Summer 2013 Graduate Workshops

Workshop 1: Thesis Template and Resources
This demonstration introduces you to the Thesis Submission Process and the Thesis Template. You will be walked through the resources on the website and shown how to download the template-based file and its instructions. You will learn how to: write in the MS Word template-based file; format your text using styles; bring text in from other documents; insert figures, images, and auto-numbered captions; and generate the Table of Contents, List of Tables, List of Figures, etc. If you’ve begun writing, send your document to theses@sfu.ca in advance of the workshop; one will be used in demonstrating the Library’s thesis template.

Thursday, May 23, 10:30 am to 12:20 pm, Bennett Library, Rm 7301 (Burnaby)
Thursday, July 18, 12:30 pm to 2:20 pm, Fraser Library, Rm 3695 (Surrey)
Tuesday, July 23, 11:30 am to 1:20 pm, Bennett Library, Rm 7301 (Burnaby)*
Tuesday, August 6, 10:00 am to 11:50 am, Bennett Library, Rm 7301 (Burnaby)*

*Contact research-commons@sfu.ca at least one week ahead to request a video link of this session to Vancouver or Surrey.

RefWorks for Graduate Students
Learn how to use RefWorks to keep track of citations from the Library’s catalogue and from other sources including online article indexes and databases. Participants will learn how to create a RefWorks account, import, search, and organize their references. Formatting citations and bibliographies with Write-n-Cite in MS Word in a variety of styles (APA, MLA, Chicago), will also be covered. Please note that this workshop will be taught using PCs.

Tuesday, May 28, 10:00 am to 11:50 am, Bennett Library, Lab 4009 (Burnaby)

Copyright Basics for Graduate Students
Copyright law and SFU copyright policies have recently changed significantly. Find out how these changes affect how you can use copyrighted material in your teaching and scholarship. Learn how to request permission when it is required.

Tuesday, June 4, 1:30 pm to 2:20 pm Bennett Library, Rm 7301 (Burnaby),
via video link to Rm 3695 (Surrey) and Rm 1040 (Vancouver, Belzberg Library)

Register for a workshop: www.lib.sfu.ca/research-commons/services/workshops
(sessions may be cancelled if registration is low)
Reference Management Tools: Which One Is Right For You?
Advanced researchers benefit from the use of citation management tools. These enable you to import, organize, share, and manage your citations and documents, as well as create bibliographies and papers correctly formatted in academic styles (APA, MLA, Chicago...). In this workshop, we will introduce a variety of web-based citation management software (RefWorks, Mendeley and Zotero), highlighting key aspects, pros & cons, to help you decide what works best for your own research practice.

Wednesday, June 5, 1:30 pm to 2:45 pm, Bennett Library, Lab 4009 (Burnaby)

Writing and Research Your Literature Review
Aimed at graduate students in the Humanities or Social Sciences, this workshop focuses on the literature review and literature search. At this session you will learn: conventions of literature reviews, search strategies, advanced features of research databases, and tips to further develop effective and efficient research skills.

Thursday, June 27, 1:30 pm to 3:20 pm Bennett Library, Lab 2105 (Burnaby)

Workshop 2: Theses Tables, Images, PDFs, High-Quality Print, etc.
This presentation shows users how to: create and easily format tables in MSWord; create high-quality images from other MSWord documents (e.g., questionnaires, landscaped tables, flowcharts, etc.); crop, resize, and rotate images in Photoshop for inserting into your thesis; block-out signatures on letters and forms as well, change PDF conversion settings for high- or press-quality print; convert PDFs to high-quality jugs for inclusion in your document are also addressed. This eliminates the need to either reformat other documents or have landscaped pages in your thesis, which creates page-numbering and other issues for students. If time permits, specific issues can be addressed as well—please send your files in advance to theses@sfu.ca, outlining what you’re looking to do.

Wednesday, July 31, 3:30 pm to 5:20 pm, Bennett Library, Rm 7200 (Burnaby)

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Additional workshops may be added to the summer schedule.
See the Research Commons website for up-to-date information: www.lib.sfu.ca/research-commons.