



Graduate Centre for Academic Communication

School of Graduate Studies

FALL 2026
COURSE SCHEDULE

GCAC offers **seven 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.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER COURSES: REGISTRATION OPENS ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH AT 10:00 A.M.

COURSE TYPE			DAY AND TIME	DURATION	DELIVERY
GRADUATE WRITING					
Prewriting: Strategies for Developing and Organizing your Ideas	(4 weeks)	Section 1	Mon 4pm – 6pm	Sep 14 – Oct 5	In-Person
	(4 weeks)	Section 2	Tue 10am – 12pm	Sep 22 – Oct 13	Online
Writing: Conventions of Graduate Writing	(5 weeks)	Section 1	Wed 10am – 12pm	Sep 16 – Oct 14	Online
	(5 weeks)	Section 2	Thurs 12pm – 2pm	Sep 17 – Oct 15	In-Person
	(5 weeks)	Section 3	Wed 1pm – 3pm	Sep 23 – Oct 21	Online
	(5 weeks)	Section 4	Fri 11am – 1pm	Sep 25 – Oct 23	Online
ORAL COMMUNICATION					
Academic Conversation Skills	(6 weeks)	Section 1	Tue 2pm – 4pm	Sep 15 – Oct 20	Online
	(6 weeks)	Section 2	Wed 5pm – 7pm	Sep 16 – Oct 21	In-Person
	(6 weeks)	Section 3	Fri 10am – 12pm	Sep 18 – Oct 23	In-Person
Oral Presentation Skills	(6 weeks)	Section 1	Tue 11am – 1pm	Sep 15 – Oct 20	In-Person
	(6 weeks)	Section 2	Thurs 5pm – 7pm	Sep 17 – Oct 22	Online
	(6 weeks)	Section 3	Fri 10am – 12pm	Sep 18 – Oct 23	In-Person
GRANT WRITING					
Writing Master's SSHRC Proposals	(3 weeks)	Section 1	Fri 1pm – 3pm	Oct 9 – Oct 23	Online

NOVEMBER COURSES: REGISTRATION OPENS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH AT 10:00 A.M.

COURSE TYPE			DAY AND TIME	DURATION	DELIVERY
RESEARCH WRITING					
Navigating the Publishing Process	(5 weeks)	Section 1	Tue 10am – 12pm	Nov 3 – Dec 1	Online
Understanding the Research Article: Reading Towards Writing (Div. 3 & 4)	(5 weeks)	Section 1	Fri 2pm – 4pm	Nov 6 – Dec 4	Online
GRADUATE WRITING					
Prewriting: Strategies for Developing and Organizing your Ideas	(4 weeks)	Section 3	Mon 4pm – 6pm	Nov 2 – Nov 23	Online
	(4 weeks)	Section 4	Thurs 10am – 12pm	Nov 5 – Nov 26	Online
Writing: Conventions of Graduate Writing	(5 weeks)	Section 5	Wed 10am – 12pm	Nov 4 – Dec 2	Online
	(5 weeks)	Section 6	Fri 2pm – 4pm	Nov 6 – Dec 4	Online
Revising: Achieving Flow and Clarity	(5 weeks)	Section 1	Fri 11am – 1pm	Nov 6 – Dec 4	Online
ORAL COMMUNICATION					
Academic Conversation Skills	(6 weeks)	Section 4	Wed 1pm – 3pm	Nov 4 – Dec 9	Online
	(6 weeks)	Section 5	Fri 10am – 12pm	Nov 6 – Dec 11	In-Person
Oral Presentation Skills	(6 weeks)	Section 4	Tue 11am – 1pm	Nov 3 – Dec 8	In-Person
	(6 weeks)	Section 5	Fri 10am – 12pm	Nov 6 – Dec 11	Online

Writing Centre Consultations: 1-on-1 Appointments

1-on-1 40-minute appointments 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. It is not a proofreading service.

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](#). The entire U of T community is welcome to attend as many workshops as they wish.

SERIES	DATE	TIME	TITLE	INSTRUCTOR
Grant-Writing	Sep 8	4pm – 5.30pm	Writing NSERC Proposals	Dr. Fiona Coll
	Sep 9	4pm – 5.30pm	Writing CIHR Proposals	Dr. Marvin Lam
	Sep 10	4pm – 5.30pm	Writing SSHRC Proposals	Dr. Matt Jones
Graduate Communication Toolkit	Sep 23	4pm – 5.30pm	Graduate Writing: An Introduction	Dr. Rachael Cayley
	Sep 30	4pm – 5.30pm	Crafting Effective Sentences	Dr. Rachael Cayley
	Oct 7	4pm – 5.30pm	Creating Flow	Dr. Rachael Cayley
	Oct 14	4pm – 5.30pm	Building a Revision Process	Dr. Rachael Cayley
	Oct 21	4pm – 5.30pm	Making Oral Presentations	Dr. Rachael Cayley
	Oct 28	4pm – 5.30pm	Becoming a Productive Writer	Dr. Rachael Cayley
Navigating Graduate Work: Mondays	Sep 14	4pm – 5.30pm	Writing a Thesis or Grant Proposal	Dr. Matt Jones
	Sep 21	4pm – 5.30pm	Writing Effective Literature Reviews	Dr. Patti Luedecke
	Sep 28	4pm – 5.30pm	Formulating a Compelling Teaching Philosophy	Dr. Samantha Jackson
	Oct 5	4pm – 5.30pm	Designing and Presenting an Effective Poster Presentation	Dr. Samantha Jackson
	Oct 19	4pm – 5.30pm	Preparing an Abstract for an Academic Paper	Dr. Matt Jones
	Nov 2	4pm – 5.30pm	Preparing to Apply to a Conference	Dr. Matt Jones
	Nov 9	4pm – 5.30pm	Publishing a Book Review	Dr. Matt Jones
	Nov 16	4pm – 5.30pm	Preparing for Archival Research	Dr. Matt Jones
Navigating Graduate Work: Tuesdays	Sep 29	4pm – 5.30pm	Writing Field Notes for Qualitative Research	Bradley Dunseith
	Oct 6	4pm – 5.30pm	Conducting Interviews in Social Science Research	Bradley Dunseith
	Oct 13	6.30pm – 8pm	Communication Strategies for Non-Academic Interviews	Zhen Wang
	Oct 20	6.30pm – 8pm	Presenting Effectively to Non-Academic Audiences	Zhen Wang
	Nov 3	4pm – 5.30pm	Preparing for Your Dissertation Defense	Dr. Jordana Lobo-Pires
	Nov 10	4pm – 5.30pm	Strategies to Approach Interdisciplinary Research	Dr. Jordana Lobo-Pires
	Nov 17	4pm – 5.30pm	Writing Effective Literature Reviews	Dr. Jordana Lobo-Pires
Navigating Graduate Work: Thursdays	Oct 15	4pm – 5.30pm	Formulating Focused Research Questions	Dr. Jordana Lobo-Pires
	Oct 22	4pm – 5.30pm	Framing Your Work Conceptually and Theoretically	Dr. Jordana Lobo-Pires
	Oct 29	4pm – 5.30pm	Finding Additional Granting Sources	Dr. Jay Olson

On-Demand Workshops

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	Preparing Your 3MT Presentation
Writing IMRD Research Articles	Creating Accessible PowerPoint Presentations

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