

## Research Guide 1

# Researching and writing a dissertation or project

This guide lists books in Oxford Brookes University Library which are relevant to **researching and writing a dissertation**, particularly at undergraduate or taught postgraduate level.

Books about **how to write essays** are listed in *Library Research Guide 5: Improving your study, assignment and exam skills*. <http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/guides/studyskillsguide.doc>

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- if the books are at **Headington, Wheatley or Harcourt Hill**
- if they are also available as **e-books**

The guide is divided into 2 sections:

- **Part 1** General, non subject specific books
- **Part 2** Subject specific resources

### Part 1: General books (non subject specific)

Allison, B. (2004) *The student's guide to preparing dissertations and theses*. 2nd ed. London: RoutledgeFalmer. 808.066 ALL & e-book

Ball, S. (2012) *The complete guide to writing your dissertation: advice, techniques and insights to help you enhance your grades*. Oxford: How To Books. 808.066 BAL

Barbour, R. (2014) *Introducing qualitative research: a student's guide*. 2nd ed. Los Angeles: SAGE 300.72/BAR

Berry, R. (2004) *The research project: how to write it*. 5th ed. Abingdon: Routledge. 808.066 BER

Biggam, J. (2011) *Succeeding with your master's dissertation: a step-by-step handbook*. 2nd ed. Maidenhead: Open University Press. 808.066 BIG & e-book

Blaxter, L, Hughes, C. & Tight, M. (2010) *How to research*. 4th ed. Maidenhead: Open University Press. 300.72 BLA & e-book

Bryman, A. (2012) *Social research methods*. 4th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 300.72 BRY

Bui, Y.N. (2009) *How to write a master's thesis*. Thousand Oaks, Calif., SAGE. 808.066 BUI

Cottrell, S. (2014) *Dissertations and project reports: a step by step guide*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. 808.066 COT

- Creswell, J. W. (2014) *Research design: qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods approaches*. 4th ed. London: SAGE. 300.72 CRE
- Cryer, P. (2006) *The research student's guide to success*. 3rd ed. Maidenhead: Open University. 001.43 CRY
- Davies, M. B. (2014) *Doing a successful research project: using qualitative or quantitative methods*. 2nd ed. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. 300.72 DAV
- Denscombe, M. (2010) *The good research guide: for small scale research projects*. 4th ed. Maidenhead: McGraw-Hill Open University Press. 300.72 DEN & e-book
- Greetham, B (2009) *How to write your undergraduate dissertation*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. 808.066 GRE
- Holliday, A. (2007) *Doing and writing qualitative research*. 2nd ed. London: SAGE 300.723 HOL
- Hutchison, H. (2007) *Writing essays and dissertations*. London: Hodder. 808.066 HUT
- Jesson, J. (2011) *Doing your literature review : traditional and systematic techniques*. London: SAGE. 808.0663 JES
- Kumar, R. (2014) *Research methodology: a step-by-step guide for beginners*. 4th ed. Lost Angeles: SAGE 001.42/KUM
- Leedy, P. D. & Ormrod, J. E. (2010) *Practical research : planning and design*. 9th ed. Saddle River, N. J. : Pearson Education. 001.43 LEE
- Levin, P. (2005) *Excellent dissertations!* 3rd ed. Maidenhead: Open University Press. 808.066 LEV
- Machi, L. & McEvoy, B. (2012) *The literature review*. 2nd ed. Thousand Oaks : Corwin. 808.0663 MAC
- McMillan, K. & Weyers, J. (2011) *How to write dissertations & project reports*. 2nd ed. Harlow: Pearson Education. 808.066 MAC & e-book
- Mounsey, C. (2013) *Successful essays, dissertations and exams*. 2nd ed. Oxford: OUP. 2nd ed. 808.066 MOU
- Murray, R. (2011) *How to write a thesis*. 3rd ed. Maidenhead: Open University Press. 808.066 MUR
- O'Leary, Z. (2014) *The essential guide to doing your research project*. 2nd ed. Los Angeles: SAGE 300.72/OLE
- Oliver, P. (2012) *Succeeding with your literature review: a handbook for students*. Maidenhead: Open University Press. 808.0663 OLI & e-book
- Orna, E. & Stevens, G. (2009) *Managing information for research: practical help in researching, writing and designing dissertations*. 2nd ed. Maidenhead: Open University Pr. 001.43 ORN
- Ridley, D. (2012) *The literature review: a step-by-step guide for students*. London: 808.066 RID
- Robson, C. (2007) *How to do a research project: a guide for undergraduate students*. Oxford: Blackwell. 808.0663 ROB

- Robson, C. (2011) *Real world research: a resource for users of social research methods in applied settings*. 3rd ed. Chichester: Wiley. 300.72 ROB
- Rudestam, K. E. & Newton, R.R. (2007) *Surviving your dissertation: a comprehensive guide to content and process*. 3rd ed. Los Angeles: Sage. 808.066 RUD
- Rugg, G. & Petre, M. (2007) *A gentle guide to research methods*. Maidenhead: Open University Press. 001.42 RUG
- Rumsey, S. (2008) *How to find information: a guide for researchers*. 2nd ed. Maidenhead: Open University Press. 001.43 RUM & e-book
- Schostak, J. F. & Schostak, J. (2013) *Writing research critically: developing the power to make a difference*. Abingdon: Routledge. 808.066 SCH
- Silverman, D. (2013) *Doing qualitative research*. 4th ed. Los Angeles: SAGE 300.72/SIL
- Silverman, D. (2013) *A very short, fairly interesting and reasonably cheap book about qualitative research*. Los Angeles: SAGE 300.72 SIL
- Smith, P. (2011) 8th ed. *How to write an assignment: proven techniques for producing essays, reports and dissertations that succeed*. 8th ed. Oxford: How to Books. 808.066 SMI
- Swetnam, D. (2000) *Writing your dissertation: how to plan, prepare and present successful work*. 3rd ed. Oxford: How to Books. 808.066 SWE & e-book
- Thomas, R. M. & Brubaker, D.L. (2008) *Theses and dissertations: a guide to planning, research, and writing*. 2nd ed. Thousand Oaks, Calif: Corwin Press. 808.066 THO
- Walliman, N. S. R. (2014) *Your undergraduate dissertation: the essential guide for success*. 2nd ed. London: Sage . 808.066 WAL
- Walliman, N.S.R. (2011) *Research methods: the basics*. London: Routledge. 001.43 WAL & e-book
- Walliman, N.S. R. (2011) *Your research project: designing and planning your work*. 3rd ed. London: SAGE. 001.43 WAL
- Warren, C.A.B. & Karner, T.X. (2010) 2nd ed. *Discovering qualitative methods: field research, interviews and analysis*. New York: OUP. 300.723 WAR
- Williams, K. (2013) *Planning your dissertation*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. 808.066 WIL
- Winstanley, C. (2009) *Writing a dissertation: for dummies*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. 808.066 WIN & e-book
- Wisker, G. (2009) *The undergraduate research handbook*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. 001.42 WIS

## Part 2: Subject-specific guides

### Art, Art History and Design

- D'Alleva, A. (2006) *How to write art history*. London: Laurence King Publishing. 707.22 DAL
- Crouch, C, & Pearce, J. (2012) *Doing research in design*. London: Berg. 729.072 CRO

## Built Environment

- Borden, I. (2006) *The dissertation: an architectural student's handbook*. 2nd ed. London: Architectural. 808.06672 BOR & e-book
- Farrell, P. (2011) *Writing a built environment dissertation: practical guidance and examples*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell. 808.06669 FAR
- Groat, L. N. & Wang, D. C. (2013) *Architectural research methods*. 2nd ed. New York :Wiley. 720.72 GRO & e-book
- Knight, A. & Ruddock, L. (eds) (2008) *Advanced research methods in the built environment*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell. 300.72 ADV & e-book
- Naoum, S. G. (2011) *Dissertation research and writing for construction students*. 3rd ed. London: Routledge. 808.066624 NAO
- Ward, K. (2013) *Researching the city*. London: SAGE. 808.0667114 RES

## Business

- W Blumberg, B. et al. (2014) *Business research methods*. 4th ed. London: McGraw-Hill Education 658.0072 BLU
- Brown, R. B. (2006) *Doing your dissertation in business and management: the reality of researching and writing*. London: SAGE. 658.0072 BRO & e-book
- W Collis, J . & Hussey, R. (2014) *Business research: a practical guide for undergraduates and postgraduate students*. 4th ed. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. 658.0072 COL
- Currie, D. (2005) *Developing and applying study skills: writing assignments, dissertations and management reports*. London: CIPD. 808.066658 CUR
- Fisher, C. M. (2010) *Researching and writing a dissertation: an essential guide for business students*. 3rd ed. Harlow: Financial Times Prentice Hall. 808.066658 FIS & e-book
- Horn, R. (2009) *Researching and writing dissertations: a complete guide for business and management students*. London: Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development. 808.066658 HOR
- Jankowicz, A.D. (2004) *Business research projects*. 4th ed. London: Thomson Learning. 658.0072 JAN
- Saunders, M., Lewis. P & Thornhill, A. (2012) *Research methods for business students*. 6th ed. Harlow: Pearson. 658.0072 SAU & e-book
- White, B. (2005) *Writing your MBA dissertation*. London: Thomason Learning. 808.066658 WHI
- Wilson, J. (2010) *Essentials of business research: a guide to doing your research project*. London: SAGE. 658.0072 WIL

## Computing

- Berndtsson, M. et al (2007) *Thesis projects: a guide for students in computer science and information systems*. 2nd ed. New York, London: Springer. 808.066004 THE
- Dawson, C. W. (2009) *Projects in computing and information systems: a student's guide*. 2nd ed. Harlow: Addison-Wesley. 004 DAW

## Education

- Arthur, J. (2012) *Research methods and methodologies in education*. London: SAGE. 370.72 RES
- Bell, J. (2010) *Doing your research project: a guide for first-time researchers in education, health and social science*. 5th ed. Maidenhead: Open University Press. 370.72 BEL & e-book
- Cohen, L., Manion, L. & Morrison, K. (2011) *Research methods in education*. 7th ed. London: Routledge. 370.72 COH & e-book
- Cresswell, J. (2012) *Educational research: planning, conducting, and evaluating quantitative and qualitative research*. 4th ed. London: Pearson. 370.72 CRE
- Jarvis, P. (2012) *Research in the early years: a step-by-step guide*. Harlow: Pearson-Education. 372.21072 RES & e-book
- Johnson, B. & Christensen, L. B. (2014) *Educational research: quantitative, qualitative and mixed approaches*. 5th ed. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: SAGE. 370.72 JOH
- Lawson, A. (ed) (2008, 2011) *Research tool-kit: the how-to guide from Practical research for education*. [Vol 1 – 2008; Vol 2 – 2011]. Slough: National Foundation for Educational Research. 370.72 RES
- O'Hara, M. et al (2011) *Successful dissertations : the complete guide for education, childhood and early childhood studies students*. London: Continuum. 808.066372/SUC & e-book
- Roberts-Holmes, G. (2014) *Doing your early years research project: a step-by-step guide*. 3rd ed. London: SAGE. 372.21072 ROB
- Sharp, J. (2012) *Success with your education research project*. 2nd ed. London: SAGE. 370.72 SHA
- Thomas, G. (2013) *How to do your research project: a guide for students in education and applied social sciences*. 2nd ed. London: SAGE. 300.72 THO
- Tummons, J. (2013) *Doing your research project in the lifelong learning sector*. Maidenhead: McGraw Hill Open University Press. 374.0072 TUM & e-book
- Walliman, N. S. R. and Buckler, S. (2008) *Your dissertation in education*. Rev.ed. London: SAGE. 808.06637 WAL
- Wilson, E (2009) *School-based research: a guide for education students*. London: SAGE. 370.72 WIL

## Engineering

- Beer, D. F. & McMurrey, D. (2013) *A guide to writing as an engineer*. 4th ed. Hoboken, N.J: Wiley. 808.06662 BEE
- Silyn-Roberts, H. (2000) *Writing for science and engineering: papers, presentations and reports: a practical handbook for postgraduates in science, engineering and technology*. Oxford: Butterworth-Heinemann. 808.0665 SIL & e-book
- Young, R. (2005) *Technical writing A-Z: a commonsense guide to engineering reports and theses*. British English Ed. New York: ASME 808.06662 YOU

## English Literature

Fabb, N. & Durant, A (2005) *How to write essays and dissertations: a guide for English literature students*. 2nd ed. Harlow: Pearson Longman. 808.066 FAB

## Geography

Flowerdew, R. & Martin, D. (2005) *Methods in human geography: a guide for students doing a research project*. 2nd ed. Harlow: Prentice Hall. 304.2 MET

Gomez, B. & Jones, J. P. (eds) (2010) *Research methods in geography: a critical introduction*. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell. 910.72 RES

Hay, I. (2012) *Communicating in geography and the environmental sciences*. 4th ed. Oxford: OUP. 808.06691 HAY

Kitchin, R. & Tate, N. J. (2000) *Conducting research in human geography: theory, methodology and practice*. Harlow: Pearson. 304.2072 KIT

Montello, D. R. & Sutton, P. C. (2013) *An introduction to scientific research methods in geography & environmental studies*. 2nd ed. London: SAGE. 910.72 MON

Parsons, A. J. & Knight, P. G. (2005) *How to do your dissertation in geography and related disciplines*. 2nd ed. Abingdon: Routledge. 808.06691 PAR

## Health Care

Aveyard, H., Sharp, P. & Woolliams, M. (2014) *A beginner's guide to critical thinking and writing in health and social care*. 3rd ed. Maidenhead: Open University Press. 808.066362 AVE & e-book

Aveyard, H. (2014) *Doing a literature review in health and social care: a practical guide*. 3rd ed. Maidenhead: McGraw-Hill Open University Press. 362.1 AVE & e-book

Bell, J. (2010) *Doing your research project: a guide for first-time researchers in education, health and social science*. 5th ed. Maidenhead: Open University Press. 370.72 BEL & e-book

DePoy, E. and Gitlin, L. N. (2011) *Introduction to research: understanding and applying multiple strategies*. 4th ed. St Louis, Mo: Elsevier Mosby. 610.72 DEP

Gimenez, J. (2011) *Writing for nursing and midwifery students*. 2nd ed. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. 808.06661 GIM

Glasper, E. A. & Rees, C. (2013) *How to write your nursing dissertation*. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell. 808.06661 HOW & e-book

Hickson, M. (2008) *Research handbook for health care professionals*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell. 610.73 HIC

Kiteley, R. & Stogdon, C. (2014) *Literature reviews in social work*. Los Angeles, SAGE. 361.3072 KIT

Walliman, N. S. R. & Appleton, J. (2009) *Your undergraduate dissertation in health and social care: the essential guide for success*. London: SAGE. 808.066362 WAL & e-book

Whittaker, A. (2012) *Research skills for social work*. 2nd ed. Exeter: Learning Matters. 361.3072 WHI

## History

Abbott, M. (ed) (2009) *History skills: a student's handbook*. 2nd ed. London: Routledge.  
907.1141 HIS & e-book

Mabbett, I.W. (2007) *Writing history essays: a student's guide*. Basingstoke: Palgrave.  
808.0669 MAB

## Hospitality, leisure and tourism

Altinay, L. & Paraskevas, A. (2008) *Planning research in hospitality and tourism*. Amsterdam, London: Butterworth-Heinemann.  
338.4791072 ALT

Baggio, R. & Klobas, J. (2011) *Quantitative methods in tourism: a handbook*. Bristol: Channel View.  
338.4791072 BAG

Brotherton, B. (2008) *Researching hospitality and tourism: a student guide*. London: SAGE.  
647.94072 BRO

Long, J.A. (2007) *Researching leisure, sport and tourism: the essential guide*. London: SAGE.  
790.072 LON & e-book

Sirakaya-Turk, E. (et al) (2011) *Research methods for leisure, recreation and tourism*. Wallingford: CABI.  
790.072 RES

Smith, S.L.J. (2010) *Practical tourism research*. Oxford: CAB International.  
338.4791072 SMI

Veal, A.J. (2011) *Research methods for leisure and tourism: a practical guide*. 4th ed. Harlow: Pearson Education.  
338.4791072 VEA

## Law

Clinch, P. (2010) *Legal research: a practitioner's handbook*. London: Wildy, Simmonds & Hill.  
340.072 CLI

King, R. & Wincup, E. (eds). (2008) *Doing research on crime and justice*. 2nd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.  
364.072 DOI

Knowles, J. (2012) *Effective legal research*. 3rd ed. London: Sweet & Maxwell.  
340.072/KNO

Salter, M. & Mason, J. (2007) *Writing law dissertations: an introduction and guide to the conduct of legal research*. Harlow: Pearson.  
808.06634 SAL

Watkins, D. & Burton, M. (2013) *Research methods in Law*. London: Routledge.  
340.072/RES

Webley, L. (2013) *Legal writing*. 3rd ed. Abingdon: Routledge-Cavendish.  
340.07 WEB & e-book

## Music

Herbert, T. (2009) *Music in words: a guide to researching and writing about music*. Oxford: OUP.  
808.06678 HER

## Politics

Burnham, P. (et al) (2008) *Research methods in politics*. 2nd ed. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.  
320.072 BUR

- Pierce, R. (2008) *Research methods in politics: a practical guide*. London: SAGE. 320.072 PIE
- Silbergh, D. M. (2001) *Doing dissertations in politics: a student guide*. London; New York : Routledge. 808.06632 SIL

## Psychology

- Beech, J. R. (2009) *How to write in psychology: a student guide*. Oxford: Wiley Blackwell. 808.06615 BEE
- Bell, P. & P.J. Staines (2001) *Evaluating, doing and writing research in psychology: a step-by-step guide for students*. London: Sage. 150.72 BEL
- Cone, J. D. & Foster, S. L. (2006) *Dissertations and theses from start to finish: psychology and related fields*. 2nd ed. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. 808.06615 CON
- Salkind, N. J. (2012) *Exploring research*. 8th ed. Upper Saddle River, N.J: Pearson Prentice Hall. 150.72 SAL
- Shaughnessy, J. (2012) *Research methods in psychology*. 9th ed. New York: McGraw-Hill Higher Education. 150.72 SHA
- Sternberg, R. J. (2003) *The psychologist's companion: a guide to scientific writing for students and researchers*. 4th ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 808.06615 STE
- Wood, C.P., Giles, D. & Percy, C. (2012) *Your psychology project handbook: becoming a researcher*. 2nd ed. Harlow: Pearson. 150.72 WOO & e-book

## Science

- Barrass, R. (2002) *Scientists must write: a guide to better writing for scientists, engineers and students*. 2nd ed. London: Routledge. 808.0666 BAR
- Gustavii, B. (2008) *How to write and illustrate a scientific paper*. 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 808.0665 GUS
- Hall, G. M. (2008) *How to write a paper*. 4th ed. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell. 808.0665 HOW
- Kirkman, J. (2005) *Good style: writing for science and technology*. 2nd ed. Abingdon: Routledge. 808.0665 KIR
- Knisely, K. (2009) *A student handbook for writing in biology*. 3rd ed. Sunderland, Mass: Sinauer. 808.06657 KNI
- LeBrun, J. (2007) *Scientific writing: a reader and writer's guide*. Singapore: World Scientific. 808.0665 LEB
- Matthews, J. R., Bowen, J.M. & Matthews, R.W. (2008) *Successful scientific writing: a step-by-step guide for the biological and medical sciences*. 3rd ed. Cambridge: CUP. 808.0665 MAT
- McMillan, V. (2006) *Writing papers in the biological sciences*. 4th ed. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. 808.06657 MAC
- Pechenik, J.A. (2007) *A short guide to writing about biology*. 7th ed. London: Longman. 808.06657 PEC



- Russey, W. E., Ebel, H.F. & Bliefert, C. (2006) *How to write a successful science thesis: the concise guide for students*. Weinheim: Wiley-VCH. 808.0665 RUS
- Schimmel, J. (2012) *Writing science: how to write papers that get cited and proposals that get funded*. Oxford: OUP. 808.0665 SCH
- Silyn-Roberts, H. (2000) *Writing for science and engineering: papers, presentations and reports: a practical handbook for postgraduates in science, engineering and technology*. Oxford: Butterworth-Heinemann. 808.0665 SIL & e-book
- Valiela, I. (2009) *Doing science: design, analysis and communication of scientific research*. 2nd ed. Oxford: OUP. 507.2 VAL

## Social Science

- Bell, J. (2010) *Doing your research project: a guide for first-time researchers in education, health and social science*. 5th ed. Maidenhead: Open University Press. 370.72 BEL & e-book
- Best, S (2012) *Understanding and doing successful research: data collection and analysis for the social sciences*. Harlow: Pearson. 300.72 BES
- Bryman, A. (2012) *Social research methods*. 4th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 300.72 BRY
- Denscombe, M. (2014) *The good research guide: for small scale social research projects*. 5th ed. Maidenhead: McGraw-Hill Open University Press. 300.72 DEN & e-book
- Denscombe, M. (2010) *Ground rules for social research: guidelines for good practice*. 2nd ed. Maidenhead: McGraw Hill Open University Press. 300.72 DEN & e-book
- Hart, C. (2001) *Doing a literature search: a comprehensive guide for the social sciences*. London: Sage. 025.524 HAR
- Hart, C. (2005) *Doing your masters dissertation: realizing your potential as a social scientist*. London: SAGE. 808.066 HAR
- Jesson, J. (2011) *Doing your literature review: traditional and systematic techniques*. London: SAGE. 808.0663 JES
- Miles, M. et al. (2014) *Qualitative data analysis: a methods sourcebook*. 3rd ed. Los Angeles: SAGE 300.72 MIL
- Nardi, P.M. (2014) *Doing survey research: a guide to quantitative methods*. 3rd ed. Boulder: Paradigm Publishers. 300.723/NAR
- Northey, M. (2007) *Making sense: a student's guide to research and writing*. 5th ed. Don Mills, Ont; Oxford.; Toronto: Oxford University Press. 808.0663 NOR
- Ormston, R. et al. (2014) *Qualitative research practice: a guide for social science students and researchers*. 2nd ed. Los Angeles: SAGE. 300.72/QUA
- Thomas, G. (2013) *How to do your research project: a guide for students in education and applied social sciences*. 2nd ed. London: SAGE. 300.72 THO
- Walliman, N.S.R. (2006) *Social research methods*. London: SAGE. 300.72 WAL & e-book