

Fall 2018 Workshops



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Tuesday, September 4 2:00-3:00 p.m.	Understanding the Assignment Presenter: Writing Consultant Monica Davenport Need help breaking down a tricky assignment description? This workshop provides you with strategies for understanding the goals and expectations of your writing assignments.	H123
Friday, September 7 1:00-2:00 p.m.	Cutting the Clutter: Avoiding Wordiness Presenter: Writing Consultant Darcy Rudnick Learn how to trim the fat from your sentences and state your ideas more clearly and concisely. Parallel structure will also be covered.	F244
Monday, September 10 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Sentence Structure Crash Course Presenter: Writing Consultant Monica Davenport An overview of basic sentence structures and strategies for avoiding run-ons and fragments.	LH138
Wednesday, September 12 2:00-3:00 p.m.	Coordinating Introductions and Conclusions Presenter: Writing Consultant Ali O'Leary Learn about the role of introductions and conclusions and how to structure them effectively.	LH140
Tuesday, September 18 3:00-4:00 p.m.	Tips and Tricks: Microsoft Word Presenter: Writing Center Manager Allyson Jones Learn little-known functions of Microsoft Word that can make drafting, revising, and editing your essays easier.	H122
Thursday, September 20 5:00-6:00 p.m.	Presentation Visuals: How to Avoid Death by PowerPoint Presenter: Professor Kim Nyman Learn how to design more engaging and effective visual aids for presentations.	LH121

Tuesday, September 25 12:00-1:00 p.m.	Essays that Go Nowhere: Pulling Essays Out of the Jaws of Victory! Presenter: Professor Gary Wilson Are you writing an essay that seems to be going nowhere fast? Are you putting words on the page that don't seem to say much of anything? This workshop will provide strategies for finding the deeper purpose of your essay and reenergizing it to meet this purpose.	J105
Wednesday, September 26 4:00-5:00 p.m.	Brainstorming: Developing Ideas for Writing Presenter: Writing Center Manager Allyson Jones Paralyzed by the blank page? Learn various methods for generating and developing ideas for any writing task.	LH148
Wednesday, October 3 12:00-1:00 p.m.	Beyond Wikipedia: Using Quality Sources for Research Presenter: Librarian Terri Karlseng Need to research a topic? Not sure where to start? Learn how to locate credible information that can be used to support your ideas in college-level writing.	Library Wireless Lounge
Thursday, October 4 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	How to Cite Any Source in Any Style Presenters: Writing Consultants Monica Davenport and Ali O'Leary Learn what citation is and why it is important. An overview of the basic components of the three most popular citations styles—MLA, APA, and Chicago/Turabian—will be provided.	LH138
Monday, October 8 4:00-5:00 p.m.	Structuring an Essay Presenter: Writing Consultant Diane Hedrick Having trouble getting organized? Learn principles and strategies for effectively structuring an essay.	LH147
Tuesday, October 9 2:00-3:00 p.m.	The Details of Life Presenter: Professor Steven Rizzo Learn how to bring your ideas to life by incorporating rich details into your writing.	LH129
Tuesday, October 16 2:00-3:00 p.m.	Rhetorical Analysis Presenter: Professor Cheryl Clark Rhetoric, defined as the art of effective writing and speaking, is an important concept in English 1301 and 1302. Learn about the art of rhetoric and how to analyze the rhetorical choices that shape the creation of all kinds of written and even visual texts.	LH226
Wednesday, October 17 2:00-3:00 p.m.	Literary Analysis Presenter: Writing Consultant Melissa Carroll Learn to look beyond the surface of literary texts and analyze deeper layers of meaning.	LH240

Tuesday, October 23 1:30-2:30 p.m.	The Art of Writing About the Arts Presenter: Professor Julie Shipp Learn the conventions of writing about the arts. This workshop will include an overview of how to write an effective artist's statement. Students studying performing and visual arts are strongly encouraged to attend.	LH116
Thursday, October 25 2:00-3:00 p.m.	Paraphrasing Presenter: Associate Dean of Students Carie Dippel Need help summarizing and/or paraphrasing the reading you just completed? Come learn how to properly paraphrase information for your papers. The Dean of Students Office will cover paraphrasing and citation methods to help prevent plagiarism in your papers!	J202
Tuesday, October 30 3:00-4:00 p.m.	Composing a Strong Thesis Statement Presenter: Writing Consultant Monica Kopenhaver Learn what a strong thesis statement does, how it fits into an essay as a whole, and how to compose one.	LH236
Thursday, November 1 12:00-1:00 p.m.	The Research Road Map Presenter: Librarian Terri Karlseng Learn how to locate quality sources for research papers and projects.	Library Wireless Lounge
Tuesday, November 6 3:00-4:00 p.m.	Great Textpectations: Making Electronic Communication Work for You Presenter: Professor Kim Nyman The channels we use for professional and personal communication are changing every day. Learn how to tailor your communication for maximum effectiveness in digital mediums.	LH114
Wednesday, November 7 6:00-7:00 p.m.	Fiction Writing Craft Talk Presenter: Writing Consultant Tim Treder Writing Consultant and creative writer Tim Treder shares expert advice on writing fiction.	LH131
Thursday, November 8 4:00-5:00 p.m.	Converting Data to Results: Presenting Graphs/Tables in Your Science Paper Presenters: Professors Amira Albalancy and Nicole Grose Are you struggling with putting together a graph or a table? Don't know what needs to be included, what type of graph to use, or how to write a title? If so, this hands-on workshop is for you.	LH129
Monday, November 12 3:00-4:00 p.m.	Visual Rhetoric Presenter: Professor Lisa Forrester Visual rhetoric is the study of the persuasive power of visual or image-based communications. This workshop exposes students to the ways in which images, alone	L220

(Cont.) or in concert with words, generate implicit and explicit meanings within and without the culture in which they are found. Understanding the rhetorical power of images is valuable in most careers but especially in business, education, and humanities careers.

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11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Paraphrasing

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Monday, November 19
4:00-5:00 p.m.

MLA In-Text Citations

Presenter: Writing Consultant Diane Hedrick
Learn the art of embedding and citing source information in an MLA-formatted essay.

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Tuesday, November 20
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

College and Scholarship Application Essays

Presenter: Writing Center Manager Allyson Jones
Applying for a scholarship or four-year university? Learn what reviewers are looking for, common pitfalls to avoid, and strategies for making your essay stand out from the stack.

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Wednesday, November 28
12:00-1:00 p.m.

Multi-Media Essays Are Here to Stay: Learning to Harness the Power of Technology in Undergraduate Writing

Presenter: Professor Gary Wilson
Digital technology and connectivity have changed the way that people present and process information. Increasingly, communications go beyond simple text, integrating other mediums to enrich the message. Learn how to harness the power of technology to bring new dimensions to your writing.

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Friday, November 30
12:00-1:00 p.m.

Tips and Tricks: Photoshop CC

Presenter: Librarian Terri Karlseng
An introduction to the features and functions of Photoshop Creative Cloud

Library Wireless Lounge

Tuesday, December 4
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Analyzing Poetry

Presenters: Writing Consultants Diane Hedrick and Monica Kopenhaver
Do you find poetry perplexing? Would you like to understand poetry better? Practice analyzing poems to increase your understanding and enjoyment of this unique genre.

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