The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences offers two semester-length courses that aim to foster the writing and English language skills of postgraduate thesis and dissertation writers.

**Semester 1, 2016**

*Writing a Thesis Chapter* is designed to strengthen your drafting and analysis skills as you prepare for the most intensive writing phase of your candidature. The course is designed for students in the second year of their candidature, and may be of particular value for those who require additional writing support or who have English as an Additional Language, especially international students.

**Topics covered:**
- Developing the argument of the thesis
- Developing literature reviews and theoretical frameworks
- Writing substantive and results chapters
- Writing about methodology
- Writing discussions and conclusions
- Preparing a conference/thesis abstract
- Developing and concluding an argument in a chapter

**Semester 2, 2016**

*Introduction to Thesis Writing* is intended as the first course in the series and is designed for students in the early stages of their candidature, preferably after at least a semester concentrating mainly on research. The course is designed to support you in your own thesis writing, specifically fundamental elements such as the research proposal, literature review, and sections of chapters. It will be particularly useful for students who need to develop their English language proficiency and/or understanding of the requirements of thesis writing in English.

**Topics covered:**
- Writing and revising research proposals
- Writing background chapters and literature reviews
- Library research skills
- Writing critical literature reviews

**Registration**

Applications are made via an online form, and must be authorised jointly by interested students and their supervisors.

If you would like to be alerted about when the application period begins, email arts.pgwriting@sydney.edu.au

**Further Information**