

Fall 2010 Course Description

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課程名稱/ Course name : Academic Writing

課號/ Course number :

班次/ Section number :

學分數/ Credit hour : 3 hours

課程概述 Course Description **(Required. At least 50 Chinese characters or 200 English letters.)**

This is a compulsory course for first year graduate students. This semester the course will focus on formulating dissertation proposals, generating bibliographies, doing preliminary research, reviewing and creating a dissertation outline. It will also equip students with the skills required to search for and contribute to conferences and apply for funding.

課程目標 Course Objectives **(Required.)**

To engage students in the long-term process of researching, writing and revising for their dissertations to give them the best opportunity of producing a polished dissertation in their graduating year.

課程要求 Requirements **(Optional)**

In the first week students should have an idea of what they might like to focus on for their dissertations.

參考書目 (教科書) Textbook and References **(Required)**

Much of the material to be used in class will be generated by the students. There are a number of useful general guides for researchers. Derek Pugh, *How to Get a Ph.D.* OUP, 2005 offers good advice for graduate students as well as a bibliography for help with different aspects of researching and writing. Also recommended is Rowena Murray, *How to Write a Thesis.* OUP, 2006. Joseph M. Williams, *Style: Ten Lessons in Clarity and Grace* 9th ed. Longman, 2006, is useful for sharpening up academic prose. A course pack of study skills will be provided.

評量方式 Grading **(Required for new courses.)**

Example: Mid-term exam 50%, final exam 50%

Students must submit their research portfolio in week 9 and week 18.

進度 Syllabus (Required for new courses.)

- ① Introduction to thesis writing
- ② Developing an idea into an argument
- ③ Building a bibliography
- ④ Building a bibliography
- ⑤ Reviewing secondary material
- ⑥ Reviewing secondary material
- ⑦ Sketching a draft
- ⑧ Writing the proposal
- ⑨ Mid-term submission of research portfolio
- ⑩ Academic applications
- ⑪ How to find useful conferences
- ⑫ Reviewing the dissertation outline
- ⑬ The uses of study groups for researching
- ⑭ How to write the thesis
- ⑮ Writing and reviewing the thesis
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- ⑱ **Final** Submission of research portfolio