

Researching and writing a dissertation or project

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- if they are also available as **e-books**

The guide is divided into 2 sections:

- **Part 1** General, non subject specific books
- **Part 2** Subject specific resources

Part 1: General books (non subject specific)

Allison, B. (2004) *The student's guide to preparing dissertations and theses*. 2nd ed.
London: RoutledgeFalmer. 808.066 ALL

Anderson, J. (2001) *Assignment and thesis writing*. 4th ed. Chichester: Wiley.
808.066 AND

Berry, R. (2004) *The research project: how to write it*. 5th ed. Abingdon: Routledge.
808.066 BER

Biggam, J. (2011) *Succeeding with your master's dissertation: a step-by-step handbook*.
2nd ed. Maidenhead: Open University Press. 808.066 BIG

Blaxter, L, Hughes, C. & Tight, M. (2010) *How to research*. 4th ed. Maidenhead: Open
University Press. 300.72 BLA

Bryman, A. (2008) *Social research methods*. 3rd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
300.72 BRY

Bui, Y.N. (2009) *How to write a master's thesis*. Thousand Oaks, Calif., SAGE.
808.066 BUI

Cryer, P. (2006) *The research student's guide to success*. 3rd ed. Maidenhead: Open
University. 001.43 CRY

Denscombe, M. (2010) *The good research guide: for small scale research projects*. 4th ed.
Maidenhead: McGraw-Hill Open University Press. 300.72 DEN

- Greenfield, T. (ed) (2002) *Research methods for postgraduates*. 2nd ed. London: Arnold.
801.43 RES
- Greetham, B (2009) *How to write your undergraduate dissertation*. Basingstoke: Palgrave
Macmillan. 808.066 GRE
- Holliday, A. (2007) *Doing and writing qualitative research*. 2nd ed. London: SAGE 300.723 HOL
- Hutchison, H. (2007) *Teach yourself writing essays and dissertations*. London: Hodder.
808.066 HUT
- Jesson, J. (2011) *Doing your literature review : traditional and systematic techniques*. London:
SAGE. 808.0663 JES
- Levin, P. (2005) *Excellent dissertations!* 3rd ed. Maidenhead: Open Univ Pr. 808.066 LEV
- McMillan, K. & Weyers, J. (2011) *How to write dissertations & project reports*. 2nd ed. Harlow:
Pearson Education. 808.066 MAC
- Murray, R. (2011) *How to write a thesis*. 3rd ed. Maidenhead: Open University Press.
808.066 MUR
- Orna, E. & Stevens, G. (2009) *Managing information for research: practical help in researching,
writing and designing dissertations*. 2nd ed. Maidenhead: Open University Pr. 001.43 ORN
- Preece, R. (1994) *Starting research : an introduction to academic research and dissertation writing*.
London : Pinter. 001.43 PRE
- Robson, C. (2007) *How to do a research project: a guide for undergraduate students*. Oxford:
Blackwell. 808.0663 ROB
- Robson, C. (2011) *Real world research: a resource for users of social research methods in applied
settings*. 3rd ed. Chichester: Wiley. 300.72 ROB
- Rudestam, K. E. & Newton, R.R. (2007) *Surviving your dissertation: a comprehensive guide to
content and process*. 3rd ed. Los Angeles: Sage. 808.066 RUD
- Rugg, G. & Petre, M. (2007) *A gentle guide to research methods*. Maidenhead: Open University
Press. 001.42 RUG
- Rumsey, S. (2008) *How to find information: a guide for researchers*. 2nd ed. Maidenhead: Open
University Press. 001.43 RUM
- Smith, P. (2011) *How to write an assignment: proven techniques for producing essays, reports and
dissertations that succeed*. Oxford: How to Books. 808.066 SMI
- Thomas, R. M. & Brubaker, D.L. (2008) *Theses and dissertations: a guide to planning, research,
and writing*. Thousand Oaks, Calif: Corwin Press. 808.066 THO
- Walliman, N. S. R. (2004) *Your undergraduate dissertation: the essential guide for success*.
London: Sage . 808.066 WAL
- Walliman, N.S.R. (2011) *Research methods: the basics*. London: Routledge. 001.43 WAL
- Walliman, N.S. R. (2011) *Your research project: designing and planning your work*. 3rd ed.
London: SAGE. 001.43 WAL

Part 2: Subject-specific guides

Art history

D'Alleva, A. (2006) *How to write art history*. London: Laurence King Publishing. 707.22 DAL

Built Environment

Borden, I. (2000) *The dissertation: an architectural student's handbook*. Oxford: Butterworth-Heinemann. 808.06672 BOR

Farrell, P. (2011) *Writing a built environment dissertation: practical guidance and examples*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell. 808.06669 FAR

Knight, A. & Ruddock, L. (eds) (2008) *Advanced research methods in the built environment*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell. 300.72 ADV

Naoum, S. G. (2007) *Dissertation research and writing for construction students*. 2nd ed. Oxford: Butterworth-Heinemann. 808.066624 NAO

Business

Brown, R. B. (2006) *Doing your dissertation in business and management: the reality of researching and writing*. London: SAGE. 658.0072 BRO

Currie, D. (2005) *Developing and applying study skills: writing assignments, dissertations and management reports*. London: Chartered Institute of Personnel & Development. 808.066658 CUR

Fisher, C. M. (2010) *Researching and writing a dissertation: an essential guide for business students*. 3rd ed. Harlow: Financial Times Prentice Hall. 808.066658 FIS

Horn, R. (2009) *Researching and writing dissertations: a complete guide for business and management students*. London: Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development. 808.066658 HOR

Jankowicz, A.D. (2004) *Business research projects*. 4th ed. London: Thomson Learning. 658.0072 JAN

Remenyi, D. et al. (1998) *Doing research in business and management: an introduction to process and method*. London: Sage. 658.0072 DOI

Riley, M. et al. (2000) *Researching and writing dissertations in business and management*. London: Thomson Learning. 808.066658 RES

Saunders, M., Lewis, P & Thornhill, A. (2009) *Research methods for business students*. 5th ed. Harlow: Financial Times Prentice Hall. 658.0072 SAU

White, B. (2005) *Writing your MBA dissertation*. London: Thomason Learning. 808.066658 WHI

Wilson, J. (2010) *Essentials of business research: a guide to doing your research project*. London: SAGE. 658.0072 WIL

Computing

Berndtsson, M. et al (2007) *Thesis projectsw: a guide for students in computer science and information systems*. New York, London: Springer. 808.066004 THE

Dawson, C. W. (2005) *Projects in computing and information systems: a student's guide*. Harlow: Pearson Education Ltd. 004 DAW

Education

Bell, J. (2010) *Doing your research project: a guide for first-time researchers in education, health and social science*. 5th ed. Maidenhead: Open University Press. 370.72 BEL

Cohen, L., Manion, L. & Morrison, K. (2011) *Research methods in education*. 7th ed. London: Routledge. 370.72 COH

Johnson, B. & Christensen, L. B. (2012) *Educational research: quantitative, qualitative and mixed approaches*. 4th ed. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: SAGE. 370.72 JOH

Lawson, A. (ed) (2008, 2011) *Research tool-kit: the how-to guide from Practical research for education*. [Vol 1 – 2008; Vol 2 – 2011]. Slough: National Foundation for Educational Research. 370.72 RES

O'Hara, M. et al (2011) *Successful dissertations : the complete guide for education, childhood and early childhood studies students*. London: Continuum. 808.066372/SUC

Opie, C. (ed) (2004) *Doing educational research*. London: SAGE. 370.72 DOI

Thomas, G. (2009) *How to do your research project: a guide for students in education and applied social sciences*. London: SAGE. 300.72 THO

Walford, G. (2001) *Doing qualitative educational research: a personal guide to the research process*. New York, London: Continuum. 370.72 WAL

Walliman, N. S. R. and Buckler, S. (2008) *Your dissertation in education*. Rev.ed. London: SAGE. 808.06637 WAL

Wilson, E (2009) *School-based research: a guide for education students*. London: SAGE. 370.72 WIL

Engineering

Beer, D. F. & McMurrey, D. (2005) *A guide to writing as an engineer*. 2nd ed. Hoboken, N.J: Wiley. 808.06662 BEE

Davies, J. W. (1996) *Communication for engineering students*. Harlow: Longman. 808.06662 DAV

Silyn-Roberts, H. (2000) *Writing for science and engineering: papers, presentations and reports: a practical handbook for postgraduates in science, engineering and technology*. Oxford: Butterworth-Heinemann. 808.0665 SIL

English Literature

Fabb, N. & Durant, A (c2005) *How to write essays and dissertations: a guide for English literature students*. 2nd ed. Harlow: Pearson Longman. 808.066 FAB

Geography

- Flowerdew, R. & Martin, D. (2005) *Methods in human geography: a guide for students doing a research project*. 2nd ed. Harlow: Prentice Hall. 304.2 MET
- Hay, I. (2006) *Communicating in geography and the environmental sciences*. Oxford: OUP. 808.06691 HAY
- Parsons, A. J. & Knight, P. G. (2005) *How to do your dissertation in geography and related disciplines*. 2nd ed. Abingdon: Routledge. 808.06691 PAR

Health Care

- Aveyard, H., Sharp, P. & Woolliams, M. (2011) *A beginner's guide to critical thinking and writing in health and social care*. Maidenhead: Open University Press. 808.066362 AVE
- Aveyard, H. (2010) *Doing a literature review in health and social care: a practical guide*. 2nd ed. Maidenhead: McGraw-Hill Open University Press. 362.1 AVE
- Bell, J. (2010) *Doing your research project: a guide for first-time researchers in education, health and social science*. 5th ed. Maidenhead: Open University Press. 370.72 BEL
- Gimenez, J. (2011) *Writing for nursing and midwifery students*. 2nd ed. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. 808.06661 GIM
- Walliman, N. S. R. & Appleton, J. (2009) *Your undergraduate dissertation in health and social care: the essential guide for success*. London: SAGE. 808.066362 WAL

History

- Abbott, M. (ed) (2009) *History skills: a student's handbook*. 2nd ed. London: Routledge. 907.1141 HIS
- Mabbett, I.W. (2007) *Writing history essays: a student's guide*. Basingstoke: Palgrave. 808.0669 MAB

Hospitality, leisure and tourism

- Altinay, L. & Paraskevas, A. (2008) *Planning research in hospitality and tourism*. Amsterdam, London: Butterworth-Heinemann. 338.4791072 ALT
- Brotherton, B. (2008) *Researching hospitality and tourism: a student guide*. London: SAGE. 647.94072 BRO
- Clark, M. A. et al (1998) *Researching and writing dissertations in hospitality and tourism*. London: International Thomson Business Press. 647.9072 RES
- Long, J.A. (2007) *Researching leisure, sport and tourism: the essential guide*. London: SAGE. 790.072 LON
- Veal, A.J. (2011) *Research methods for leisure and tourism: a practical guide*. Harlow: Pearson Education. 338.4791072 VEA

Law

- Clinch, P. (2010) *Legal research: a practitioner's handbook*. London: Wildy, Simmonds & Hill. 340.072 CLI
- King, R. & Wincup, E. (eds). (2008) *Doing research on crime and justice*. 2nd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 364.072 DOI
- Salter, M. & Mason, J. (2007) *Writing law dissertations: an introduction and guide to the conduct of legal research*. Harlow: Pearson. 808.06634 SAL
- Webley, L. (2010) *Legal writing*. 2nd ed. Abingdon: Routledge-Cavendish. 340.07 WEB

Music

- Herbert, T. (2001) *Music in words: a guide to researching and writing about music*. London: ABRSM. 808.06678 HER

Politics

- Silbergh, D. M. (2001) *Doing dissertations in politics: a student guide*. London; New York : Routledge. 808.06632 SIL

Psychology

- Bell, P. & P.J. Staines (2001) *Evaluating, doing and writing research in psychology: a step-by-step guide for students*. London: Sage. 150.72 BEL
- Cone, J. D. & Foster, S. L. (2006) *Dissertations and theses from start to finish: psychology and related fields*. 2nd ed. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. 808.06615 CON
- Salkind, N. J. (2009) *Exploring research*. 7th ed. Upper Saddle River, N.J: Pearson Prentice Hall. 150.72 SAL
- Sternberg, R. J. (2003) *The psychologist's companion: a guide to scientific writing for students and researchers*. 4th ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 808.06615 STE

Science

- Barrass, R. (2002) *Scientists must write: a guide to better writing for scientists, engineers and students*. 2nd ed. London: Routledge. 808.0666 BAR
- Kirkman, J. (2005) *Good style: writing for science and technology*. 2nd ed. Abingdon: Routledge. 808.0665 KIR
- Knisely, K. (2009) *A student handbook for writing in biology*. 3rd ed. Sunderland, Mass: Sinauer 808.06657 KNI
- LeBrun, J. (2007) *Scientific writing: a reader and writer's guide*. Singapore: World Scientific. 808.0665 LEB
- Matthews, J. R., Bowen, J.M. & Matthews, R.W. (2000) *Successful scientific writing: a step-by-step guide for the biological sciences and medical sciences*. 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 808.0665 MAT

- McMillan, V. (2006) *Writing papers in the biological sciences*. 4th ed. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. 808.06657 MAC
- Pechenik, J.A. (2007) *A short guide to writing about biology*. 7th ed. London: Longman. 808.06657 PEC
- [Rendell, A] (2006) *A handbook of writing and presentation skills for science students*. 2nd ed. Oxford: Oxford Brookes University, School of Biological and Molecular Sciences. P 808.0665 HAN
- Russey, W. E., Ebel, H.F. & Bliefert, C. (2006) *How to write a successful science thesis: the concise guide for students*. Weinheim: Wiley-VCH. 808.0665 RUS
- Silyn-Roberts, H. (2000) *Writing for science and engineering: papers, presentations and reports: a practical handbook for postgraduates in science, engineering and technology*. Oxford: Butterworth-Heinemann. 808.0665 SIL

Social Science

- Bell, J. (2010) *Doing your research project: a guide for first-time researchers in education, health and social science*. 5th ed. Maidenhead: Open University Press. 370.72 BEL
- Bryman, A. (2008) *Social research methods*. 3rd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 300.72 BRY
- Denscombe, M. (2010) *The good research guide: for small scale research projects*. 4th ed. Maidenhead: McGraw-Hill Open University Press. 300.72 DEN
- Denscombe, M. (2010) *Ground rules for social research: guidelines for good practice*. 2nd ed. Maidenhead: McGraw Hill Open University Press. 300.72DEN
- Hart, C. (2001) *Doing a literature search: a comprehensive guide for the social sciences*. London: Sage. 025.524 HAR
- Hart, C. (2005) *Doing your masters dissertation: realizing your potential as a social scientist*. London: SAGE. 808.066 HAR
- Jesson, J. (2011) *Doing your literature review: traditional and systematic techniques*. London: SAGE. 808.0663 JES
- Northey, M. (2007) *Making sense: a student's guide to research and writing*. 5th ed. Don Mills, Ont; Oxford.; Toronto: Oxford University Press. 808.0663 NOR
- Thomas, G. (2009) *How to do your research project: a guide for students in education and applied social sciences*. London: SAGE. 300.72 THO
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