Writing and Research Resources

Since this is a writing intensive class, the department has compiled a few text recommendations and online sites to help you polish the prose in your papers.

**Online Style Guides**

* [The Owl at Purdue](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/1/)  
  Purdue’s Online Writing Lab is perhaps the leading internet site for U.S. students for information on improving one’s writing. They have specific sections of the site to work on[mechanics](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/1/4/), on your [grammar](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/1/5/) and [punctuation](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/1/6/). They also have a section of this site devoted to job search writing: resumes, cover letters, etc. so click [here](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/6/) for that section of the Owl.
* [Harvard College Writing Center](http://writingcenter.fas.harvard.edu/pages/tips-grammar-punctuation-and-style)  
  Why not visit Harvard right here from Brooklyn? This site has a good set of tips regarding avoiding common grammar mistakes.
* [Grammar Girl](http://www.quickanddirtytips.com/grammar-girl)We are visual people in the COMD department and so is grammar girl. Her writing tips are all introduced with some clever imagery. So, enjoy perusing her site and finding out if her style works for you.

**Digital Tools to  Assist You**

[Grammarly](https://app.grammarly.com/): this is a free plugin that you can download and yes, it will help you identify and correct spelling and other proofreading errors when writing in a blogging tool such as WordPress, the tool we use for this class’s OpenLab sites.  You can, of course, upgrade to the paid version of Grammarly if you choose. However, the free version will correct quite a few errors and writing error-free copy is crucial in our field.

[At EasyBib.com](http://www.easybib.com/help/intro) you can create your bibliography automatically using MLA style using the free version of this tool. This is the link to the tutorial for this. Please make use of this when doing the sources for your paper. We will use MLA style.

**Research Paper Guides**

[Research Paper Outline Worksheet(1)](https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/cdmgd1112fa2018goetz/files/2017/04/Research-Paper-Outline-Worksheet1.pdf)

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/588/03/>

**Introduction to Research**

<https://academichelp.net/general-writing-tips/writing-process/how-to-research.html>

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| [https://academichelp.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/research.jpg](https://academichelp.net/general-writing-tips/writing-process/how-to-research.html) | [How to Research | AcademicHelp.net](https://academichelp.net/general-writing-tips/writing-process/how-to-research.html) |

**Elements of a Successful Research Paper**

<http://www.gradesaver.com/writing-help/elements-of-a-successful-research-paper>

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| [Writing Resources – Essay Help | Elements of a Successful Research Paper | GradeSaver](http://www.gradesaver.com/writing-help/elements-of-a-successful-research-paper)  www.gradesaver.com  A successful research paper accurately, concisely, and comprehensively relays unbiased information on the subject. Learn more about the fundamentals of research paper writing. |

**Free Writing Help**

<https://freewritinghelp.com/secrets-school-writing>

**Classic Writing Guides**

* **Rules of Thumb** Jay Silverman and Elaine Hughes
* **The Elements of Style**  
  William Strunk, Jr.
* **AP Stylebook**Associated Press
* The Chicago Manual of Style  
  University of Chicago Press Staff

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