



Stages of the Research Writing Process

- I. Prewriting – discovery and design**
 - a. Research
 - i. as much as necessary and required
 - ii. source credibility
 - iii. collect citation information
 - b. Focusing on thoughts and ideas
 - c. Considering the audience
 - d. Solidify topic, angle, and argument
 - e. Select and organize a structure
 - f. Creating a workable timeline
- II. Drafting – preparation and prose**
 - a. Thesis solidification
 - b. Informal Outline
 - c. Introduction
 - d. Development and support of ideas
 - i. logical and relevant
 - e. Finalize references and create works cited page
 - f. Transitions and flow
 - g. Conclusion
- III. Revising and Editing – management and minutia**
 - a. Global Revision – content, organization, tone
 - b. Sentence level revision – strengthen and clarify
 - c. Editing (conventions)
 - d. Proofreading
 - e. preparing for publication *send to The Writing Center!**
 - i. Final review of format, citations, plagiarism, typos
- IV. Publication and Printing**
 - a. Submission for grading and/or publication