-Level Writing Requirement courses.

Courses

WRITING 630: Advanced Writing for Graduate Students is designed for graduate students who have made significant progress in their degree program and are thinking ahead to larger writing projects: a prospectus, conference paper, article, and/or groundwork for a dissertation.

WRITING 631: Dissertation Writing is intended for doctoral students who want to complete one or more chapters of their dissertation, while gaining skills in planning, managing, and improving their dissertation writing process.

WRITING 993: GSI Training - Teaching Writing in the Disciplines is designed for GSIs teaching courses that undergrads use to fulfill the Upper-Level Writing Requirement. Writing 993 is mandatory for GSIs working in these courses, but may be elected with permission.

