



GUIDELINES FOR PAPER WRITING

Wisdom School of Graduate Studies is a unique institution challenging students and faculty alike to engage in deep integral learning. Our pedagogy is designed to nurture the body, mind, heart and soul. Our requirements for writing papers seek to continue this integrated learning experience.

• Subject/Object Synthesis

At most universities, the requirement for papers is exclusively for objective, dispassionate analysis and research. At WSGS, we turn this on its head and require both a demonstration that the student understands the objective content of the course, and can use footnotes, bibliographies, proper formatting, etc., as well as demonstrate an equally rigorous subjective insight into his or her interior journey as a result of learning the content at hand. In our view, it is the capacity to combine an objective grasp of the material under consideration as well as engage in the subjective work of discerning how the material is actually contributing to the “enlargement of the soul,” as Plato put it, that is a mark of wisdom.

• Writing Guidelines

Students are encouraged but not required to use the *Publication Manual for the American Psychological Association* (APA) to guide their writing style. When it comes to writing the dissertation, the APA style is required, so we encourage using it for the pre and post papers as preparation for the larger dissertation work. We recommend the APA style because it is the easiest and most popular.

• Cover Pages

In all papers, a cover page must be included that contains the student’s name, the title and date of the course, what degree program the student is in, mailing address, email address, and phone number.

• Paper Length

Pre-papers for a 2-credit course is 3-5 pages (optional per faculty). Post Paper 8-12 pages. Pre-papers for a 4-credit course should be 5-7 pages. Post papers should be 12-15 pages. The grade on the post paper constitutes the grade for the course and takes into consideration the pre paper and class participation.

• Time Limits

Students have two months from the end of the Intensive to submit their paper to the faculty; and faculties have two months after that to grade it and return the paper to the students. **FACULTY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO READ AND GRADE POST-PAPERS THAT ARE SUBMITTED AFTER THE FINAL DEADLINE. THOSE PAPERS WILL BE READ AND GRADED BY ONE OF THE DEANS.** If you need more than two months, please download and turn in the “Request for Paper Extension” form on the website to the Registrar.