

Intensive Writing Experience—Thesis & Dissertation Writers

Sponsored by the Purdue Writing Lab with support from the Purdue Graduate School

WHAT IS THE INTENSIVE WRITING EXPERIENCE (IWE)?

The purpose of the Intensive Writing Experience is to give masters and doctoral students in good standing with their programs time to write or to revise their thesis or dissertation with support from Writing Lab staff. Participants will receive writing instruction and support from Writing Lab staff, will spend **significant** time writing or revising their thesis or dissertation, and will network with other graduate writers on campus.

Summer 2023 offers one virtual week and four in-person weeks. Writers attend only one session during the summer.

Virtual IWE

- May 9-11

Virtual IWE will be a mix of synchronous and asynchronous sessions from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (EDT) each of the three days in the session. Attendees are expected to be available during the entire time for the week they are attending.

In-person IWE

- May 16-18
- May 23-25
- June 6-8
- June 13-15

In-person IWE will take place on campus in KRCH from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM (EDT) each of the three days in the session. Attendees are expected to be available during the entire time for the week they are attending.

WHO CAN ATTEND THE INTENSIVE WRITING EXPERIENCE?

In order to participate, graduate students at the Purdue University West Lafayette campus must be in good standing with their academic program, must be writing or revising a thesis or dissertation, and **must have the approval of their major professor** or the director of graduate studies in their department.

Applicants will be asked to identify where they are in the writing process.

- Getting Started: The writer is just beginning to actually write the thesis or dissertation.
- Drafting: The writer is actively producing more text/material.
- Revising: A significant portion is already written, and the writer wishes to spend time improving the existing material.

Note that the IWE is **NOT** a formatting workshop. If you need help with formatting the document prior to deposit, please contact the [Graduate School Thesis & Dissertation Office](#).

There is no guarantee that an applicant will be accepted to any session, as availability is based on staffing limitations.

For Virtual IWEs: WHAT IF THE TIME ZONE DIFFERENCE DOES NOT ALLOW ME TO PARTICIPATE SYNCHRONOUSLY WITH EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME?

If your time zone difference **does not allow you to participate in** the synchronous sessions, you should use the information available on the Purdue OWL to run [your own personal IWE](#). You can also make [virtual appointments](#) with Writing Lab tutors if you need feedback.

WHAT IS THE DAILY SCHEDULE FOR THE INTENSIVE WRITING EXPERIENCE?

Virtual IWE Weeks

9:00-9:10 Tuesday only—Zoom meeting for introductions and overview
Before 9:30—Asynchronous pre-recorded writing lesson
9:30-10:00—Small group meeting over Zoom
10:00-12:00—Writing time
12:00-12:30—Small group meeting over Zoom
12:30-1:20—Lunch break
1:20-2:00—Asynchronous pre-recorded writing lesson
2:00-2:30—Small group meeting over Zoom
2:30-4:30—Writing time
4:30-5:00—Small group meeting over Zoom

In-person IWE Weeks

8:45-9:00—Arrive and get ready for the day
9:00-10:00—Writing workshop on global issues
10:00-10:15—Goal-setting for the day in small groups
10:15-12:15—Writing time; one-on-one consultations available
12:15-12:30—Reflection and debrief on the morning work
12:30-1:30—Lunch break
1:30-2:00—Writing workshop on sentence-level skills
2:00-2:15—Revisit goals for the afternoon in small groups
2:15-4:15—Writing time; one-on-one consultations available
4:15-4:30—Revisit goals and debrief on the afternoon work

HOW TO APPLY

The application process requires two submissions:

1. Writers should submit the application survey between **Friday, April 21, 2023, and Friday, April 28, 2023**.
2. When the application survey is submitted, the writer's advisor will automatically receive an email with a short list of questions to answer. The advisor should reply to that email by **Friday, April 28, 2023**. This email confirms that the major professor approves the graduate student's attendance at the event.
3. Applicants will hear back from the Writing Lab about their acceptance by **Friday May 5, 2023**.

For application deadlines and notification dates, [check the Writing Lab's website](#):

If you have further questions about this program or the application process, please email Writing.Lab@Purdue.edu and put the word "IWE" in the subject line.