

# WRITING PROCESS

Writing processes are individual and can be very different. However, students' writing problems are often very similar. The following will provide you with some suggestions for how to reduce the number of problems in your writing process.

## **At the beginning of your writing process:**

1. You should start writing your assignment even though you have not yet read all the literature you will need.
2. You should write imperfect texts which you can improve later on.
3. You should not let yourself be limited by the number of pages stipulated for your assignment at the beginning of your writing process. If you produce too much text, you will have ideas to choose from.
4. Do not spend time on finding perfect formulations. Expect that you will need to reformulate later anyway.
5. You should write to remember your thoughts.

## **In the middle of your writing process:**

1. You should produce text for an introduction, explanations, analysis, discussion, conclusion etc. without necessarily working on individual sections in a particular order.
2. You should write to create coherence in your arguments.
3. You should accept that you need to write several drafts for the different sections, and that the structure cannot be completely established in the middle of the writing process.
4. You should accept that you need to write several versions of your sentences to develop precise formulations.
5. You should write to be able to decide which content should be included in your assignment and which content should be left out.

## **At the end of your writing process:**

1. You should print out your text and read and edit it. You may insert, delete, replace or move sections, sentences and words.
2. You should decide on a final structure and adjust the text accordingly.
3. You should get someone else to read your text and give you feedback. Then you should adjust it again.
4. You should proofread and adjust the text.
5. You should write a final version of your text which communicates the content of your assignment in a reader-friendly manner.