



## **Graduate Writing Groups**

**Purpose:** Writing Groups are a social and academic way to introduce students to each other and to lend support, foster an atmosphere of community and create a resource for peer feedback on all academic writing endeavors including and up through the thesis / project process.

### **Benefits of Writing Groups:**

- To receive and provide support and lessen the feeling of working and studying in isolation.
- To gain important insight into your own work through constructive and supportive reading response.
- To hold yourself and each other accountable for making progress in your course work and thesis.
- To expand your network of resources that help you achieve your academic and personal goals.
- To learn from others who are on the same journey.
- To create social opportunities for like-minded students with similar academic interests.

### **Discipline Specific Groups:**

If you know of at least 4 people who can commit to a specific time each week in your field of study at the university, let the Graduate Writing Studio help you organize, promote, structure and launch your discipline specific writing group.

### **Multi-Disciplinary Groups:**

If you feel that you would benefit from feedback on your writing projects and you are interested in collaborating with students who have similar needs from various disciplines at this university, the Graduate Writing Studio can help you promote and launch a non-discipline specific writing group.

### **Distance **Zoom** Writing Groups:**

For those students who cannot make it to campus due to distance and time constraints, let the Graduate Writing Studio help you develop a real time, distance **Zoom** writing group. This kind of group may be the very thing you need to get in some writing collaboration time as a working professional who is working on their next level of education.

### **Requirements for Membership and How the Group Will Function:**

- All members must be currently enrolled in Fresno State University in a graduate level program of study.
- Members must have a current writing assignments / thesis / project in progress made available as interactive material for the group.
- Everyone attends every meeting except under extreme circumstances. Joining a writing / support group is not just about making a commitment to oneself; it's also about making a commitment to the group. **For the group to work, everyone needs to commit to making a serious go of it.** When a member drops out (for reasons other than completing his or her thesis / project), it can have a negative effect on everyone in the group. Students who are unable to make this commitment will probably not benefit from joining.

### **Meeting Place:**

Meeting places can be determined as groups form. Most of the current groups utilize the Group Study Rooms in the Henry Madden Library. **Zoom** meetings are held online at predetermined times. Any initial informational meetings will be held in the Graduate Study Center.

### **Getting More Information:**

Interested students are welcome to contact William Anderson at the Graduate Writing Studio at [wanderson@csufresno.edu](mailto:wanderson@csufresno.edu) or call (559) 278-2450 and leave a message with your name, major (program name), and a contact number where you can be reached.