



LECTURE TITLE	<i>How to Write a Dissertation</i>
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OBJECTIVES	<p>By the end of the class, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand the academic writing process and the requirements of the IMPPM dissertation.• Choose a suitable dissertation topic and thesis.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Differentiate between a “topic” and a “thesis” (or dissertation question).○ Use research strategies to identify topics.○ Brainstorm potential thesis statements.• Begin drafting a dissertation using the proper structure and organization.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Understand the proper use of sources.○ Support a dissertation’s thesis with strong arguments while addressing potential counterarguments.○ Outline a dissertation.• Begin the writing and editing process.
DESCRIPTION	<p>Class will consist of lectures, discussion, and exercises. Students will be given the opportunity to begin brainstorming dissertation ideas with colleagues. Students will also review sample pieces of writing for strengths and weaknesses</p>
CLASS MATERIAL	<p>PowerPoint presentations Handouts & writing samples Other readings as appropriate</p>