

OVERVIEW OF ACADEMIC WRITING

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WRITING TIPS: THE PROCESS



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- Read through assignment, highlighting deadlines, requirements & major components
- Ask questions (on blog, in class, or among your peers)
- Construct outline before beginning to draft report
- Allow time for reviewing, editing, and proofing
- Consider peer review to hone your skills and improve your assignments!



WRITING TIPS: AVOIDING PLAGIARISM

- All sources – including lectures, course readings, and online material – must be properly credited
- Direct attributions should be placed in quotes; paraphrased content must still cite source
- No mandated citation format; pick one and stick to it!
- Blog uses Vancouver style; Google Scholar is a good source for alternate formats

WRITING TIPS: ONLINE & OFFLINE RESOURCES

UBC Campus

- Centre for Writing and Scholarly Communication: Offers weekly workshops; half-hour one-on-one sessions; “Express Lane” (3-4 pm)

Online

- WriteAway tutoring service: <http://writeaway.bceln.ca>
Online writing assistance from qualified tutors (24- to 48-hour turnaround time); free for registered students
- UBC Learning Commons:
<http://learningcommons.ubc.ca/improve-your-writing>
Toolkits, links to online resources, & info on UBC services