

Preface

Effective writing skills are essential not only for attaining academic degrees but also for advancing in one's career. The purpose of this guide is twofold:

- (1) to help students understand the distinctions between academic, non-academic and scholarly writing;
- (2) to provide students with a resource for maintaining and improving their skills in academic writing.

To accomplish these objectives, information concerning both academic and scholarly writing is presented. Specific problems students may encounter in crafting academic papers are also identified and explained. They will also learn about academic integrity and its significance. One further important component of the course is to get acquainted with some of the indispensable style guides such as MLA and APA. The tips and techniques presented have been assembled from numerous sources and represent the most common problems in producing well-written academic papers.