The Graduate Centre for Academic Communication (GCAC) offers five types of instruction designed to target the needs of both native and non-native speakers of English: **non-credit courses**, **single-session workshops**, **individual writing consultations**, **boot camps**, and **website resources**. 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 https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/resources-supports/gcac.

Courses

The courses listed below require online registration. Course descriptions and registration instructions can be found on our website. GCAC has five course sessions per year, starting in 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. Synchronous courses will not be recorded, so attendance at the time of weekly classes is mandatory.

MAY COURSES: REGISTRATION OPENS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD AT 10:00 A.M.

COURSE		DAY AND TIME	DURATION	DELIVERY			
RESEARCH WRITING COURSES							
Navigating the Publishing Process	(5 weeks) Section	n 1 Thurs 10am – 12pm	May 9 – Jun 6	Synchronous Online			
Prewriting Strategies for Developing and Organizing Your Ideas (All Divisions)	(4 weeks) Section	n 1 Wed 10am – 12pm	May 15 – Jun 5	Synchronous Online			
Writing SSHRC Proposals	(3 weeks) Section	1 Tue 3pm – 5pm	May 28 – Jun 11	Synchronous Online			
Writing CIHR Proposals	(3 weeks) Section	n 1 Thurs 5pm – 7pm	May 30 – Jun 13	Synchronous Online			
Writing NSERC Proposals	(3 weeks) Section	n 1 Fri 10am – 12pm	May 31 – Jun 14	Synchronous Online			
ACADEMIC WRITING COURSES							
Graduate Writing 1: Establishing Your Foundation	(5 weeks) Section	n 1 Fri 2pm – 4pm	May 10 – Jun 7	Synchronous Online			
	(5 weeks) Section	12 Tue 10am – 12pm	May 14 – Jun 10	Synchronous Online			
Graduate Writing 2: Deepening Your Expertise	(5 weeks) Section	1 Thurs 10am – 12pm	May 9 – Jun 6	Synchronous Online			
	(5 weeks) Section	1 2 Tue 1pm – 3pm	May 14 – Jun 10	Synchronous Online			
ORAL COMMUNICATION COURSES							
Academic Conversation Skills	(6 weeks) Section	1 Thurs 1pm – 3pm	May 9 – Jun 13	Synchronous Online			
	(6 weeks) Section	1 Wed 2pm – 4pm	May 8 – Jun 12	In-Person			
Oral Presentation Skills	(6 weeks) Section	1 2 Thurs 6pm – 8pm	May 9 – Jun 13	In-Person			
	(6 weeks) Section	n 3 Fri 10am – 12pm	May 10 – Jun 14	Synchronous Online			

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 W.) Students may book up to 5 appointments per term.

To book an appointment, please visit https://utorontogc.mywconline.com.

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

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SUMMER 2024 Workshop Schedule

School of Graduate Studies

Registration is required for all workshops. All members of the U of T community are welcome to attend as many workshops as they wish.

Synchronous Online Workshops

LIVE WORKSHOPS SERIES	DATE	TITLE	INSTRUCTOR
Monday Series	Jun 3	Developing Effective Note-Taking Strategies	Dr. Jane Freeman and Jesse Carliner
3pm – 4.30pm ET	Jun 10	Developing and Maintaining a Productive Supervisory Relationship	Dr. Jane Freeman and Aziza Kajan
Tuesday Series 3pm – 4.30pm ET	May 28	Critical Reading for Writing and Research	Rana Haidar
	Jun 4	Responding to Feedback on Your Writing	Rana Haidar
	Jun 11	Writing Field Notes for Qualitative Research	Bradley Dunseith
	Jun 18	Conducting Interviews in Social Science Research	Bradley Dunseith
Wednesday Series 4pm – 5.30pm ET	May 15	Writing Effective Summaries	Elena Danilina
	May 22	Using Online Language Tools for Academic Writing	Elena Danilina
	May 29	Making an Academic Podcast as a Graduate Student	Pranjal Tiwari
Wednesday Series 5pm – 6.30pm ET	Jun 5	Finding Additional Granting Sources	Dr. Jay Olson
	Jun 12	How to Give Engaging Academic Presentations	Dr. Jay Olson
Thursday Series 3pm – 4.30pm ET	May 23	Diagramming Strategies for Clarifying Your Thinking Before You Write	Dr. Jane Freeman
	May 30	AI and the Modern Scholar: ChatGPT for Academic Writing	Dr. Jane Freeman and Noah Khan
	Jun 6	An Introduction to Copilot and its Uses in Academic Writing	Dr. Jane Freeman and Noah Khan

Asynchronous Online Workshops

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

Creating and Designing Poster Presentations Writing Effective Literature Reviews Preparing to Write a Grant Proposal Building Your Academic Vocabulary Giving Feedback on Student Writing Managing the Increased Attentional Demands of Graduate School Communicating Research Beyond Academia Designing Graphics for Publication Writing Titles and Abstracts 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.utoronto.ca (upper or lower case is acceptable). In the BODY of the message type a command of the form: subscribe gcac-l firstname lastname.

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