

# Supporting Academic Writing as a Librarian: A Collaborative Approach

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# Why Academic Writing?

What do we need to know?

Why do we need to know?



# Thinking About Resources



Making that Connection  
Between Writing and Research



## \*Academic Writing Tips for Alder Residents

- ☐ **Proofread carefully before submitting.** Pay careful attention to common mistakes, such as using correct homonyms (led vs. lead) and apostrophes for possessives (it's vs. its). Read your paper aloud. This strategy will help you catch awkward phrases and even missing or extra words.
- ☐ **Avoid colloquial language (e.g. vibing).** Unless a writing assignment explicitly states that a conversational tone is appropriate, write using more formal language.
- ☐ **Omit contractions.** Spell the words out completely (e.g. do not versus don't). Use passive voice judiciously. Writing in the active voice almost always improves the clarity of writing (e.g. "I opened the book" versus "the book was opened by me".)
- ☐ **Use the first person effectively.** If you choose to use the first person, carefully consider when and how you can use it to strengthen your writing.
- ☐ **Write Topic Sentences at the beginning of each paragraph** to explain the main point you'll make. Write **Transition Sentences** at the end of a body paragraph to signal what you'll discuss as the next layer of your argument in the following paragraph.
- ☐ **When introducing evidence, use your own words to bring someone else's into your argument.** Offer some context before a quote or paraphrase to integrate the evidence within your argument and perspective.
- ☐ **Incorporate time for revision.** Revising your paper is a key part of the writing process. Use [tutor.com](#) via [canvas/library](#) webpage to speak with a live writing tutor to get additional support in writing mechanics and APA style citation formatting.

# Build a Checklist Collaboratively With Faculty

# Co-Teaching Webinars with Teaching Faculty



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ACADEMIC WRITING SESSION I





# Session 1: Persuasive Writing

## Objectives:

- You will be able to explain what academic writing involves at Alder and the structures in place to support you throughout the year
- You will feel confident in your ability to do the following in your academic writing:
  - Write clear argumentative claims
  - Introduce evidence (both textual and from personal experiences)
  - Select and reference the most relevant evidence
  - Integrate evidence and practice
  - Analyze evidence to support your claim

# Reducing Bias

Goal: In making our points clear, we work to be as mindful of our biases as possible, to own that our words have power, and to work to reduce harmful impacts of bias in our writing

Do this by:

- Reading this article by APA: [tinyurl.com/reducebias](https://tinyurl.com/reducebias)

# General Principles for Reducing Bias

The following are general principles for writing about all people and their personal characteristics without bias.



General guidelines for reducing bias are covered in Sections 5.1 and 5.2 of the [APA Publication Manual, Seventh Edition](#)

## Guideline 1: Describe at the Appropriate Level of Specificity



This guidance is the **same** as in the 6th edition.

Source: <https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/bias-free-language/general-principles>



# Consideration for an Academic Writing Course via Canvas



## Connecting to Scholarly Research

Database Access and Search Strategies



## Citation Practices

APA in-text and references



## Connecting to Academic Reading and Writing Skills

Interpreting scholarly papers and learning  
to write and analyze critically



## Thinking about Writer's Voice

Perspectives and Biases



# THANKS!

What Questions or comments do you have?

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- Front view of business people in meeting
- Front view of business people in meeting 2
- Front view of business people in meeting 3
- Front view of business people in meeting 4
- Colleagues in contemporary office coworking
- Enthusiastic young woman with raised hand



# RESOURCES



## PHOTOS:

- Business womens workings
- Cheerful coworkers at table with gadgets
- Front view of colleagues giving high five
- Long shot of business people in meeting
- Front view of business people in meeting
- Front view of business people of hands up

## VECTORS:

- Minimal business card concept
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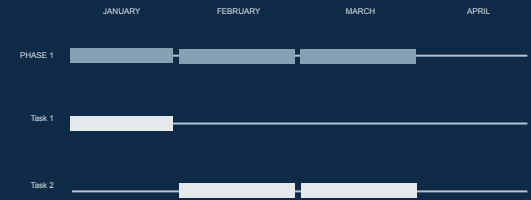
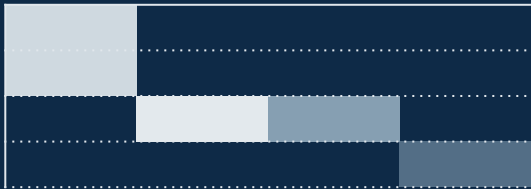
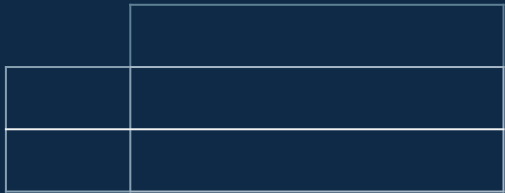
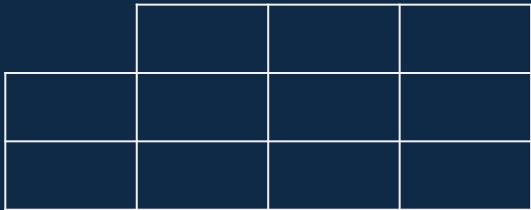
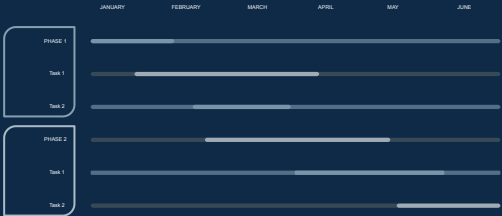
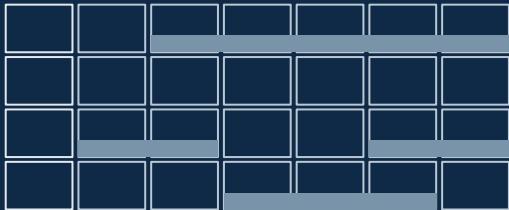
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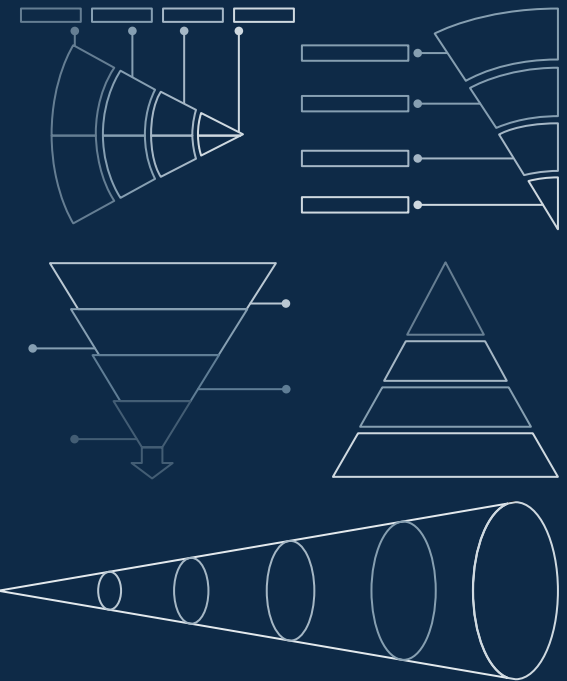
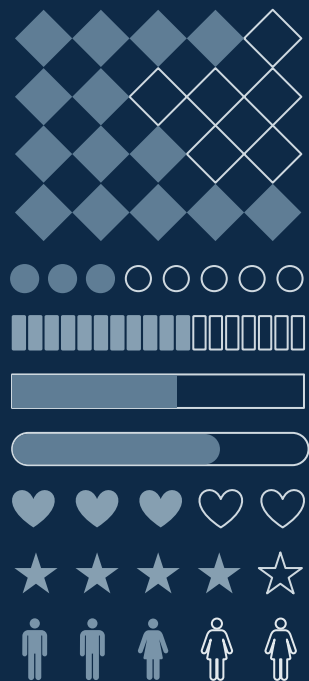
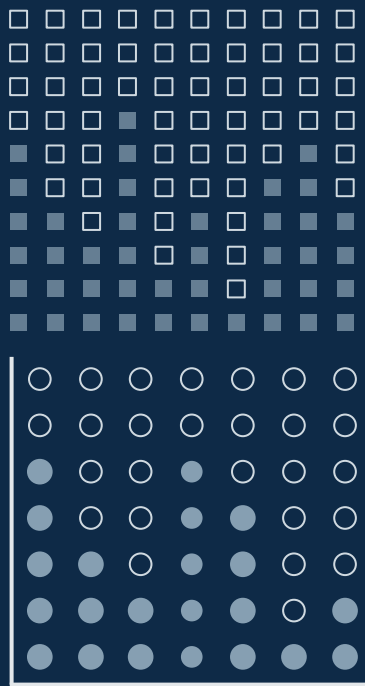














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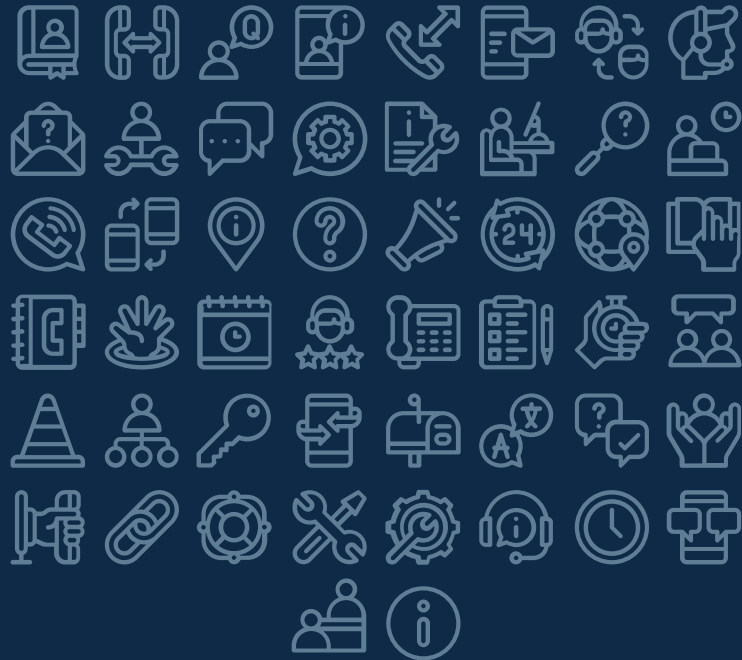
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