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Course Description

In this seminar, you will start the process of writing a research-based text. The M.A. Thesis is a first exercise in academic writing. So don't assume you should already know how to write a thesis. Just prepare yourself to deal with the frustrations and enjoy pleasure of communicating your ideas in a scholarly text!

Your task

Read, Write, Discuss, Listen & Comment, Re-read, Re-write, Discuss, Listen & Comment ... By Week 10, you will have a draft of your thesis's introduction, chapters' description, and bibliography. Perhaps even more!!

Reference: The Chicago Manual of Style. Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 2003
SSH Reference stacks - Z253 .U69 2003

The Plan

Week 01 – “First” Drafts

Week 02 - Discussion of Students' initial formulations of their thesis topics

Week 03 - Discussion of Sample Thesis A

Week 04 - Discussion of Sample Thesis B

Week 05 - Discussion of Sample Thesis C

Week 06 - Discussion of Students' Drafts (Team A)

Week 07 - Discussion of Students' Drafts (Team B)

Week 08 - Discussion of Students' Drafts (Team A)

Week 09 - Discussion of Students' Drafts (Team B)

Week 10 - “Final” Drafts