

Upcoming Writing Workshops

Wondering how podcasts can enhance your teaching? Take a workshop and find out!

[Writing for Podcasts](#)

In this workshop, we'll sample a variety of podcasts, explore how they can strengthen student learning, and discuss rhetorical issues regarding content and form. You'll also have the chance to begin creating your own podcast. Note: Section 1 is an intro to podcasting, while Section 2 is intended for those with some podcasting experience.

Friday, March 9 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. (Sec. 1--For those new to podcasting)

Thursday, March 22 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. (Sec. 2 --For those with some podcasting experience)

Other Workshops About Writing with New Media

[Communicating Your Message with PowerPoint: Livening Up Your Presentation](#) *Tuesday, April 17 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. (Sec. 2)*

In this workshop, which is designed for both new and moderately experienced PPT users, we'll discuss ways to use PPT effectively: emphasizing you as a speaker rather than your slides; limiting text; using well-designed graphics and animations which focus visual attention and reinforce your points; and exploring alternatives to linear presentations.

[Presenting with Prezi](#) *Monday, April 16 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. (Sec. 2)*

Ready to move beyond PowerPoint? In this interactive workshop, you'll learn the basics of Prezi, a fascinating new non-linear, web-based presentation program which has earned rave reviews. And we'll analyze successful Prezis to learn how to create ones of your own, so you can zoom around your points and graphics, without making your audience seasick. Note: This workshop is co-taught by a Writing Center instructor and a DoIT instructor. The first part of this workshop will focus on writing for Prezi presentations and the second part will offer training in the use of this software.

[Productive and Professional Blogging](#) *Friday, April 13 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. (Sec. 2)*

Or, how keeping a blog can make you a better instructor, dissertator or academic job candidate. This workshop will examine the writing style and visual design of blogs kept by professors, professional organizations and grad students, and it will explore how to use blogs in and out of the classroom. Note: DoIT is offering the software training workshop, "Blogging and Social Media," one week following each of these Writing Center workshops. Visit <http://www.doit.wisc.edu/training/student/classlist.aspx> for more information and to register for DoIT's workshops.

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[Creating Research Posters](#) *Friday, April 13 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. (Sec. 2)*

If you need to create a research poster, this two-part workshop is for you! In Part I, offered by the Writing Center, you'll analyze sample posters and discuss strategies you can employ for maximum rhetorical effectiveness. In Part II, offered by DoIT, you'll experiment with Adobe Illustrator and begin designing your own research poster. Note: Please visit <http://www.doit.wisc.edu/training/student/classlist.aspx> for more information and to register for DoIT's "Illustrator for Research Posters" workshops.

[Email \(N\)Etiquette for Professional Communication](#) *Tuesday, March 20 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. (Sec. 3) OR Friday, April 20 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. (Sec. 4)*

Email is so convenient and seemingly so casual, it's easy to use it too informally when communicating with professionals (faculty, teaching assistants, potential employers, research sources, advisors, supervisors, colleagues...). In this workshop, we'll talk about how to use email effectively for professional communications, and we'll have fun looking at examples of what NOT to do. There will be plenty of time for your questions and concerns.

Reserve your place. It's easy. Register online at writing.wisc.edu (click on "workshops").

Individual Writing Conferences

And for those looking for someone to help critique their papers and writing projects, the Writing Center offers [individual conferences](#) with experienced writing instructors. Call 263-1992 to make an appointment at the main location or go to the Web site for details about personal instruction available at eight drop-in sites and via email and live chats.

The UW-Madison Writing Center--teaching students at every level and in all disciplines to become more effective, more confident writers. Services offered free of charge through the generous support of the College of Letters and Science.