

ONLINE GRADUATE WRITING COURSE (GRST 500 OR 501)

What is the difference between GRST 500 and GRST 501?

GRST 500: Introduction to Graduate Writing is an extremely beneficial required course for all online graduate students who have been conditionally accepted on or placed on academic warning.

GRST 501: Graduate Writing is an optional course for online graduate students who are NOT conditionally accepted or on academic warning but are still apprehensive about future graduate-level writing assignments.

All FAQs and answers below apply to both GRST 500 and GRST 501.

How much does the course cost?

Because we want this intensive writing instruction to be available to any student who may benefit from it, we are offering this course for a fee of **only \$100 for the entire course**. Furthermore, **no textbook purchase is necessary**. Financial aid may be applied to cover the \$100 fee.

What is the course like?

GRST 500/501, designed to be taken in conjunction with at least one other course, is an 8-week writing course, created to equip you with the organization and revision skills necessary to produce good graduate-level writing. In addition to its reduced cost, this course differs from other Liberty online courses in a variety of ways:

- Rather than requiring the purchase of a textbook, GRST 500/501 provides instruction and feedback—from both the course instructor and a writing tutor—on a research paper of your choice, selected from any other course you are taking that same term.
- Because of its pass/fail format, GRST 500/501 is a low-stress, low-pressure educational experience and will not affect your GPA. As long as you complete all work and show significant improvement between your rough and final draft, you will pass the class and add a graduate-level writing course to your official transcript.
- Finally, GRST 500/501 is a course from which you will reap long-term benefits according to the level of effort you put into the class. The course may merely be helpful instruction that introduces you to the type of writing expected in graduate-level course work, or, if given your best effort, can permanently improve your writing skills.

What is the bottom line?

For only \$100 total, you will receive guided instruction and feedback on a writing project of your choice from another class, the chance to develop organization and revision skills needed for future assignments, and a graduate-level writing course on your official transcript. If you are apprehensive about future writing projects, please take advantage of this unique opportunity by enrolling in GRST 501 along with your other courses in one of your earlier terms.

How do I register for this course?

If you are a conditionally accepted student, you will automatically be enrolled in GRST 500, and if you do not pass the course the first time you take it, you will automatically be re-enrolled in a subsequent term and charged another \$100 fee.

If you are NOT a conditionally accepted student, simply register for GRST 501 through ASIST as you would any other course. Select "Graduate Studies" (GRST) 501 as the subject in the course lookup feature when you go to register through ASIST, and be sure to select "online" as the instructional method.