Writing is something we do all the time, yet rarely do we appreciate its complexity. This is to say that while we write constantly, we might not be actually viewing writing as a multifaceted skill that changes from context to context. This presentation will explore what it means to write at the graduate level—a level that few entering students are prepared to write at when they begin their academic careers. By better understanding what graduate writing entails (and how to prepare for something you have never done before), you will be positioned to approach graduate writing with proper expectations and strategies for success.

Whether it’s creating a data management plan or conducting your own original research, the UCSB Library offers an abundance of comprehensive and invaluable resources for supporting your work. Join the Library for an informal informational session to learn about their grad student services — including research methods and advanced search strategies, InterLibrary Loan (ILL), open access, subject librarians, grad-only study spaces, and more!

The academic culture of the university can be intimidating, but navigating the institution is not impossible. Come to this session to learn about important academic requirements, timelines, and deadlines you need to know as well as the social and cultural expectations you will face in graduate school. You’ll walk away with valuable information and practical tools to help you navigate the ins and outs of the university. This session is open to all incoming graduate students and we particularly welcome first-generation, women in STEM, LGBTQ+, student parents, students with a disability, veteran, international, and nontraditional students.

It may seem premature to think about what you’ll do after you graduate at the start of your graduate program. However, the truth is grad school is not a placeholder for career development because it’s not your final destination. This workshop will help you understand how the skills you gain in grad school can benefit you in a variety of careers. We’ll go over a general timeline of how you can be proactive to set yourself up for successful career planning in grad school, as well as valuable information and resources to help you along the way.