Why study postgraduate units at the Writing Hub?

Writing Hub postgraduate units of study are designed to increase your abilities in writing, communication, and critical literacies, including digital literacy.

We offer a range of units to cater for writers at all levels, from those struggling with English or academic writing conventions to more confident writers wishing to improve their writing and persuasiveness for particular audiences. We provide students at all levels with proven strategies for both producing effective writing and critically analysing a range of texts.

The Writing Hub offers two streams of postgraduate units of study: Professional and Advanced Writing (WRIT) and Academic English and Literacy Support (FASS).

**Professional and Advanced Writing**

**WRIT6000 Professional Writing**

**WRIT6001 Professional Editing**

These Professional/Advanced Writing UoS are appropriate for students from all disciplines planning to enter the workforce or those already engaged in workplace writing, editing, and communication contexts. These UoS are also beneficial for students wishing to improve their abilities to produce “everyday” writing, including emails, job applications, CVs, cover letters, complaint/commendation letters, and good/bad news letters.

**Academic English and Literacy Support**

**FASS7001**

**FASS7002**

These UoS are highly recommended for anyone wishing to improve their academic English and academic literacies, including students whose first language is not English, International students, and those who may be returning to the academy after an extended break. The programs of study focus on critical reading and thinking, academic writing, research skills, and academic presentations.
Thesis Writing Courses

These fourteen-week courses are available to all Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences students enrolled in higher degrees by research. Both are non-award courses, meaning that their completion does not count formally towards the attainment of a degree, but will assist in attaining a higher standard of professional skill.

Introduction to Thesis Writing is a course designed to support postgraduate research students in their second semester of candidature. Fundamental aspects of thesis writing such as the research proposal, literature reviews and sections of chapters are introduced. The course will be particularly useful for students who need to develop their English language proficiency and/or their understanding of the requirements of English thesis writing.

Writing a Thesis Chapter is a course designed to further develop the writing and English language skills of postgraduate research students in their second year of candidature. Topics to be covered include: developing the argument of the thesis, developing literature reviews and theoretical frameworks, writing substantive and results chapters, writing about methodology, writing discussions and conclusions; and preparing a conference/thesis abstract.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is the WRIT or FASS stream right for me?

If you are having trouble with written or spoken English, or difficulties in understanding particular academic contexts and conventions, the FASS UoS would probably be the best choice for you, to ensure you get the support you need.

If you are already competent in English and a somewhat confident writer wishing to improve your writing for specific purposes and audiences, the WRIT curriculum would probably be the most appropriate choice for you.

However, the streams are not mutually exclusive, and students might find it useful to enrol in units of study from each stream, depending on their needs, or to progress from one stream to another.

How do WRIT or FASS units of study fit into my degree program?

In most cases, WRIT or FASS UoS can be counted as electives in any degree program, but your degree director will be able to advise further on this.

How do I enrol in a Thesis Writing course or make an appointment with the Postgraduate Writing Advisor?

Applications to register interest in the next session of this course are now open. Applications must be made on students’ behalf by their supervisors or Departmental postgraduate research coordinators.