
University of Notre Dame Dissertation Camp Sample Schedules

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Dissertation & Senior Thesis Camp – Monday, October 20, 2014

Duration	Location	Description
8:30-9:30	2 nd Floor, East	Grab light morning snack and coffee.
Graduate Students: 8:40-9:05 Seniors: 9:10-9:35	248 Hesburgh Library	Week Kick Off: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Past camp testimonial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maryam Zomorodian (Graduate camp alumna) Michael Mecurio (Senior Camp alumnus) Goal setting activity
9:15-12:15	Graduate Students: Fishbowl – Seniors: Lower Level	Writing and research time: Subject librarian and Writing Center consultations optional, times and locations arranged
12:15-1:15	2 nd Floor, East	Lunch
1:15-1:45	2 nd Floor, Room 248	Analyzing Models Workshop Presenter: Kara Donnelly, University Writing Center In this session, we will discuss how you can use models in order to shape your own writing projects. In particular, we will focus on strategies for examining a model text in order to create an outline for your own text.
1:00-4:30	2 nd Floor, Room 247	Formatting your dissertation workshop, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shari Hill Sweet, Graduate School Registration required, limit 20
1:15-5:00	Graduate Students: Fishbowl – Seniors: Lower Level	Writing and research time: Subject librarian and Writing Center consultations optional, times and locations arranged Afternoon Snack and Break 3:00-3:30, 2nd Floor East, as needed
3:00-3:30	2 nd Floor East	Meet Subject Librarians, schedule consultation, introductions at 3:10pm Afternoon Snack and Break
Graduate Students 4:30-4:45 Seniors 4:45-5:00	Graduate Students: Fishbowl – Seniors: Lower Level	Daily wrap up
5:00-6:00	247 Hesburgh Library	RefWorks Open Question & Answer Forum – registration recommended Presenters: Lauren Ajamie and Monica Moore – Wondering if RefWorks is for you? Come ask questions, see it in action and dispel the rumors.

Dissertation & Senior Thesis Camp – Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Duration	Location	Description
8:30-9:15	2 nd Floor, East	Grab light morning snack and coffee
8:45-9:00 (Graduate Students) 9:00-9:15 (Seniors)	248 Hesburgh Library	Daily goal setting activity
9:15-12:15	Graduate Students: Fishbowl – Seniors: Lower Level	Writing and research time: Subject librarian and Writing Center consultations optional, times and locations arranged
12:15-1:15	2 nd Floor, East	Lunch
1:15-1:45	2 nd Floor, Room 248	Oh! The Stress: Managing Stress that Comes w/ Dissertation and Thesis Presenter: Rita Donley, University Counseling Center Writers often struggle managing and structuring their time, navigating periods where they feel stuck and questioning whether they are up to the task or posing as impostors masquerading as competent students. This session will be structured to briefly address these concerns and validate the importance of stress management and self-care. See http://chronicle.com/blogs/conversation/2014/02/05/impostor-syndrome-academic-identity-under-siege/
1:15-2:00	1 st Floor, 129 Hesburgh Library	Formatting your dissertation forum - LaTeX Presenter: Don Brower, Hesburgh Libraries LaTeX Workshop: This workshop will provide an overview of the LaTeX typesetting system and give participants a hands-on introduction to using it. After this course students should be able to typeset simple documents, and understand enough of LaTeX and its terminology to find answers in online and print resources. Participants may want to install LaTeX beforehand, but it is not necessary.
1:15-5:00	Graduate Students: Fishbowl – Seniors: Lower Level	Writing and research time: Subject librarian and Writing Center consultations optional, times and locations arranged Afternoon Snack and Break 3:00-3:30, 2nd Floor East, as needed
Graduate Students 4:30-4:45 Seniors 4:45-5:00	Graduate Students: Fishbowl – Seniors: Lower Level	Daily wrap up

Dissertation & Senior Thesis Camp, Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Duration	Location	Description
8:30-9:15	2 nd Floor, East	Grab light morning snack and coffee
8:45-9:00 (Graduate Students) 9:00-9:15 (Seniors)	2 nd Floor, Room 248	Daily goal setting activity
9:15-12:15	Graduate Students: Fishbowl – Seniors: Lower Level	Writing and research time: Subject librarian and Writing Center consultations optional, times and locations arranged
12:15-1:15	2 nd Floor, East	Lunch
1:15-1:45	2 nd Floor, Room 248	Presenter: Melinda Gormley, Research Assistant Director, Reilly Center, University of Notre Dame It's imperative to communicate your research succinctly to others during job interviews, at academic conferences, in cover letters, and through online profiles. The message box, a tool for presenting your work to diverse and non-specialist audiences, will be explained.
1:15-5:00	Graduate Students: Fishbowl – Seniors: Lower Level	Writing and research time: Subject librarian and Writing Center consultations optional, times and locations arranged Afternoon Snack and Break 3:00-3:30, 2nd Floor East, as needed
Graduate Students 4:30-4:45 Seniors 4:45-5:00	Graduate Students: Fishbowl – Seniors: Lower Level	Daily wrap up

Dissertation & Senior Thesis Camp, Thursday, October 23, 2014

Date	Location	Description
8:30-9:15	2 nd Floor, East	Grab light morning snack and coffee, second floor, east location
8:45-9:00 (Graduate Students) 9:00-9:15 (Seniors)	2 nd Floor, Room 248	Daily goal setting activity
9:15-12:15	Graduate Students: Fishbowl – Seniors: Lower Level	Writing and research time: Subject librarian and Writing Center consultations optional, times and locations arranged
12:15-1:15	2 nd Floor, East	Lunch, second floor east
1:15-1:45	2 nd Floor, Room 248	<p>Effective goal setting - an expert's advice. Presenter: John Lubker, The Graduate School, University of Notre Dame</p> <p>It is important to have a systematic approach to accomplishing all your goals in graduate school. Don't just let them happen by chance, develop a plan for success. Goal setting is a powerful tool. It can help increase your persistence, effort, and attention in your academic and personal life. I will discuss effective goal setting strategies and tips on how to be more deliberate and successful in both setting and reaching your goals.</p>
1:15-4:45	Graduate Students: Fishbowl – Seniors: Lower Level	<p>Writing and research time: Subject librarian and Writing Center consultations optional, times and locations arranged</p> <p>Afternoon Snack and Break 3:00-3:30, 2nd Floor East, as needed</p>
Graduate Students 4:30-4:45 Seniors 4:45-5:00	Graduate Students: Fishbowl – Seniors: Lower Level	Daily wrap up

Dissertation & Senior Thesis Camp, Friday, October 24, 2014

Date	Location	Description
8:30-9:15	2 nd Floor, East	Grab a light morning snack and coffee, second floor, east location
8:45-9:00 (Graduate Students) 9:00-9:15 (Seniors)	2 nd Floor, Room 248	Daily goal setting activity, second floor, east location
9:15-12:15	Graduate Students: Fishbowl – Seniors: Lower Level	Writing and research time: Subject librarian and Writing Center consultations optional, times and locations arranged
12:15-1:00	2 nd Floor, East	Lunch, second floor east
1:15-1:45	Grad students, 247 Hesburgh Library Seniors, 222 Hesburgh Library	Graduate Students Using Maps, Figures and Illustrations in your Dissertation – How to use these materials in your writing. Mat Sisk, CLIR Postdoctoral Scholar, Hesburgh Libraries. Seniors Beyond Text: Tools for Student-Created Media Notre Dame is gearing up for digital scholarship! Learn about the new suite of tools that supports faculty and students in the Digital Age: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remix: a student-centered portal of resources to aid in the creation of digital media • Kaltura: a powerful tool to facilitate display, management, and storage of digital media • Laurie McGowan and Sherri Jones, Hesburgh Libraries
1:15-4:30	Graduate Students: Fishbowl – Seniors: Lower Level	Writing and research time: Subject librarian and Writing Center consultations optional, times and locations arranged Afternoon Snack and Break 3:00-3:30, 2 nd Floor East, as needed
Graduate Students 4:30-4:45 Seniors 4:45-5:00	Graduate Students: Fishbowl – Seniors: Lower Level	Wrap up daily goals and weekly reflection and wrap-up.

Welcome to Graduate Student Dissertation Camp and the Senior Thesis Camp. In fall semester we hold the camps concurrently and allow graduate students and undergraduate students to work on their large writing projects. Some activities will also permit you to mix with one another: Graduate students and seniors will have most workshops and meals at the same time so that you may engage with one another if you choose. One exception is the goal setting and wrap-up sessions that begin and end each day. On the schedule below, you will see references to sessions and locations for graduate students and seniors. If you encounter any confusion, please consult with Mandy or Laura, who are officially located in Room 115A, first floor, northwest, Hesburgh Library.

As you prepare for camp, please consider the following:

1. Arrive before the start time of your goal setting session so that you may begin breakfast in advance. Breakfast snacks will be served on Second Floor, east. You will SIGN IN EACH DAY.
2. Take some time over the weekend to plan what you hope to accomplish and gather materials you will need. Some suggestions:
 - a. A refillable water bottle and refillable coffee mug. Coffee, hot tea and water stations will be available in your research and writing areas to sustain you and keep you hydrated.
 - b. Layers or a small blanket. The heating and cooling is centrally controlled on campus and we cannot effect a change for the workspaces. We want you to be comfortable, so be sure you plan to adjust for your personal comfort.
 - c. A journal or notebook you can dedicate to your camp usage—whether paper or virtual. We'll talk more about this at camp.
3. If you have not already done so, please notify Mandy or Laura of any times you will need to be away for partial days. Remember that your time in camp serves a purpose of keeping you focused and productive.
4. Notify Mandy and Laura as soon as possible if you'd like to schedule a research consultation with a subject librarian or a writing consultation with a consultant from the University Writing Center.