

Modules 3c&d: GRSC6140/6141 Advanced Thesis Writing (3 hours)

Aims/Objectives

The module aims to enhance students' competence in advanced writing and revising strategies which assist thesis-writing graduate students in the Humanities/Sciences.

Contents

The module highlights the recursive nature of academic research writing and focuses on the key revising strategies that help RPgs improve their research writing. The following topics will be covered in this module:

1. Essence of thesis revision
2. The Writing-revising process
3. Revision strategies
4. Formal writing voice

RPgs choose between two streams according to their research disciplines: (i) *humanities and related disciplines* (Module 3c) and (ii) *sciences and related disciplines* (Module 3d).

Enrollment

RPgs who have experience in successfully completing a research thesis of at least 10,000 words in English can enrol in one of the two stream-based advanced courses on thesis writing skills (Modules 3c and 3d) in lieu of the introductory modules to fulfil the GS thesis writing module requirement.

Assessment

Students' completion of the module is assessed on a pass/fail basis by coursework assessment; there is no examination for this module. Students are expected to attend all classes, and attendance will be recorded by Attendance@HKU (or other means).

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- apply "precision of expression" strategies to the writing and revising of their own written work;
- adopt an "economy of language" approach to the writing and revising of their own written work;
- demonstrate conciseness, smoothness, and consistency of writing through an application of revision strategies;
- demonstrate stylistic clarity and detail-oriented skills with regards to academic thesis writing.