

University of Notre Dame Dissertation Camp Sample Schedules

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Spring 2015 Dissertation Camp Schedule and Information

All sessions commence in 203 Coleman-Morse on campus. Location change due to increased noise in Heburgh Library renovation

Ground rules:

- Be on time. However, as things happen, if you will be late, leave early, go retrieve materials or step out to take care of an appointment, let a camp director know as soon in advance as possible: Laura, Mandy or Matthew
- Participate in workshops. Camp intends to challenge what you know about your own habits when it comes to research and writing. Your participation extends beyond your desk time. Learn from those who have gone before you by participating in the workshops offered. And, your brain deserves to have a break from your content, too.
- Take time to get to know someone new. Even if you meet someone outside of your discipline you may learn from one another about workstyles, or find that you have commonalities that you can leverage after you leave camp. You might be surprised by this.
- If you need something not apparently provided, ask. We'll do our best to find it or supply it if possible. Our job is to help you succeed.

Monday, March 9

Time	Topic	Speaker / Facilitator
8:30	Start time: Be on site by 8:30. Breakfast served during morning goal setting. You are expected to be in residence during camp hours.	Laura Bayard and Mandy Havert
8:45-9:10	Goal Setting Session: The first day is more thorough and detailed session, and subsequent days will be more compressed to 8:45-9:00. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This session is how you will best succeed in starting your camp experience right. 	University Writing Center Staff
9:10-12:15	Self-directed research and writing time in assigned workspace in Coleman-Morse. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a perfect time to schedule a writing consultation or a subject librarian consultation. • Coffee and tea available. 	Self
12:15-1:15	Lunch Served. Check your daily email for the next day's food offerings	Laura Bayard and Mandy Havert
1:00-1:30	Time Management - John is characterized by colleagues as an expert on facilitating time management strategies with students - helping them find what works and setting goals to change behaviors. Mimi describes herself as a recovering procrastinator, and a proponent of finding what works! Not every "productivity" trick works the same for every person. Knowing yourself, your rhythms and pitfalls, will help you try tactics most effective for you.	John Lubker, Graduate School and Mimi Beck, Graduate Student Life
1:30-4:45	Self-directed research and writing time in assigned workspace in Coleman-Morse. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee and tea available. • Snacks available ca. 3:00-4:00 • Subject librarians on hand to talk between 3:00-3:45 	Self
4:45-5:00	Daily wrap up - Just as important as the daily goal setting, the wrap-up period allows you to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on your day and progress, • think about the tools and tips you learned and then • begin to plan how your next day will evolve 	University Writing Center Staff

Tuesday, March 10

Time	Topic	Speaker / Facilitator
8:30	Start time: Be on site by 8:30. Breakfast served during morning goal setting. You are expected to be in residence during camp hours.	Laura Bayard and Mandy Havert
8:45-9:00	Goal Setting Session: Use this time to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commit to your day's work plan Identify new tools for breaking habits and complacency Understand that session is how you will establish your path for success as a consistent writer 	University Writing Center Staff
9:00-12:15	Self-directed research and writing time in assigned workspace in Coleman-Morse. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a perfect time to schedule a writing consultation or a subject librarian consultation. Coffee and tea available. 	Self
12:15-1:15	Lunch Served. Check your daily email for the next day's food offerings	Laura Bayard and Mandy Havert
1:00-1:30	Dissertation Log Creation and Use - More detail to come	Kara Donnelly, University Writing Center Staff
1:30-4:45	Self-directed research and writing time in assigned workspace in Coleman-Morse. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee and tea available. Snacks available ca. 3:00-4:00 	Self
4:45-5:00	Daily wrap up - Just as important as the daily goal setting, the wrap-up period allows you to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reflect on your day and progress, think about the tools and tips you learned and then begin to plan how your next day will evolve 	University Writing Center Staff

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8:30	Start time: Be on site by 8:30. Breakfast served during morning goal setting. You are expected to be in residence during camp hours.	Laura Bayard and Mandy Havert
8:45-9:00	Goal Setting Session: Use this time to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commit to your day's work plan Identify new tools for breaking habits and complacency Understand that session is how you will establish your path for success as a consistent writer 	University Writing Center Staff
9:00-12:15	Self-directed research and writing time in assigned workspace in Coleman-Morse. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a perfect time to schedule a writing consultation or a subject librarian consultation. Coffee and tea available. 	Self
12:15-1:15	Lunch Served. Check your daily email for the next day's food offerings	Laura Bayard and Mandy Havert
1:00-1:30	Confronting and Conquering Dissertation Sloth - content to be described soon	Randy Harrison, Hesburgh Libraries
1:30-4:45	Self-directed research and writing time in assigned workspace in Coleman-Morse. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee and tea available. Snacks available ca. 3:00-4:00 	Self
4:45-5:00	Daily wrap up - Just as important as the daily goal setting, the wrap-up period allows you to	University Writing Center Staff

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8:30	Start time: Be on site by 8:30. Breakfast served during morning goal setting. You are expected to be in residence during camp hours.	Laura Bayard and Mandy Havert
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9:00-12:15	Self-directed research and writing time in assigned workspace in Coleman-Morse. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a perfect time to schedule a writing consultation or a subject librarian consultation. • Coffee and tea available. 	Self
12:15-1:15	Lunch Served. Check your daily email for the next day's food offerings	Laura Bayard and Mandy Havert
1:00-4:30 - by registration only, Hesburgh Libraries Room 247	Format Your Dissertation With MS Word Join Shari Sweet, Graduate School Dissertation Editor, as she walks you through formatting information you need to know for making writing, editing and turning your dissertation in for publication with the Graduate School a simpler job. Registration recommended. See: Graduate School Professional Development Calendar (https://gradconnect.nd.edu/portal/prof-dev-events) TESTIMONIAL: 2014 Ph.D, History, "If there is one thing I wish I could tell students who are in or beginning the dissertation process, it's that this is the most important service you can do for yourself. Do not wait. Use this template from the beginning of your proposal and writing process."	Shari Hill Sweet, Graduate School
1:30-4:45	Self-directed research and writing time in assigned workspace in Coleman-Morse. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee and tea available. • Snacks available ca. 3:00-4:00 	Self
4:45-5:00	Daily wrap up - Just as important as the daily goal setting, the wrap-up period allows you to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on your day and progress, • think about the tools and tips you learned and then • begin to plan how your next day will evolve 	University Writing Center Staff

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9:00-12:15	Self-directed research and writing time in assigned workspace in Coleman-Morse. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a perfect time to schedule a writing consultation or a subject librarian consultation. • Coffee and tea available. 	Self

12:15-1:15	Lunch Served. Check your daily email for the next day's food offerings	Laura Bayard and Mandy Havert
1:00-1:30	<p>Introduction to TeX Workshop</p> <p>Have you heard of LaTeX, or tried to use it and received a page full of incomprehensible errors? This short, hands-on workshop will start at the beginning, and introduce enough concepts to get you started. This course will not teach you everything, but it will cover enough for you to make use of other guides online, and in print.</p> <p>Instructions to install LaTeX:</p> <p>You may either preinstall LaTeX on your laptop, or use one a provided loaner laptop with LaTeX already installed. If you choose to install it yourself (and this is to be encouraged), download a TeX distribution. For Windows computers use the MiKTeX distribution, for Mac use MacTeX. These are easy enough to install, but they are LARGE files. Be advised that the download will take some time to finish.</p> <p>Please complete this survey prior to attending the session. This will help the instructor better prepare for your needs: http://goo.gl/0ITdti</p>	Donald Brower, Hesburgh Libraries
1:30-4:45	<p>Self-directed research and writing time in assigned workspace in Coleman-Morse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee and tea available. • Snacks available ca. 3:00-4:00 	Self
4:45-5:00	<p>Daily wrap up - Just as important as the daily goal setting, the wrap-up period allows you to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on your day and progress, • think about the tools and tips you learned and then • begin to plan how your next day will evolve 	University Writing Center Staff

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