

CHEM-E0105

Academic Learning Community

Session 7: Master's Thesis Review 1

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Thesis Review Module: Schedule

Session 7: March 20th, 2023

1. Introduction (Kyösti)
2. EndNote workshop (Valentina)
3. Thesis review assignment instructions (Kyösti)

Session 8: March 27th, 2023

1. Your comments / concerns / dreams on the thesis
2. What is master's thesis?
Master's theses in Aalto
3. Instructions for finalising the assignment

Deadlines: ***1st DL: Thesis registration, Fri., March 31st***
2nd DL: Review report, Fri., April 28th

Thesis Review: Intended Learning Outcomes

After finalizing the Master's Thesis Review module, you

- can search master's theses from Aaltodoc database and can find instructions on MT from the Student Guide.
- can explain what a MT is and describe the stages of the MT project.
- have read the intended learning outcomes, as well as the evaluation criteria, of MT and understand how the criteria is used for evaluation.
- have the basic skills for starting to use a reference management software (EndNote).

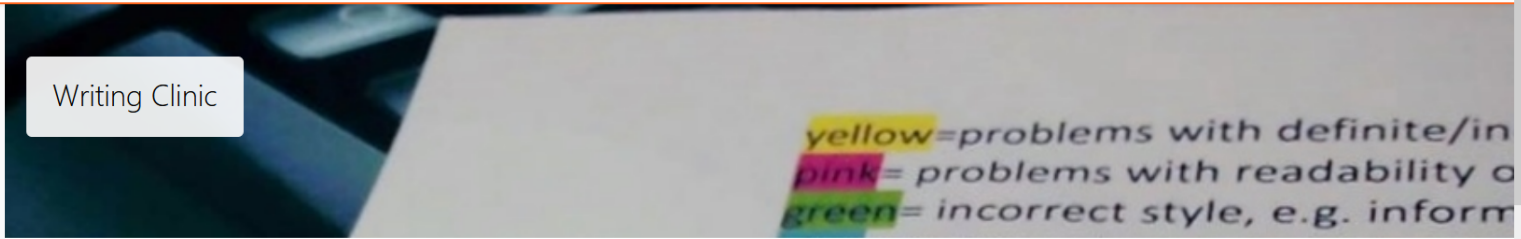


Resources to help you with scientific writing

Based on materials by Matthew Billington
(Language Centre)



- Writing Clinic
- Sections
 - Writing Clinic
 - Materials: Recommended links (includes e-books)
 - Courses supporting writing and research
- Dashboard
- Site home
- Calendar
- Learner Metrics
- Teacher Metrics



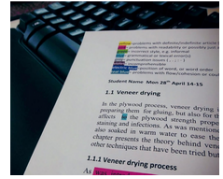
Writing Clinic

Upcoming events

There are no upcoming events

[Go to calendar...](#)

Academic writing is demanding for everyone!



What does the Writing Clinic do?

Writing your thesis, dissertation or journal article in English adds an extra challenge for non-native writers.

We want to make your writing process easier and

- to help you improve as a writer,
- to provide you with individual writing feedback and tutoring
- to help you learn how to plan, organise, write and revise theses and research articles.

However, please note that this is **not** a language-checking service, nor can we offer this service to exchange or visiting students from other universities.

Writing Clinic

Field-specific advice on

- Style
- Flow/ logical progression
- Structure
- Grammar/ lexical choice
- Referencing

8 sessions for FREE

- Meet one-to-one for an hour with a Language Centre teacher to help you improve your writing. In person or via Zoom.

More info in Student Guide: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/language-and-communication-studies/writing-clinic>

Language Courses

Master's Courses

- LC-1310 Academic Communication for MSc Students (3 ECTS)
- LC-1322 Thesis Writing for Engineers (MSc) (3 ECTS)

Go to Sisu for more information

Web Resources

Writing M.Sc. thesis at Aalto CHEM

- <https://www.aalto.fi/en/programmes/masters-programme-in-chemical-biochemical-and-materials-engineering/thesis>

Academic Phrasebank

- <http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/>
- Online service pages helping to avoid repetitive expressions

Academic Writing in English

- <http://sana.aalto.fi/awe/>
- Writing better scientific English with the help of Finnish university teachers

Online Writing Lab at Purdue

- <https://owl.purdue.edu/>
- Helping with English, to students, teachers, professionals, and organizations across the world

Thesaurus

- <https://www.thesaurus.com/>
- Special dictionary

What to do for next week?



Thesis Review assignment

Objective: prepare students for carrying out their own thesis works efficiently

Estimated workload: 4 h study sessions + 17 h independent work

1. Choose a Master's thesis, and register it
 - *The thesis must be from our School, must be available online as a pdf!*
 - *Deadline March 31st, 2023*
2. Read the master's thesis
3. Analyze it against the instructions and evaluation criteria
4. Write a summary on your observations
 - *Deadline April 28th, 2023*; see the instructions for details

For next week

1. Answer the Quiz
2. Go to Aaltodoc (<https://aaltodoc.aalto.fi/>)
3. Search for theses, which interest you
4. Choose the thesis, which you want to review
 - The thesis should be preferably from your major (or from the “predecessor” of your major)
 - Register it by March 31st
5. If you have problems, let's discuss them in a week

