

DO'S AND DON'TS WHEN WRITING YOUR THESIS OR DISSERTATION

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SESSION OVERVIEW

- Strategies for managing the process.
- Writing for an academic audience.

THE BEST DISSERTATION (OR THESIS)...

.....is a Finished Dissertation (Or Thesis)!



WHY ARE YOU WRITING A THESIS OR DISSERTATION?



STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESSFULLY WRITING A THESIS OR DISSERTATION



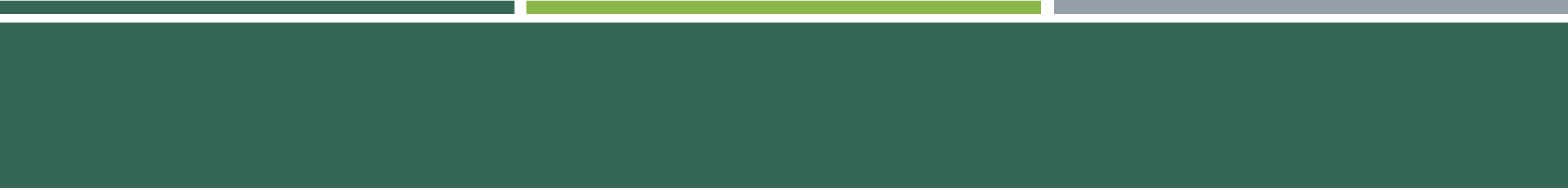
**Recognize that this is a *process*,
not just a product.**



**Start...and maintain...a good relationship
with your chair/advisor and your
committee.**



**Develop a specific, detailed timeline for
your project.**



**Research + Writing = Dissertation or
Thesis**



**Making writing a commitment on par
with other commitments.**

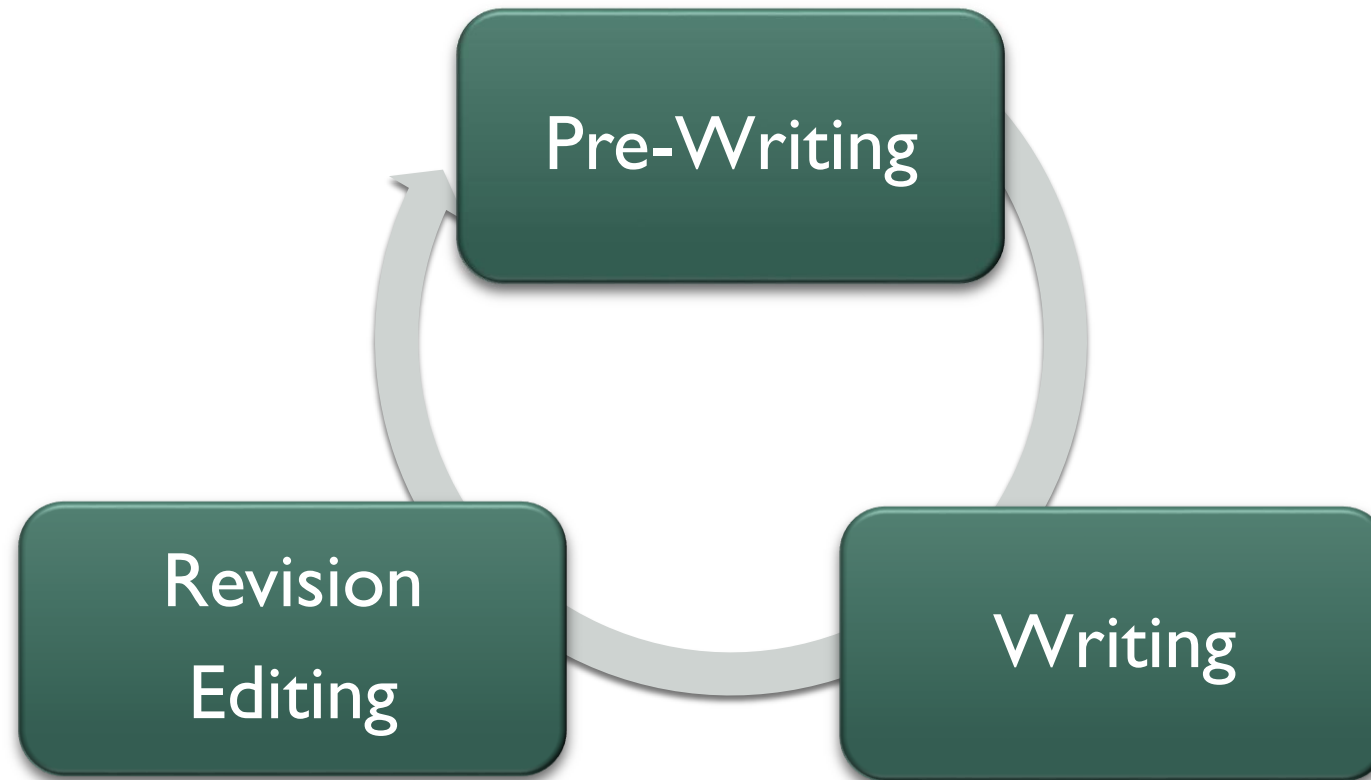


Avoid binge writing.



Understand the stages of the academic writing process.

STAGES IN THE WRITING PROCESS





Expect revisions!!




Take advantage of available resources.

LIBRARY SERVICES


- Research Resources & Services
- Research Services (research consultations)
- Office of Thesis and Dissertation Format Review
- <http://lib.msstate.edu>

OTHER RESOURCES

- Writing Center
 - <http://www.writingcenter.msstate.edu>
 - Available at multiple locations (including the library!)
 - Appointments also available online.



**Perfection is not your goal;
know when to let go.**



**Celebrate your completion...and then
publish your work!**

QUESTIONS?



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