

Intensive Writing Experience—Thesis & Dissertation Writers

WHAT IS THE INTENSIVE WRITING EXPERIENCE (IWE)?

The purpose of the Intensive Writing Experience is to give master's and doctoral students in good standing with their programs time to write or to revise their thesis or dissertation with support from Purdue OWL staff. Participants will receive writing instruction and support from Purdue OWL staff, will spend significant time writing or revising their thesis or dissertation, and will network with other graduate writers.

Summer 2025 offers one virtual week and three in-person weeks. Writers attend only one three- or five-day session during the summer.

Virtual IWE

- May 13-15

Virtual IWE will have small group and workshop-style synchronous sessions from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM (EDT) each of the three days in the session. Attendees are expected to be available during the entire session for the week they are attending.

If a time zone difference **does not allow an attendee to participate in** the synchronous sessions, they cannot participate in virtual IWE. Interested applicants whose time zone differences prevent participation should use the information available on the Purdue OWL to run a [personal IWE](#) or make [virtual appointments](#) with OWL tutors for feedback.

In-person IWE, 3 days

- May 20-22
- May 27-29

In-person IWE 3-day sessions will take place on campus in KRCH from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM (EDT) for each of the three days in the session. Attendees are expected to be available in person during the entire time for the week they are attending.

In-person IWE, 5 days

- June 2-6

In-person IWE 5-day sessions will take place on campus in KRCH from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM (EDT) for each of the five days in the session. Attendees are expected to be available in person during the entire time for the week they are attending.

WHO CAN ATTEND THE IWE?

In order to participate, graduate students at the Purdue University West Lafayette and Indianapolis campuses must be in good standing with their academic program, must be

writing or revising a thesis or dissertation, and **must have the approval of their major professor** or the director of graduate studies in their department.

Applicants will be asked to identify where they are in the writing process.

- Getting Started: The writer is just beginning to work on the document they are bringing to IWE.
- Drafting: The writer is actively producing more text/material. Some of the work is already written.
- Revising: A significant portion is already written, and the writer wishes to spend time improving the existing material.

Note that the IWE is **NOT** a formatting workshop. If you need help with formatting the document prior to deposit, please contact the [Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars Thesis & Dissertation Office](#).

There is no guarantee that an applicant will be accepted to any session, as availability is based on staffing limitations.

IWE Daily Schedule

Virtual IWE Week

8:30-9:30—Synchronous writing lesson on Zoom
9:30-10:00—Small group meeting in Breakout Rooms via Zoom
10:00-12:00—Writing time
12:00-12:30—Small group meeting in Breakout Rooms via Zoom
12:30-1:20—Lunch break
1:20-2:30—Synchronous writing lesson on Zoom
2:30-4:30—Writing time
4:30-5:00—Small group meeting in Breakout Rooms via Zoom

3-Day In-Person IWE Weeks

8:45-9:00—Arrive and get ready for the day
9:00-10:00—Writing workshop on global issues
10:00-10:15—Small group meetings
10:15-12:15—Writing time; one-on-one consultations available
12:15-12:30—Small group meetings
12:30-1:30—Lunch break
1:30-2:15—Writing workshop on sentence-level skills
2:15-4:15—Writing time; one-on-one consultations available
2:15-4:30—Small group meetings

5-Day In-Person IWE Weeks

8:15-8:30—Arrive and get ready for the day
8:30-9:30—Writing workshop

9:30-10:00—Small group meetings

10:00-12:00—Writing time; one-on-one consultations available

12:00-12:30—Small group meetings

HOW TO APPLY

The application process requires two submissions:

1. Writers should submit the application survey between **Monday, April 14** and **Wednesday, April 23, 2025**.
2. When the application survey is submitted, the writer's advisor will automatically receive an email with a short list of questions to answer. The advisor should reply to that email by **Sunday, April 27, 2025**. This email confirms that the major professor approves the graduate student's attendance at the event.
3. Applicants will hear back from the Purdue OWL about their acceptance by **Thursday, May 1, 2025**.

For application deadlines and notification dates, [check the Purdue OWL website](#).

If you have further questions about this program or the application process, please email Writing.Lab@Purdue.edu and put the word "IWE" in the subject line.