

University of Southern California
Research Gateway Scholars Program, Office of Undergraduate Programs
2015 Summer Research Institute Master Schedule

RESEARCH METHODS, ACADEMIC WRITING, AND GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION:

A partnership involving support from the USC Dornsife College, Viterbi School of Engineering, Keck School of Medicine, Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, Rossier School of Education, and School of Social Work

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****On days where no program-sponsored activities are noted, students work independently with Faculty Mentors and Program Staff*

TUESDAY, MAY 19

ROOM: HEDCO HNB 100

SEMINAR

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| 9:00AM – 9:30AM | OVERVIEW (Re)Introductions, Expectations, Review of Research Topics & Project Plans, Accountability Partners |
| 9:30AM – 10:15AM | ACTIVITY Creating a Realistic Research and Writing Schedule/Timeline to Increase Productivity (from 45/15 Time Management Strategy to Overcoming Writers Block) |
| 10:30AM – 11:15AM | ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALIZATION Graduate School Degree Options and Career Options |
| 11:15AM – 12:00PM | RESEARCH & WRITING Part 1: An overview on strengthening Paper Introductions, Research Questions, Literature Review & Methods Sections; Part 2: What are Annotated Bibliographies and How To Make Them Work for You Now and Into Your Graduate Career |

DUE FRIDAY (05/22/15): UPLOAD DETAILED SUMMER RESEARCH AND WRITING SCHEDULE

BRING TO NEXT CLASS: DETAILED SUMMER RESEARCH AND WRITING SCHEDULE; RESEARCH ON CAREER OPTIONS

BREAK/LUNCH

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Free Time/On Your Own

DISCUSSION

1:10 – 3:30 PM

Group #1: American Studies & Ethnicity _____ **ROOM: GFS 220**

Group #2: Social Sciences & Education _____ **ROOM: GFS 221**

Group #3: Science, Technology, Engineering & Math _____ **ROOM: GFS 228**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

ROOM: WPH B36 Computer Lab

SEMINAR

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (GRE) | Preparation Course Diagnostic, Preliminary Test: Analytical Writing, Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning

TUESDAY, MAY 26

ROOM: HEDCO HNB 100

SEMINAR

9:00AM – 9:15AM Administrative Updates

9:15AM – 10:15AM ACTIVITY | *What’s In An Argument?* Group Exercise - Group 1: Persuasive Arguments Debate (to Improve Research and Writing Analytical Skills)

10:30AM – 11:15AM ACADEMIC PROESSIONALIZATION | Funding for Graduate School: Scholarships, Grants, Fellowships, Loans, Employment, etc.

11:15AM – 12:00PM RESEARCH & WRITING | Part 1: Determining the Point and Purpose of Your Research & Writing and the Best Means to Articulate it Clearly; Part 2: Learning the 4 C’s of Research; Part 3: Writing and Finetuning the Literature Review and Methods Sections

DUE FRIDAY (05/29/15): (1) LITERATURE REVIEW OVERVIEW; (2) METHODOLOGY

BRING TO NEXT CLASS: PRIOR PERSONAL STATEMENT(S) AND CURRICULUM VITAE/RESUME(S)

BREAK/LUNCH

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Free Time/On Your Own

DISCUSSION

1:10 – 3:30 PM

Group #1: American Studies & Ethnicity _____ **ROOM: GFS 220**

Group #2: Social Sciences & Education _____ **ROOM: GFS 221**

Group #3: Science, Technology, Engineering & Math _____ **ROOM: GFS 228**

Group #4: Public Health & Policy_____ **ROOM: VKC 101**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

ROOM: HNB 100

SEMINAR

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (GRE) | Preparation Course Session #1:
Analytical Writing, Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning

MONDAY, JUNE 1

ROOM: HEDCO HNB 107

SEMINAR

9:00AM – 9:15AM Administrative Updates

9:15AM – 10:15AM ACTIVITY | *What's In An Argument?* Group Exercise - Group 2: Persuasive Arguments Debate
(to Improve Research and Writing Analytical Skills)

10:30AM – 11:15AM ACADEMIC PROESSIONALIZATION | Developing a Professional Curriculum Vitae

11:15AM – 12:00PM RESEARCH & WRITING | Part 1: Writing a Compelling and Competitive Personal Statements;
Part 2: Overview of Writing Research Statements for Graduate School Applications

DUE FRIDAY (06/5/15): (1) DRAFT STATEMENT OF PURPOSE/PERSONAL STATEMENT; (2) DRAFT CURRICULUM VITAE

BRING TO NEXT CLASS: DRAFT ABSTRACT, LIST OF GRADUATE SCHOOL PROGRAMS OF INTEREST, POTENTIAL LETTERS
OF RECOMMENDATION LIST, AND COPY OF MENTOR'S DISSERTATION AND/OR DISSERTATION OF YOUR CHOICE

BREAK/LUNCH

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Free Time/On Your Own

DISCUSSION

1:10 – 3:30 PM

Group #1: American Studies & Ethnicity _____ **ROOM: VKC 103**

Group #2: Social Sciences & Education _____ **ROOM: VKC 104**

Group #3: Science, Technology, Engineering & Math _____ **ROOM: SOS B51**

Group #4: Public Health & Policy _____ **ROOM: SGM 601**

SEMINAR

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (GRE) | Preparation Course Session #2:
Analytical Writing, Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning

BREAK/LUNCH

12:00 – 1:00 PM Free Time/On Your Own

1:00 – 4:00 PM GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (GRE) | Preparation Course Session #3:
Analytical Writing, Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning

SEMINAR

9:00AM – 9:15AM Administrative Updates

9:15AM – 10:15AM ACTIVITY | Getting a Headstart on Creating Your Posters and PowerPoint Presentations

10:30AM – 11:15AM ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALIZATION | Part 1: Researching Graduate Programs that are “Best Fits”
to Your Academic Interests Incorporating Research/Writing Skills into Revising Graduate School
Package; Part 2: Creating an Organizational Spreadsheet for Graduate Applications

11:15AM – 12:00PM RESEARCH & WRITING | Part 1: Letters of Recommendations – What Do They Really Mean?
Who Should You Ask? How Should You Prepare? What to Do If You Are Asked to Start Your
Own Letter?; Part 2: Creating Typologies and Terms for Your Research

DUE FRIDAY (06/12/15): (1) GRADUATE SCHOOL PLANS & TIMELINES SPREADSHEET—INCLUDE POTENTIAL
RECOMMENDERS, REFERENCES, LIST OF GRADUATE PROGRAMS OF INTEREST, ETC.

BRING TO NEXT CLASS: COME PREPARED WITH REVISED LITERATURE REVIEW AND OVERALL RESEARCH/WRITING
PROGRESS TO WORK ON FINALIZING POSTER PRESENTATIONS

BREAK/LUNCH

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Free Time/On Your Own

DISCUSSION

1:10 – 3:30 PM

Group #1: American Studies & Ethnicity _____ **ROOM: VKC 103**

Group #2: Social Sciences & Education _____ **ROOM: VKC 104**

Group #3: Science, Technology, Engineering & Math _____ **ROOM: SOS B51**

Group #4: Public Health & Policy _____ **ROOM: SGM 601**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

ROOM: HNB 100

SEMINAR

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (GRE) | Preparation Course Session #4:
Analytical Writing, Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning

BREAK/LUNCH

12:00 – 1:00 PM Free Time/On Your Own

1:00 – 4:00 PM GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (GRE) | Preparation Course Session #5:
Analytical Writing, Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning

MONDAY, JUNE 15

ROOM: HEDCO HNB 100

SEMINAR

9:00AM – 9:15AM Administrative Updates

9:15AM – 10:15AM ACTIVITY | Finalizing Poster Presentations

10:30AM – 11:15AM ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALIZATION | How to Present and Convey Your Research Through
Posters, PowerPoint, etc.

11:15AM – 12:00PM RESEARCH & WRITING | Part 1: Research Data Analysis, Procedures, and Writing Up Your
Findings; Part 2: Revisiting Your Research and Writing Schedule

DUE THIS THURSDAY (06/18/15): SUBMIT POSTERS TO PROGRAM OFFICE

BRING TO NEXT CLASS: RESEARCH FINDINGS AND METHODS SECTIONS PROGRESS

BREAK/LUNCH

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Free Time/On Your Own

DISCUSSION

1:10 – 3:30 PM

Group #1: American Studies & Ethnicity	ROOM: VKC 103
Group #2: Social Sciences & Education	ROOM: VKC 104
Group #3: Science, Technology, Engineering & Math	ROOM: SOS B51
Group #4: Public Health & Policy	ROOM: SGM 601

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

ROOM: HNB 100

SEMINAR

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (GRE) | Preparation Course Session #6:
Analytical Writing, Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning

BREAK/LUNCH

12:00 – 1:00 PM Free Time/On Your Own

1:00 – 4:00 PM GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (GRE) | Preparation Course Session #7:
Analytical Writing, Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning

MONDAY, JUNE 22

ROOM: HEDCO HNB 100

SEMINAR

9:00AM – 9:15AM Administrative Updates

9:15AM – 10:15AM ACTIVITY | Confidence and Strategy Building: Answering Questions from Audience Members

10:30AM – 11:15AM ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALIZATION } Creating Your (Inter)national Academic Online Presence

11:15AM – 12:00PM RESEARCH & WRITING | Bringing It Altogether: Organizing Research Paper Sections – Part 1:
Research Data Analysis, Procedures & Writing Up Your Findings and Discussion (Continued...);
Part 2: Appropriate use of Citations, Quotes, Paraphrases, Abbreviations, Bullets, Headings,
Tables & Diagrams, Statistics & Numbers

DUE FRIDAY (06/26/15): DRAFT FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION SECTIONS

DUE NEXT MONDAY BY 3PM (06/29/15): POWERPOINT PRESENTATION SLIDES

BRING TO NEXT CLASS: REVISED ABSTRACT, UPDATED CV AND PERSONAL STATEMENT, ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL
WEB/ONLINE PRESENCE—INCLUDE LINKS, BIOS, ETC.

BREAK/LUNCH

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Free Time/On Your Own

DISCUSSION

1:10 – 3:30 PM

- Group #1: American Studies & Ethnicity _____ **ROOM: VKC 103**
- Group #2: Social Sciences & Education _____ **ROOM: VKC 104**
- Group #3: Science, Technology, Engineering & Math _____ **ROOM: SOS B51**
- Group #4: Public Health & Policy _____ **ROOM: SGM 601**

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Irani Hall Lobby (indoors, 1st floor of building)

2:45PM – 4:30PM

Indoor Research Poster Session—Gateway Scholars, Summer Bridge Students, Faculty

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

ROOM: HNB 100

SEMINAR

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (GRE) | Preparation Course Session #8:
Analytical Writing, Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning

MONDAY, JUNE 29

ROOM: HEDCO HNB 100

SEMINAR

9:00AM – 9:15AM

Administrative Updates

9:15AM – 10:15AM

ACTIVITY | Finalizing PowerPoint Presentations

10:30AM – 11:15AM

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALIZATION | What It Means to “Own” Your Research + Intellectual Property; Converting Your Research into Publishable Work for Academic Journals & Presentations

11:15AM – 12:00PM

RESEARCH & WRITING | The Iterative Process: The Art of Editing and Revising, and Learning When To... Stop

Note: Other topics will be covered in this last session and will be determined by the McNair Scholars a week prior based on the progress that has been made to this point. The end of this session will be more of an open forum format for students to ask any last lingering questions leading up to the culmination of the program.

REMINDER - DUE TODAY BY 3PM: SUBMIT POWERPOINT TO PROGRAM OFFICE

DUE THIS WEDNESDAY (07/1/15): (1) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE/PERSONAL STATEMENT; (2) CURRICULUM VITAE; (3) (In one document) LIST OF GRAD PROGRAMS CONSIDERING APPLYING TO; LIST OF POTENTIAL RECOMMENDERS; DATE TAKING GRE OR GENERAL INTENDED DATE)

DUE THIS FRIDAY (07/3/15): SUBMIT FINAL RESEARCH PAPER

BREAK/LUNCH

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Free Time/On Your Own

DISCUSSION

1:10 – 3:30 PM

Group #1: American Studies & Ethnicity _____ **ROOM: VKC 103**

Group #2: Social Sciences & Education _____ **ROOM: VKC 104**

Group #3: Science, Technology, Engineering & Math _____ **ROOM: SOS B51**

Group #4: Public Health & Policy _____ **ROOM: SGM 601**

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

ROOM: Seeley G. Mudd (SGM) Auditorium 123

8:30AM – 5:30PM Summer-end Research Symposium—Gateway Scholars, Faculty, Staff, & Family Members

Wednesday, JULY 1 - July 10

Independent Sessions throughout campus

Continue working on research projects, graduate school preparation, and meet with program instructors/advisors and faculty mentors.

RECAP of FINAL ASSIGNMENT DUE DATES

- Thursday, June 18** Poster Presentation
- Monday, June 22** Abstract
- Monday, June 29** PowerPoint Presentation
- Wednesday, July 1 – 10** Statement of Purpose/Personal Statement
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- List of Grad Programs You are Considering Applying to
- List of Recommenders
- Date taking GRE (if applicable)
- Friday, July 3** Final Draft Paper