



Writing Center for the Access Campuses

Academic Workshops

Fall 2021

Thursdays @ 1:15-1:45pm

Room UC-128

no registration necessary



September 9 How to navigate Canvas

Canvas is the Learning Management System used with all classes at UWO. Learn how to navigate this 'home base' for your classes and find important course materials and information. Use Canvas to contact your instructor.



September 16 College Writing, in a Nutshell

College writing can seem overwhelming or unclear if you have been out of school for a while or just feel unprepared for the level of rigor professors will expect. This workshop will provide an overview of what college writing should look like and how it can be approached.



September 23 Classroom Discussion: How to Speak Up

Did you know many people claim they would rather face death than speak in public? If class participation is a requirement in your classes and this is causing you anxiety, this workshop is for you. We discuss ways to overcome this fear and let your ideas be heard in your classes.



September 30 Email Communication and Etiquette, OMG!

Technology offers many avenues for communication, but there are grey areas as to what defines appropriate communication. This workshop will help you analyze your audience so that you can make decisions and use the suitable level of formality for your technology-based communication.



October 7 Managing your Reading Load

Reading is a large and essential part of a college education, and many times it can seem overwhelming. This hands-on workshop will provide strategies to help you understand and retain college-level reading in an efficient way.



October 14 Building a Strong, Well-formed Paper

Academic writing fits together like a puzzle: you have to think about how the body paragraphs support the thesis and how the evidence supports the main points. As a writer, all of these decisions and judgements are yours. However, this workshop will help you understand how to fit the pieces together.



October 21 Mechanics and Grammar Tune-up

This workshop will help you boost your sentence-level writing by providing tools you can use to fix common mechanical malfunctions, such as sentence fragments, run-ons, and comma splices.



October 28 Your Words or Theirs: Practice with Paraphrasing

Academic writing is a conversation between you and your sources. It is important to thoroughly integrate those sources into a paper while at the same time to avoid plagiarism. This hands-on workshop will provide methods for putting your source material into your own words.



November 4 Documentation Superpowers: How to Cite Sources using MLA and APA Styles

The documentation of sources is an essential part of academic writing. It is important to be viewed as a credible writer so that readers will take your ideas seriously. This workshop will help you build your documentation skills, including APA and MLA styles and the 2016 revisions to the MLA style.



November 11 Overcome Procrastination, Create Your Timeline

Many students acknowledge that one of the largest hurdles to overcome in college is procrastination. This workshop will help you create an intentional timeline so you can avoid this hurdle. Bring a recent assignment.



November 18 Make a Difference, Write to Your Political Representative

With the heightened visibility of the 2016 presidential election, many Americans have found renewed interest in the political process. This workshop will help you to get your voice heard by writing to your political representatives.



December 2 Your Future is Here: Build Your Resume

Whether you need to revise your resume or start from scratch, it is never too soon (or too late) to practice this important step on your professional journey. Bring past employment information, volunteer information, awards, and reference contacts.