

Academic Communication Services
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1. Study Abroad: Master's and PhD Applications

This 'kick-off' seminar in our fall series, strongly recommended for all going through the graduate school application process this year, answers common questions regarding the application process and the nature of graduate admissions abroad, as well as updates potential applicants on the requirements they will face during the application process such as letters of recommendation, standardized testing, and personal statements. How the COVID-19 pandemic has somewhat affected the application dynamic will also be discussed. Check MySU Announcements for times and dates. Individual advising consultations are available online during AC office hours.

2. Statement of Purpose Writing

Statement of Purpose (SOP) Writing, which depends on the skill of creating and presenting a 'self', challenges even experienced writers. Writers are encouraged to discuss their academic and research interests within the context of their motivations for choice of discipline. A workshop (follow the Announcements in MySU) introducing general principles associated with the task and individual online writing consultations (available by appointment) help students generate essays that distinguish them as candidates.

3. Manuscripts for Publication and Conference Paper Presentation

Online consultations are available throughout the year for assistance in these areas, and AC highly values its support for students wishing to advance themselves in their disciplines by publishing and presenting.

4. Thesis and Dissertation Support

Early feedback on a chapter, excerpt, or proposal can often be of assistance in moving forward with substantial pieces of writing such as theses and dissertations. While AC cannot read/review entire theses, we are usually able to provide feedback on a chapter or short excerpt that will provide direction to writers as they move forward with their work. Online consultations are also available throughout the year to discuss questions students have about content, flow, language, formatting, or process. Finally, our How to Write Better seminars and Dissertation Boot Camps offer direct help for thesis writers. Keep an eye on MySU announcements each semester to learn how to participate.

5. CV, Cover Letter, and Motivation Letter Writing

Both workshops (check the Announcements on MySU for dates and times) and individual online writing consultations present options available in constructing these documents, help the student to include the distinguishing competencies that make him or her a desirable candidate, and demonstrate the ways in which the CV, cover letter, or motivation letter can be tailored to suit a particular position. Appointments can be scheduled with Academic Communication to get feedback on your draft CVs, CLs, and MLs in an online writing consultation.

6. Admissions Essays

In addition to a Statement of Purpose, many graduate programs require applicants to complete additional essays. Often overlooked by students, these essays can be an important part of the admissions process. Online consultations are available to students seeking help with these essays.

7. Interviews

Workshops are offered on how to plan for and be effective in an interview for an internship or job. Online consultations are also offered to help applicants for graduate programs, jobs, and internships prepare for in-person, telephone, and online interviews.

8. Sample Paper Submission

As part of the admissions process, some graduate departments require samples of a candidate's written work in his or her chosen field. Individual online consultations help candidates choose their best papers and offer any necessary revision strategies.

9. Academic Communications

Online consultations assist graduate applicants in composing mails to prospective programs and professors, acceptance and declination letters, letters of inquiry, research statements, and correspondence involving research assistance or practical matters.

10. Scholarships and Grants

Many scholarships available to international students abroad require very early application. Individual online consultations are available for applicants navigating their way through the scholarship application process or who wish help in writing grant proposals.

11. Course Assignments

Online consultations can be scheduled for assistance with graduate papers and other written work.

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