Improve your writing:
Take a graduate writing class

The Department of Writing and Rhetoric Studies offers several graduate writing courses designed to help you learn to write different types of documents, improve your writing style, and increase your writing productivity.

Classes are limited to 12-15 students so that you receive individual attention.

Our classes offer you an opportunity to draft, revise, and edit a document that is important to your educational and professional goals, such as a dissertation chapter, capstone report, journal article, manuscript, or grant proposal.

You'll receive expert feedback as you revise your document for its intended audience.
Writing for Publication identifies many different types of writing produced by researchers, examines the steps writers take to organize a standard argument or present research findings, and explores how successful academic writing is constructed. Class sessions target article and journal analysis, and students participate in workshopping their own writing as they prepare and strengthen work for publication.

WRTG 7000: Dissertation Writing

Designed for graduate students in all disciplines, Dissertation Writing introduces students to the various genres of dissertations and how to prepare them. The course focuses on the process of writing a dissertation, from contextualizing a research problem, to describing specific aims and research methods, to making the results relevant to a scholarly community. Students complete two dissertation chapters by the end of the semester.

WRTG 7001: Grant Proposal Writing

This course focuses on grant proposals, addressing the expectations of specific audiences. Emphasis is on institutional and national contexts for grant writing. In this workshop-type course, students discuss grant writing, find possible funding opportunities, write portions of the grant applications associated with those opportunities, and then submit them for review. This course is designed to help graduate students in all disciplines to develop their skills in writing for publication.

WRTG 7002: Dissertation Workshop

Students continue progress in writing their dissertation with support. Helpful for all students completing their dissertation.

WRTG 7060: Scientific Writing

This course is designed to help graduate students in the sciences and engineering develop the skills needed for research and communication. The course provides students with the opportunity to write in a variety of genres they are likely to encounter in their professional lives and to develop the skills needed for research and writing. This course is designed to help graduate students in the sciences and engineering develop the skills needed for research and communication.

WRTG 7080: Writing in the Health Sciences

Designed to help graduate students in the sciences and engineering develop the skills needed for research and communication. This course provides students with the opportunity to write in a variety of genres they are likely to encounter in their professional lives and to develop the skills needed for research and writing. This course is designed to help graduate students in the sciences and engineering develop the skills needed for research and communication.

WRTG 6060: Scientific Writing