Graduate Centre for Academic Communication

School of Graduate Studies

GCAC offers **six types of support** designed to target the needs of both native and non-native speakers of English: **non-credit courses**, **live** and **on-demand** workshops, individual **writing consultations**, **boot camps**, **additional resources**, and **guest talks within departments by invitation.** All our programs are free and open to graduate students at the U of T. Courses and workshops require registration, and consultations require an appointment. The resources page of our website provides links to useful online material related to academic writing and speaking. For further information, please visit our website at **www.gcac.utoronto.ca.**

Courses

The courses listed below require online registration. Course descriptions and registration instructions can be found on our website. GCAC has six course sessions per year, starting in August, September, October, January, February, and May. Students may take a maximum of 2 courses in each session. **Students who enroll in more than 2 courses per session will be removed from all courses**. **Since our courses are in very heavy demand, we ask that you register only if you are certain you can attend the entire course**. **Please note**: All sections of a course cover the same material at the same level. Course sections differ only in the dates on which the course is run. **Divisional breakdown is as follows**: Division 1 – Humanities, Division 2 – Social Sciences, Division 3 – Physical Sciences, and Division 4 – Life Sciences. Courses will not be recorded, so attendance at the time of weekly classes is mandatory.

MAY/JUNE COURSES: REGISTRATION OPENS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH AT 10:00 A.M.

COURSE TYPE			DAY AND TIME	DURATION	DELIVERY
GRANT-WRITING COURSES					
Writing SSHRC Proposals	(3 weeks)	Section 1	Mon 2pm – 4pm	May 26 – Jun 9	Online
Writing NSERC Proposals	(3 weeks)	Section 1	Mon 2pm – 4pm	Jun 2 – Jun 16	Online
Writing CIHR Proposals	(3 weeks)	Section 1	Wed 5pm – 7pm	Jun 4 – Jun 18	Online
RESEARCH WRITING COURSES					
Navigating the Publishing Process	(5 weeks)	Section 1	Thurs 10am – 12pm	May 8 – Jun 5	Online
Thesis Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences	(5 weeks)	Section 1	Tue 2pm – 4pm	May 13 – Jun 10	Online
Prewriting Strategies for Developing and Organizing Your Ideas	(4 weeks)	Section 1	Tue 10am – 12pm	May 20 – Jun 10	Online
ACADEMIC WRITING COURSES					
Graduate Writing 1: Establishing Your Foundation	(5 weeks)	Section 1	Wed 2pm – 4pm	May 7 – Jun 4	Online
	(5 weeks)	Section 2	Fri 1pm – 3pm	May 9 – Jun 6	Online
Graduate Writing 2: Revising for Clarity	(5 weeks)	Section 1	Fri 10am – 12pm	May 9 – Jun 6	Online
ORAL COMMUNICATION COURSES					
Academic Conversation Skills	(6 weeks)	Section 1	Wed 10am – 12pm	May 7 – Jun 11	Online
Oral Presentation Skills	(6 weeks)	Section 1	Tue 10am – 12pm	May 6 – Jun 10	In-Person
	(5 weeks)	Section 2	Tue 5pm – 7pm	May 13 – Jun 10	In-Person
	(5 weeks)	Section 3	Fri 10am – 12pm	May 9 – Jun 6	Online

NB: The OPS 5-week courses will include an additional tutorial session.

Writing Centre Consultations: 1-on-1 Appointments

One-on-one consultations are available for students who seek individualized assistance with various aspects of their writing, such as outlining, structuring, evaluating clarity, and identifying stylistic and grammatical errors.

The writing appointments are not proofreading sessions; they are designed to help students learn to evaluate and improve their own writing.

Appointments are 40 minutes long and are held either online or in the GCAC Writing Centre (Room MR108, 1st Floor, 12 Queen's Park Crescent West.) Students may book up to 5 appointments per term.

To learn more and to book an appointment, please visit **www.gcac.utoronto.ca/writing-centre/#book**.

Information about other U of T writing centres can be found at **https://writing.utoronto.ca/writing-centres**.

Live Online Workshops

Registration is required for live workshops. Each member of the U of T community is welcome to attend as many workshops as they wish.

DATE	TIME	TITLE	INSTRUCTOR
May 15	4.30pm – 6pm	How to Give Engaging Conference Presentations	Dr. Jay Olson
May 20	4pm – 5.30pm	Writing a Literature Review that Demonstrates the Need for your Research	Dr. Jane Freeman
May 21	4pm – 5.30pm	Becoming a Productive Writer	Dr. Rachael Cayley
May 22	4.30pm – 6pm	Finding Additional Granting Sources	Dr. Jay Olson
May 29	4pm – 5.30pm	Using Online Language Tools for Academic Writing	Elena Danilina
Jun 3	4pm – 5.30pm	Diagramming Strategies for Clarifying Your Thinking Before You Write	Dr. Jane Freeman
Jun 17	4pm – 5.30pm	Writing a Thesis or Grant Proposal	Dr. Jane Freeman
Jun 19	4pm – 5.30pm	Writing Field Notes for Qualitative Research	Bradley Dunseith
Jun 24	4pm – 5.30pm	Considering the Use of Generative AI in Academic Writing	Dr. Jane Freeman
Jun 26	4pm – 5.30pm	Conducting Interviews in Social Science Research	Bradley Dunseith

On-Demand Workshops

Registration is required for on-demand workshops. Each member of the U of T community is welcome to attend as many workshops as they wish.

On-demand workshops are available for the entire term. Sample titles of some on-demand workshops are below. For a full list of workshop topics and registration links, go to the GCAC website at **https://www.gcac.utoronto.ca/workshops/#on-demand**.

Advanced Grammar	Using Corpora to Improve Your Academic Writing
Writing Effective Literature Reviews	Improving Your Graduate-Level Reading Skills
Preparing to Write a Grant Proposal	Developing Effective Note-Taking Strategies
Building Your Academic Vocabulary	Strategies for Developing Your 3MT Presentation
Writing IMRD Research Articles	Creating Accessible PowerPoint Presentations

Listserv

The GCAC Listserv is a broadcast list used to make weekly announcements about workshops, course registration dates and schedules, and operational dates of the Writing Centre. It is not a discussion list, and only one message is sent per week.

To subscribe to the list, send an email message to listserv@listserv.utoronto.ca (upper or lower case is acceptable).
In the BODY of the message type a command of the form: subscribe gcac-l yourfirstname yourlastname.

Scan the QR code to visit our website and follow us on Instagram for the latest news and announcements about our offerings!

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