

Additional Student Writing Resources

Essay Writing

Success in Academic Writing by T Day (2013). London, Palgrave Macmillan.

Planning your Essay by J Godwin, (2014) 2nd Edition. Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan.

How to Write Better Essays by B Greetham, (2018) 4th Edition. London, Palgrave Macmillan.

[*The Academic Phrasebank*](#) by J Morley (2017) Manchester, University of Manchester.

[*Essay Planning Help*](#) by Jackie Wills

Two short videos from a former RLF Writing Fellow at the University of Sussex.

Academic Writing Blogs

[*Patter*](#) by Pat Thomson, Professor of Education in the School of Education, University of Nottingham.

[*Explorations of Style*](#) by Rachael Cayley, Associate Professor (teaching stream) in the Graduate Centre for Academic Communication, which is part of the School of Graduate Studies at the University of Toronto.

Grammar and Punctuation

[*Grammar for Academic Writing*](#) by T Lynch & K Anderson. Revised and updated by A Elloway (2013). English Language Teaching Centre, University of Edinburgh

Eats, Shoots and Leaves by Lynne Truss (2009). London, Fourth Estate.

A humorous look at the importance of punctuation.

Brilliant Writing Tips for Students by J Copus (2009). London, Palgrave Pocket Study Guides.

A very short guide to the essentials of grammar and punctuation.

Style

Stylish Academic Writing by H Sword (2012). Cambridge, Massachusetts, Harvard University Press

The Elements of Style by William Strunk Jr & E.B. White (1999) Cambridge, Pearson.
A timeless (and short) guide to writing clearly.

Writing with Power: Techniques for Mastering the Writing Process by P Elbow (1989).
Oxford: OUP.

How to apply freewriting and fast-drafting techniques. Useful for creative projects, getting ideas down and getting past the hurdle of the 'blank page'.

Critical Thinking

Critical Thinking Skills: Effective Analysis, Argument and Reflection by S Cottrell (2017).
3rd Edition. London, Palgrave Macmillan.

Writing your dissertation

Writing Your Dissertation: The bestselling guide to planning, preparing and presenting first-class work. Swetnam, D. & Swetnam, S. (2000). 3rd Edn. London: How to Books.

Writing English as a Second Language

[*Writing English as a Second Language*](#) by W Zinsser (2009). American Scholar, Winter 2010.

Updated March 2024