

PLANO CAMPUS WRITING CENTER WORKSHOPS – FALL 2025

September Workshops

Plano Campus APCA Workshop: Show, Don't Tell: Descriptive Writing Strategies

Thursday, September 11, 6-7 p.m.

This workshop will help you sharpen your writing with vivid, engaging details! Learn techniques to enhance clarity, evoke emotion, and immerse your readers in every moment. Perfect for essays, stories, and creative projects.

Presented by Dr. Tawnya Hillin-Smith

Online

<https://zoom.us/j/9473195800>

Plano Campus APCA Online and On Campus Workshop: To Study or Not to Study

Thursday, September 18, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

This workshop will focus on how to eliminate distractions and set reasonable study goals, discuss the importance of breaks and a semi-flexible study schedule, and explore helpful tools for tackling small and large assignments.

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Wren

Online and On Campus

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5997124900>

Plano Campus D210

Plano Campus APCA Workshop: From Blank Page to Breakthrough: Prewriting Strategies to Jumpstart Your Writing

Monday, September 22, 1-2 p.m.

Staring at a blank page? Brainstorming and prewriting are crucial parts of the writing process. This workshop will present and model several specific prewriting strategies students can use with their writing projects.

Presented by Dr. Lisa Kirby

Plano Campus APCA

D210

Plano Campus APCA Workshop: Introductions and Thesis Statements

Wednesday, September 24, 11 a.m.-noon

Getting started is always the hardest part of writing an essay. This workshop will show you how to motivate your reader with a problem or question and satisfy them with a strong answer.

Presented by Brittany Whitstone, Writing Tutor

Plano Campus APCA

D210

Plano Campus APCA Online Workshop: MLA Format and Citations

Tuesday, September 30, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

What even is MLA? Why is your professor making you jump through all these hoops? Come learn the answers to these questions as well as the basics of MLA style, citations, and format.

Presented by Brittany Whitstone, Writing Tutor

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7977976513?pwd=L1BvY3lUN2hoOHZSdUtZajJJdmtUUT09>

October Workshops

Plano Campus APCA Online and On Campus Workshop: Ebonics to Standard American English

Thursday, October 2, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Learn about the history of Ebonics and code-switching in academia and acquire the tools to assist a transition in language to succeed at college.

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Wren, Anthropology Faculty

Online and On Campus

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5997124900>

Plano Campus D210

Plano Campus APCA Workshop: Writing about Literature

Tuesday, October 7, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

This workshop will walk you through how to write thoughtfully about a work of literature, analyze instead of summarize, and effectively use textual evidence.

Presented by Dr. Camin Melton, English Faculty

Plano Campus APCA

D210

Plano Campus APCA Online and On Campus Workshop: How to Read Scholarly Journal Articles

Thursday, October 16, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Writing a research paper? Here, students will get armed with strategies to filter, read, and interpret journal articles from a variety of disciplines.

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Wren, Anthropology Faculty

Online and On Campus

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5997124900>

Plano Campus D210

Plano Campus APCA Online Workshop: Integrating Sources

Wednesday, October 22, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Go beyond the basics for your research paper with new techniques for how and when to summarize, paraphrase, and directly quote sources without plagiarizing.

Presented by Brittany Whitstone, Writing Tutor

Online

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Plano Campus APCA Online Workshop: APA Format and Citations

Monday, October 27, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Writing in the sciences and social sciences can come with different requirements than writing for your English class. Come learn the basics of APA style, citations, and format.

Presented by Brittany Whitstone, Writing Tutor

Online

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November Workshops**Plano Campus APCA Online and On Campus Workshop: Scientific Literature Reviews**

Tuesday, November 4, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Learn how to distinguish between different types of sources and how to construct a literature review to explore questions and problems in various disciplines.

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Wren, Anthropology Faculty

Online and On Campus

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5997124900>

D210

Plano Campus APCA Workshop: Connecting the Dots: Flow in Writing

Wednesday, November 5, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Learn how to connect your ideas and convey them clearly to your audience by using the old-new principle of sentences and keeping your audience in mind.

Presented by Brittany Whitstone, Writing Tutor

Plano Campus APCA

D210

Plano Campus APCA Online and On Campus Workshop: Research Design: Materials and Methods

Tuesday, November 11, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Writing a lab report? Interested in understanding scientific research at a deeper level?
Learn how to use research design principles to test your hypothesis.

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Wren, Anthropology Faculty

Online and On Campus

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5997124900>

D210

Plano Campus APCA Workshop: MLA Format and Citations

Monday, November 17, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

What even is MLA? Why is your professor making you jump through all these hoops? Come learn the answers to these questions as well as the basics of MLA style, citations, and format.

Presented by Brittany Whitstone, Writing Tutor

Plano Campus APCA

D210

Plano Campus APCA Online and On Campus Workshop: Results, Discussion, and Conclusions

Tuesday, November 18, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Writing a lab report? Need to figure out how to use a journal article in your paper? Learn how experiment and study results are presented and interpreted, with many examples.

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Wren, Anthropology Faculty

Online and On Campus

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D210

Plano Campus APCA Online Workshop: Persuasion Power

Thursday, November 20, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

If you're writing an argumentative, persuasive, response, or opinion essay, this workshop is for you! Here, we'll discuss strategies for building strong arguments, responding to counterarguments effectively, and convincing your reader that your issue truly matters.

Presented by Brittany Whitstone, Writing Tutor

Online

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December Workshops

Plano Campus APCA On Campus Workshop: Integrating Sources

Tuesday, December 2, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Go beyond the basics for your research paper with new techniques for how and when to summarize, paraphrase, and directly quote sources without plagiarizing.

Presented by Brittany Whitstone, Writing Tutor

Plano Campus APCA

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