Research Paper Writing Process

Revising

It can feel painful to take a second look at your writing, especially if you are receiving feedback about your writing from others. Revising by yourself can feel more comfortable, but getting a second opinion on your writing can help you understand what your writing sounds like from the perspective of a reader. It can be hard to not take it personally when you receive feedback from

long as you focus on the process of making the intent of your paper clearer, it will be easier for you to figure out what others are seeing about what you are trying to say, and you will be able to figure out how to bridge the gap to ensure your intended meaning is clear. Feel free to seek advice from your local Writing Center tutor!

Here are strategies you can use on your own:

Proofreading

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to work on. Our Homegrown Handouts have explanations and exercises for working through them.

Revising Your Paper

to-Read Academic Papers and Essays provides essay-level guidance for cohesiveness, Easy-to-Read Coherent Paragraphs through each step of the process. What have I accomplished? What else do I need to accomplish? How do I want to accomplish it? How do I want to accomplish it? When do I want to accomplish it?

1. Choosing a Topic

a. What has helped me choose a topic in the past? What things made it difficult for me to select a topic in the past? What strategies would I like to try?

2. Selecting, Digesting and Organizing Sources

- a. How do I look for sources? What strategies can help me select sources to keep?
- b. What reading strategies do I use to identify the main point of an article? What note-taking strategies can help me keep track of the main points of each source?
- c. How do I organize my sources? Does my system organize my source in a clear manner? Are there other systems that I can use to make my sources easy for me to locate?

3. Outlining and Writing

- a. How do I organize my notes, citations, and ideas? What outlining system can I
- b. What strategies and habits do you use to get into the rhythm of writing? What makes it difficult for me to get into that flow? What strategies would I like to try?

4. **Revising**

- a. What strategies have I found helpful for revising my papers? What strategies
- b. Who can provide me with feedback about my writing? How do I approach them for feedback?

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