



Navigating the PhD Workshop Series

These two interactive writing workshops, given at least once a semester, are designed to help you develop an individualized plan for graduate writing. It is highly recommended that you attend only one workshop; please read the descriptions of each workshop carefully to find the one that best suits your needs. The morning session is designed for doctoral student early in the PhD process. The afternoon session is designed for doctoral student later in the PhD process. Pizza lunch will be provided at noon. Each workshop will be limited to 25 doctoral students.

9:00 AM - Noon **Navigating the PhD: Managing Time and Academic Relationships**

In this 3-hour workshop, plans for time management and working with others will be the main focus. Participants will create academic timelines for their PhD work at MSU and discuss technologies and habits that can help them stay on task. Participants will also discuss how to manage the stress that often pervades the life of PhD students and share strategies for overcoming writer's block and procrastination. Additionally, discussion about selecting and working with committees will provide a space for sharing about and learning how to communicate with faculty members about participants' research and writing. This workshop is better suited to students in the first 2 or 3 years of PhD work.

1 PM - 4 PM **Navigating the PhD: Writing Processes & Strategies for Academic Writing**

In this 3-hour workshop, the focus will be on writing processes and practices. The PhD programs at MSU require written comprehensive exams, dissertation proposals, and dissertations. In the workshop, participants will explore and share their current writing practices and be given practical writing and revision strategies. The latter half of the workshop will focus on developing a plan for approaching comprehensive exams or the dissertation (depending on the student's current needs). Such a plan will help students develop goals, ask questions, and address writing strengths and limitations to successfully complete their degrees. This workshop is better suited for students who are working on their dissertations or preparing for comprehensive exams.

Choose the Date that works best for you:

Friday, September 30, 2011 or Friday, October 21, 2011

Workshop Leaders: The Writing Center Staff

For questions about content, please contact facilitator Katie Marie Gunter at gunterka@msu.edu.

To register: Please use the Graduate School's online registration system. Please go to <http://grad.msu.edu/workshops/webreg.aspx> and follow the directions for registering. In the **Comments** box on the online form, please indicate if you will be attending the pizza lunch.

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