

During this blended Masterclass you will:

- think about the purpose of a Thesis and use this to focus efforts,
- examine the university's rules to see what is needed to fulfil their requirements,
- examine previous theses from your discipline, to fine key items of STRUCTURE and content,
- create a chapter-level map of your thesis, indicating progress and areas of 'need',
- build clear messages for the core idea and sub-messages for individual chapters,
- instigate systems to MANAGE your time during the writing phase, ensuring that you meet your chosen deadlines, and
- use previously completed theses and the university's rules as guides to DESIGN simply.

This Masterclass runs in three parts:

1. **A 15 min video.** It is important that you watch this before attending the Masterclass as it delivers the core ideas and teaching.
<https://youtu.be/lws7-W4Kizg>
2. **Two 90-min webinars.** These let you ask questions and learn from each other. We use Zoom and generate a high level of engagement by using breakout rooms, Padlet, Mentimeter and PowerPoint. Your organiser will send you the link two weeks before the Masterclass.
3. **Sign up to extended online learning tools.** At the end of the second webinar, we will invite you to use online tools that extend the learning from the Masterclass to the Workspace.

BEFORE the webinar please:

- 1) Watch the 15 min pre-Masterclass video before attending.
- 2) Bring:
 - a) a print out of your university's guidelines / rules for submission.
 - b) a list of potential external examiners.
 - c) a copy of a recently submitted thesis from your department, noting its structure.
 - d) a draft core message (ie. your 'draft' thesis statement).

Joining Zoom (meeting etiquette).

Masterclasses are great places to connect and work together. To help this occur please:

- 1) Enter the waiting room 3-5 minutes before the start time.
- 2) Set yourself in a quite space so you can use your microphone.
- 3) Have your camera on, so that we can engage with each other as fully as possible.
- 4) Bring a glass of water or a fresh cup of coffee!

We look forward to working with you.