

Writing Specialist: Winter 2017 Student Success Workshops

<p>• Understanding Your Assignment</p> <p>In this workshop, students will be guided on how to approach and understand their assignment outlines. Students will gain an understanding of key terms, and how to break down the assignment to create a focused, in-depth paper. This breakdown skill is vital for students to become successful academic researchers and writers.</p>
<p>• Essay Structure and the Writing Process</p> <p>The workshop will provide an overview of basic essay structure and what is included in each section; i.e. introduction, thesis, body paragraphs, conclusion. The workshop will also go into the 4 stages in the writing process and the time that needs to be allocated for each stage.</p>
<p>• Thesis Development and Supporting Argument: How to Build Both</p> <p>This workshop delves more deeply into how students develop a clear and concise thesis from their assignment topic, and how to develop a supporting argument that proves the thesis.</p>
<p>• Writing Across Disciplines: How to Write Papers for Your Different Classes</p> <p>The workshop will provide an overview of the different assignments and writing expectations across disciplines; such as how a research paper in Philosophy differs from an English paper, or what tone and diction is expected in the Sciences versus Humanities. Students should get a view of how their writing needs to change to meet specific courses and objectives.</p>
<p>• Self-Editing: What to Check Before You Submit/ Strategies for Revision</p> <p>These workshops will give students a guideline for what needs to be checked before they submit, such as citing/formatting, grammar, etc. Students will be given some tools to learn how they can catch their mistakes and avoid losing easy marks.</p>
<p>• Grammar</p> <p>This workshop goes over basic grammar rules that students struggle with in papers, such as verb tense/form, prepositions, and transitions.</p>
<p>• Punctuation</p> <p>This workshop provides a basic overview of punctuation rules. Students will be provided with refreshers about proper comma and semi-colon use, and how punctuation changes the flow and tone in essays.</p>
<p>• Common Errors in Essay Writing: How to Avoid</p> <p>This workshop addresses common mistakes instructors find in student essays. Tying into the Understanding Your Assignment and Self-Editing workshops, this session will provide students with a guideline of what to double check and fix throughout their writing so that the quality of the paper they hand in is better, while also making students responsible for their writing and the assignment as a whole.</p>
<p>• In-Class Essay Exams and Final Essays: How to Prep</p> <p>This workshop will address the steps students need to take to prepare and study for in-class essays and end of term final papers. Students will be guided in what and how to prepare materials, how to manage studying time, and what to expect during a timed writing session.</p>

Questions? Contact the Writing Specialist,

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