

Writing a Master Thesis

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How to write

- Hengl, T. and Gould, M. (undated). Rules of Thumb for Writing Research Articles.
<http://gauss.stat.su.se/gu/uppsats/Instruktioner/HurManSkriverEnArtikel-2.pdf>
- *A bit short, compare with examples on next page*
- “Good writing” at
<http://gauss.stat.su.se/master/surveydata.shtml>

Examples

- Morrison, R.L., Stettler, K. and Anderson, A.E (2004). Using Vignettes in Cognitive Research on Establishment Surveys, *Journal of Official Statistics*, Vol. 20, 319-340. The full text can be found on www.jos.nu.
- Schnell, R. and Kreuter, F. (2005). Separating Interviewer and Sampling-Point Effects. *Journal of Official Statistics*, Vol. 21, 389–410.
www.jos.nu.

How to read

- Murphy, J.R. (1997). How to Read the Statistical Methods Literature. *A Guide for Students*. *The American Statistician*, Vol. 51, 155-157.
- *A little overambitious though - unimportant or less relevant articles need not be read in detail*

Make sure...

- That you have an abstract or summary
- Reference list (include nothing in list that has not been referenced in the text, and no reference forgotten)
- Table headings and figure captions, and no pasted-in computer print-out
- "It's", "there's", etc, is informal