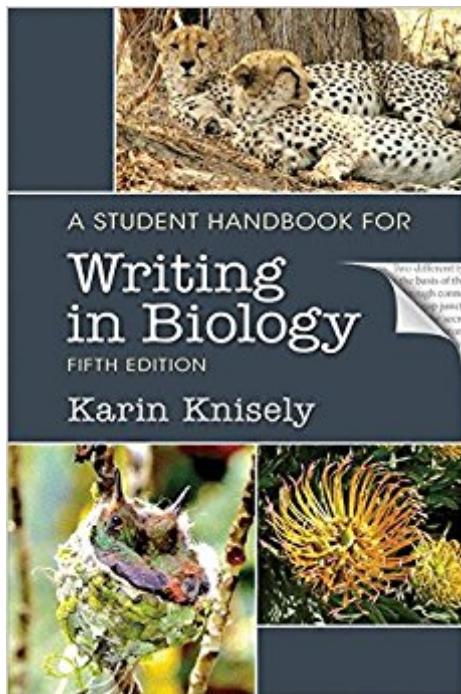


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# A Student Handbook For Writing In Biology



## **Synopsis**

Karin Knisely's indispensable handbook provides practical advice to students who are learning to write according to the conventions in biology, covering everything from reading technical literature and writing scientific papers, to preparing lab reports and making oral presentations of scientific findings. Since scientific communication requires unique competencies on the computer (for example, producing Greek letters and mathematical symbols), almost half of the handbook is devoted familiarizing students with helpful features in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint - features that are essential to professional quality scientific communication.

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This book was required for an Ecology class but I'm glad it was because it has helped tremendously with Lab Reports, Field Summaries, and other scientific papers. Now that the class is over I technically don't need it anymore but I will be sure to hold on to this for future reference.

I have a writing background, but not in science. When it was required for me to buy this book, I was very pleased with the information inside. This book shows you how to properly write a science paper and how to accurately cite and document sources. This book also shows you how to properly utilize graphs and charts to make a professional science report. This book is a must and a keep for any student. I would advise anyone who has to buy this book to keep it instead of selling it back at the end of the semester.

This book was required for one class I'm taking which requires me to write a lab report each week--but I wish I had known about it when I started my college career. It is so helpful and easy to read and understand, this is a book you will be able to use for the rest of your life (especially if you choose to stay in the field of science/science research). I recommend this to any Biology major--or even someone taking some higher level bio classes in high school.

Actually, not a bad little supplement. It really could be complimented with *Rules for Writers* by Diane Hacker. I see so many people wander through science academic writing having a hard time when really, it's all about a few fundamentals that should have been covered in lower level classes. This is a pretty good guide, and a lot of times, all you'll need.

This handbook is really great if you have to write lab reports. It goes step-by-step through the whole process of your experiment and writing your report. It has some great things that help you get it done in time, like timelines on when to have different sections of the report completed. It's really good to have, especially if you haven't written reports before.

*A Student Handbook for Writing in Biology* is the best investment I ever made. Last year, I had to write my first lab report at the college level. This book took me not only step-by-step through each section of the lab report with a description of each it also provided an actual example of a completed lab report. If you are a science major it is a must have among your collection of books!

Good book for students interested in a biology degree. It is a great introduction to the sort of writing done by biologists with advanced degrees. As a bio instructor, I used the book as a model of this type of writing in lab reports, papers, and research proposals.

This book is Awesome! I am an undergrad student majoring in Biology, this book shows how to do proper research, how to make a scientific poster and also it has tips on software to create our reports such as MS Office, I really wished I knew about it years ago, but I'll use from now on.

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