



Graduate Online Writing Studio

Research and Scholarly Writing

Academic writing has qualities that distinguish it from other forms of writing and requires students to develop specific writing skills. To develop those skills, keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Academic writing always uses formal language and tone; it is not conversational.
- It is written for an educated audience who are not experts in your subject matter.
- It uses a specific format (APA) that regulates page composition, heading structure, and how sources of information are documented.
- It has the purpose of advancing knowledge about academically interesting subjects.
- It is expected to be accurate, informative, and well edited in terms of writing mechanics (grammar, sentence structure, punctuation, appropriate vocabulary, etc.).
- It is based on information relevant to your topic that you have found in peer-reviewed sources.

Finding Scholarly Sources to Support Your Academic Writing

The best resource for finding scholarly, peer-reviewed journal articles is the EBSCO host databases. Once you select a database related to your particular field of study, you can enter search terms to find articles on specific topics. To ensure you have scholarly articles, make sure you check the scholarly, peer-reviewed box. Check the full-text box if you would like to see the entire article rather than just the abstract.

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