

Links to Academic Skills resources: Dissertation and Levels 6 & 7

Edge Hill has a wide range of resources to help with your dissertation or postgraduate research.

Search the **Library catalogue** or the Internet, for more research skills resources.

You will find books on improving reading and writing skills (**many are subject specific**) in these sections of EHU Libraries

Ormskirk	1st floor, 808.042... (and the Inclusive Services area) 2 nd floor, 378.17...
Aintree	WS7 section
Woodlands	371... and 428...

Graduate Network is a useful site for new researchers.

<http://www.graduatejunction.net/site/about>

Learning Services <http://www.edgehill.ac.uk/ls/support/academicskills/#intro>

Mondofacto <http://www.mondofacto.com/study-skills/writing/>

Academic Phrasebank

<http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/>

Abstracts

University of North Carolina <http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb>

Academic Writing

Craswell, G. (2005) *Writing for Academic Success: A Postgraduate Guide*. London: Sage.

Doceo http://www.doceo.co.uk/academic/m_writing.htm

Elbow, P. (2000) *Everyone can write: essays towards a hopeful theory of writing and teaching writing*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

This text is also available as an electronic book. Go to:

<http://library.edgehill.ac.uk:80/record=b1220838~S1>

London Metropolitan University

[http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/depts/fls/\\$-write-now/resources.cfm](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/depts/fls/$-write-now/resources.cfm)

Massey University

<http://owll.massey.ac.nz/postgraduate-study/introduction-to-postgraduate-study.php>

University of Manchester <http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/>

Methodology

O'Toole, J. (2010) *Educational Research: Creative Thinking & Doing*. South Melbourne, Victoria: Oxford University Press.

Robert-Holmes, G. (2005) *Doing your early years research project: a step-by-step guide*. London: Sage.

Critical Reading

Critical Reading.com: <http://www.criticalreading.com/>

Godfrey, J. (2009) *How to Use Your Reading in Your Essays*. Basingstoke: Palgrave.

Critical Thinking

Cottrell, S. (2005) *Critical Thinking Skills: Developing Effective Analysis and Argument*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan Ltd.

Haskins G. R. (2004) *A Practical Guide to Critical Thinking*.
<http://www.skeptdic.com/essays/Haskins.html>

The Critical Thinking Community
http://www.criticalthinking.org/aboutct/define_critical_thinking.cfm

Dissertations, MAs and PhDs

Dunleavy, P. (2003) *Authoring a PhD: How to Plan, Draft, Write and Finish a Doctoral Thesis or Dissertation*. Basingstoke: Palgrave.

Mounsey, C. (2002) *Essays and Dissertations*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Robson, C. (2006) *How to do a Research Project : A Guide for Undergraduate Students*. Oxford: Blackwell.

Thody, A. (2006) *Writing and Presenting Research*. London: Sage.

Literature Review

Central Queensland University <http://libguides.library.cqu.edu.au/litreview>

Dochartaigh, N. (2007) *How to do your Literature Search and Find Information Online*. London: Sage.

Reflection

Watton, P., Collings, J. & Moon, J. (2001) *Reflective Writing: Guidance Notes for Students*.
<http://www.exeter.ac.uk/fch/work-experience/reflective-writing-guidance.pdf>

Statpac <http://www.statpac.com/research-papers/research-proposal.htm>