

## Senior Thesis Writing Groups

Seniors wishing to take advantage of a new University program to help students with the work of writing the senior thesis should consider signing up for one of department's Senior Thesis Writing Groups. Here's how they work: students meet with a very well-trained, very advanced graduate student in small groups at regular but by no means oppressively frequent intervals, and under his or her guidance, read and discuss each other's work. Given how isolated and isolating an activity writing can be, it can help to be able to talk with others engaged in the same lonely task. Other benefits include intellectual camaraderie and free food.

Here's a testimonial from a recent participant:

*"The writing group was one of the most helpful things for me in writing my thesis. First of all, it actually makes you start writing, which is the hardest part of the whole process. Second, you get a group of peers who can help you edit your writing and give you some perspective. They are also sympathetic listeners and a great support group. I always felt so much better about my thesis after I went to the writing group, even if we weren't discussing my writing that day. The grad student leading the group will give honest and copious feedback on your ideas, writing style, organization, or anything else you're unsure about. Not to mention that the writing group leader will most likely be a really cool person who knows a ton of helpful resources and strategies that can help if you're having a tough time. The writing group is a really great way to make the whole thesis process easier and make the final product better. I can't think of any reason why you wouldn't sign up." --Lauren Turner '04*

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