

# Overview of the Online Module: **Developing a Dissertation**

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## “Developing a Dissertation”: Module Overview

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This module is designed to provide resources for various stages of the thesis or dissertation writing process. Enrol in this module early in your degree and come back to it as you move to new stages of writing. In this module you will find various faculty members discussing the proposal structure, literature review, writing processes and strategies, and ethics (BREB) amongst other tips and resources.

The following table provides an at-a-glance view of the five segments of the module and the subsections within each segment:

Segment	Subsections	Length of Subsection
<b>Welcome to the Module!</b> <b>Please read this first.</b>	An Overview of the Module	
<b>Segment 1.</b> <b>UBC Thesis &amp; Dissertation Requirements &amp; Resources</b>	UBC Thesis & Dissertation Requirements & Resources	
<b>Segment 2:</b> <b>Writing the Research Proposal</b>	2.0 Introduction to Dr. Claudia Ruitenberg	
	2.1 Basic Structure	9.13 minutes
	2.2 Variations & Additions	6.15 minutes
	2.3 Other Tips	7.45 minutes
	2.4 Questions from the Audience	19.35 minutes
	<b>Total time for Segment 2</b>	<b>42.35 minutes</b>
<b>Segment 3:</b> <b>Literature Reviews</b>	3.0 Introduction to Dr. Tom Sork	
	3.1 What is a Literature Review?	7.50 minutes
	3.2 Possible Ways of Picturing the Literature Review	4.34 minutes
	3.3 Purpose(s) of a Literature Review	1.47 minutes
	3.4 The Stages and Steps of Producing a Literature Review	2.27 minutes
	3.5 Some Things Readers May Look For...	4.39 minutes
	3.6 Common Weaknesses	6.36 minutes
	3.7 Literature Reviews: Resources	15.38 minutes
	3.8 A Short Personal Review Story...	8.58 minutes

	3.9 Questions from the Audience	15.17 minutes
	<b>Total time for Segment 3</b>	<b>67.46 minutes</b>
<b>Segment 4: Writing Process &amp; Strategy</b>		
	4.0 Meet Dr. Anthony Paré	
	4.1 Introduction	2.19 minutes
	4.2 Ice-Breaker, Remarks, & Outline	9.37 minute
	4.3 The Challenge You Face	2.33 minutes
	4.4 What is Writing Anyway? A Focus on the Text	5.29 minutes
	4.5 What is Writing Anyway? A Focus on the Process	6.09 minutes
	4.6 What is Writing Anyway? Practice and Context/Setting	10.53 minutes
	4.7 Process, Product, and Context/Culture	9.37 minutes
	4.8 Putting Writing to Work	3.29 minutes
	4.9 Questions from the Audience	14.33 minutes
	Resources	
	<b>Total time for Segment 4</b>	<b>64.39 minutes</b>
<b>Segment 5: Ethics – Navigating the BREB</b>		
	Deirdre Kelly’s PowerPoint Slideshow <i>Successfully Navigating the BREB</i>	
	Other Resources	