

## Resources for academic writing

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### Basics

- [Nine basic ways to improve your style in academic writing](#)
  - *A set of tips from the UC Berkley Student Learning Center*
- [Read strategically!](#)
  - *More writing tips from UC Berkley – reading and organizing*
- [How to avoid ulcers, hernias, and other medical maladies: A guide to the writing process](#)
  - *Stylistic advice for active and expressive writing*
- [Sentence-level concerns](#)
  - *Getting into the nitty-gritty: sentence structure, clarity, and common mistakes*
- [What are some useful tools and resources to help you with academic writing tasks?](#)  
(LinkedIn)
  - *Interactive LinkedIn writing guide (with sparse contributions)*
- [Intro to review literature](#)
  - *Tips and advice on literature review from UGA Libraries, focusing on search strategies, source types, and available catalogs*
- Writing center consultants

### Motivation to write

[National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity \(NCFDD\)](#) –Register with UGA credentials for access to NCFDD

- Writing group: 30 minutes writing every day – 14-day challenge
- Recorded webinars in NCFDD
  - How to develop a daily writing practice
  - Moving from resistance to writing
  - Writing as metaphor: Discovering a writing process that works for you
  - Building a publishing pipeline: Concrete strategies for increasing your writing productivity

### Grant writing resources

- [Webinar series: Everything You Need To Know About Grant Writing](#)

### Other forms of writing

#### Policy and governance

Abrams, J. (2022). *Forest Policy and Governance in the United States: An Introduction*. Taylor & Francis.

## Ethnographic writing

Amitav Ghosh (2016). *The great derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable*. University of Chicago Press

De la Cadena, M. (2015). *Earth beings: Ecologies of practice across Andean worlds*. Duke University Press.

## **Best writing practices and strategies discussed at Fall 2023 writing retreat**

- Creating a list of things/topics to write about
- Establish weekly plans and writing targets
- Set realistic goals, acknowledging that writing might take more time than anticipated
- Allocate dedicated thinking time for writing
- Don't wait for the perfect moment to write
- Recognize the value of time spent reading for writing purposes
- Embrace non-linear writing, jotting down thoughts as they come to mind
- Prioritize writing in the morning
- Utilize tools like audio readers and thesauruses
- Aim to write 500 words per day
- Foster accountability through writing buddies
- Seek feedback from diverse sources
- Review your writing after taking a break of 2-3 days

## **Writing session format**

Goal: Clearly define and write the goal of your writing project using SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound) goals.

Subsequently, proceed with your writing session, and at the end, revisit the initial goal to assess the progress made during the session.