

What is the Difference between Editor & Writing Coach?

Editor:

- “Catch the errors, point them out to you, and you do the most of the correcting.”
- Check for typos, spelling errors, punctuation.
- Check for APA format in citations and references.
- Check for doi references
- Check use of et al.
- Check use of acronyms
- Check for flow and transitions
- Check for word choice
- Send suggestions for corrections with margin comments and track changes
- You do most of the changes as I point them out.
- Basic and more simple

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Note: I do not work with statistics or statistical analysis for quantitative research. I will edit your chapters and check APA.

Writing coach:

- “Catch the errors, point them out to you, teach you why they’re wrong and how to improve, as well as work with you to develop your paper and to accurately express what you want to say.”
- Coach you on maximizing your word processor tools to minimize work. (Let the machine do the work!)
- Point out corrections needed, but provide further explanations so you learn as you go.
- Teach you to improve your writing as I see patterns of errors.
- Coach you on how to approach each chapter, work with your committee & prepare for defense.
- Teach you how to comply with APA format rules.
- May include Skype/Google Hangout sessions
- Deeper and more nurturing.

I used to have two separate hourly fees, higher for coaching. Now I have realized that coaching takes longer, so you will actually be paying for more hours of my work. Hence, I now use the same hourly fee and let the amount of work make the difference. I keep a spreadsheet, use a timer, log my time, and report to you my total hours spent on each segment.

I charge \$25/hour. Editing generally comes to about \$100/chapter. When we start working together for the proposal, hopefully we get the first 3 chapters pretty well polished that they need minimal work preparing for the final defense. Occasionally I am asked to go over the first 3 chapters again one last time, so there may be a small additional cost above the first \$100/chapter. Writing coaching ends up costing more, naturally because we put more hours in working together. Editing might end up between \$500 and \$600 for the dissertation, whereas for writing coaching it might be closer to \$700 or \$800. It is hard to give a definite final price. You can help keep the cost down by doing more of the actual corrections yourself, and reducing my “on the clock” time. I try to be very workable.

Payments: I ask for payments as I finish each section. You may pay me with PayPal through my website, and I will email the edited section when I receive the payment

References furnished upon request. Let me know if you’d like a more detailed contract, and for which role.

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