

# Collin College

## Seminar Series



**No registration is necessary**

**Professors are notified of student attendance via email**

**The Art of Revision** - Most writers claim that revision is the most time-consuming and difficult stage of the writing process. However, too often, this stage is misunderstood and gets short-changed. Come learn what revision really is, as well as some useful strategies to help you revise your essays.

January 29, 2018 @ 9:00—10:00 am Professor Lisa Kirby room D225

**Paraphrasing to Avoid Plagiarism** – Learn from an expert how to paraphrase outside sources properly to avoid committing plagiarism.

January 30, 2018 @ 1:00 – 2:00 pm Student Conduct Officer Joe Guy room D225

**Structuring an Argument** - Learn the fundamentals of constructing an effective argument, from introduction to conclusion.

January 31, 2018 @ 1:00—2:00 pm Professor Kay Mizell room D225

**When Less is More: Concision and Student Writing** -

In the best writing, every word carries its appropriate weight, and what isn't carrying fair weight is cut. Paragraphs become sentences, sentences become phrases, and phrases become words. Four-syllable words become two-syllable words, as long as no meaning is lost. In this seminar, we'll talk about how that is done and do a fun group exercise to illustrate the process.

February 1, 2018 @ 3:30 – 4:30 pm Professor Scott Ferrin room D225

**Scholastic Dishonesty** - What constitutes cheating, plagiarism, and/or collusion, and what are the consequences? Learn how to avoid committing academic dishonesty.

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## **Undergraduate Research: Presenting the Work You've Created!**

This session will examine the benefits of conference presentations (résumé builder, scholarship opportunities, exceptional experience, and free food). The presentation will also address what an academic conference is like, how to submit your research, the criteria for acceptance, what to expect as a conference attendee. The session will conclude with a Q&A to make certain students are ready and fully prepared for this exciting opportunity.

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**Study Skills Seminar: Grammar Guru** - Come with your grammar and punctuation questions. The grammar guru will answer them. Feel free to bring examples from your own assignments. If you would like to send questions or inquires in advance to ensure your question gets answered, email

[lfoster@collin.edu](mailto:lfoster@collin.edu)

February 5, 2018 @ 1:00 – 2:30 pm Professor Laura Foster

**APA Formatting for the Social Sciences** - Have your APA questions answered by an expert, and learn the fundamentals of APA formatting and citation.

February 6, 2018 @ 11:30 am—12:30 pm APA Expert Luanne Kruse room D225

February 24, 2018 @ 1:00 – 2:00 pm Lead Consultant Katie Wallis room D225

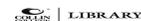
**Social Values: Whom Do You Value?** - In conjunction with the Collin College Entrepreneur Center: Complete an evaluation of your own Social Values. Discuss what your results mean, and determine how your Cultural Values influence your Social Values.

February 6, 2018 @ 5:00 – 6:00 pm & 6:30 – 7:30 pm Professor Gloria Cockerell room D225



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**Organizing Your Essay - Need help connecting your paragraphs? Connecting your points to your thesis statement? Writing a cohesive essay? This workshop is for YOU . . . Learn the three essential keys to writing a fluid, connective essay.**

**February 12, 2018 @ 1—2 pm Professor Kelly Martin room D225**



## **Choosing a Major**

**Feeling lost? Attend this workshop to help you find a major that you will love!**

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## **Interviewing Skills**

**Learn how to be confident and ace your interview.**

**February 14, 2018 @ 12:00 - 1:00 pm room D103**

**Writing the Literary Analysis - Learn the language of literary analysis and how to dive into a short story to find meaning and message.**

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**Tips for More Effective Writing - Learn new strategies or refresh your knowledge of the fundamentals that constitute good writing practices.**

**February 15, 2018 @ 10:00—11:00 am Professor Joani Reese room D225**



## **Library Bootcamp - An interactive crash course on using the library to excel in your**

**classes –from where to get help to where to find what you need on the shelves and online.**

**February 15, 2018 @ 3:00 – 4:00 pm Instructor Shannon Alexander room L110**

***Study Skills Seminar: American Pronunciation* - Do you have trouble understanding your friends or teachers when they speak English? Do you want to improve your pronunciation and sound more natural with your English? This seminar can help you! In this seminar Professor Mark will cover some the main pronunciation and fluency points to help improve your listening and speaking to sound more like a native American English speaker. You will learn how to correctly pronounce common American sounds as well learn how to naturally link words together.**

**February 16 @ 1:00 – 2:00 pm Professor Mark Fischer room D225**

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***Study Skills Seminar: Word Forms* - When should you use the adjective form of a word? When should you use an infinitive? How can you determine which form of a word you should use in a given sentence? These questions will be ANSWERED! Students will be provided guided practice using appropriate word forms and "tricks" in determining which forms to use.**

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**Crafting a Winning Cover Letter and Resume - Learn tips and tricks for writing attention-grabbing cover letters and resumes.**

**February 22, 2018 @ 1:00 – 2:00 pm Professor Ryan Fletcher room D225**

***Study Skills Seminar: ‘Rubbing Elbows’ Network with Collin College Program Directors* - Students will learn about campus resources that will help them become more successful as students and more appealing as scholarship applicants and job applicants. Students will also have the opportunity to meet representatives from various campus organizations and have the chance to network and to ask questions.**

**February 23, 2018 @ 2:00 – 3:00 pm Professor Linda Kapocsi room L201**

**More than Words** - Learn how to identify and use the perfect words in your essays. Write what you mean and mean what you write.

February 26, 2018 @ 2:00 – 3:00 pm Professor Will Brannon room D225

 **Job Search Strategies & Symplicity**

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February 27, 2018 @ 12:00 - 1:00 pm room D103

**Writing Effective Thesis Statements** - Learn how to craft a strong main claim to give your essay structure and direction.

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**Tips for More Effective Writing** - Learn writing strategies to improve tone, MLA formatting skill, syntax, grammar, and punctuation.

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**Become the Grammarian about Whom Your Mother Warned** – In conjunction with the Collin College Entrepreneur Center: Learn the fundamental keystones of grammar that create a strong foundation for effective written communication.

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**Study Skills Seminar: Data-Driven Career Search** - In this session, we will use data from the Bureau of Labor statistics (and possibly some other sources), to learn ways you can explore potential career options for your future. A great resource for a career you might have already started, this seminar will also be helpful as you make your way through school to keep you on the right track for the requirements in any given field.

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**Study Skills Seminar: Strategies that Help Students to De-stress and Focus** - Participants will learn mindful strategies of heart-math and pranayama (breathing technique) to de-stress and be mindful of the present.

March 5, 2018 @11:00 am – 12:00 pm Professor Marta Moore and Professor Jey Venkatesan room D225

**Creative Nonfiction vs. Academic Writing** - Are you having a difficult time shifting from the creative or personal essay to the academic paper? This seminar will help you differentiate the two types of writing and put you on the path to becoming a better academic writer.

March 6, 2018 @10:00 – 11:00 am Professor LaToya Watkins room D225

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**Study Skills Seminar: That Pesky Punctuation!** - Proper use of punctuation is essential for written English communication. Improper use can cause confusion and frustration for both the writer and the reader. In this seminar, basic rules of punctuation will be examined and practiced.

March 7, 2018 @12:00 – 1:00 pm Professor Nancy Megarity room D225



**Think Before You Google!** – Learn the basics of selecting and evaluating online resources for academic research and real life, ranging from blog posts to scholarly journals.

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**Writing Attention-Grabbing Introductions** - Learn strategies for developing an introduction that captures your audience and places your subject in context while your thesis remains clear and focused.

March 22, 2018 @5:00 – 6:00 pm Professor Camin Melton room D225


**COLLIN COLLEGE CAREER CENTER Resumania**

Drop by to get a quick resume review for the upcoming career fair!  
 March 23, 2018 ALL DAY Career Center, D102

**Filling in the Details** - Learn how to flesh out an essay using important facts, logical ideas, and outside information. Avoid fluff and add power to your essays.

March 23, 2018 @2:00 – 3:00 pm Professor Stephen Whitley room D225

**Writing an Artist Statement** – Identifying your audience, understanding proper formatting and content for a concise artist statement for academic and professional gallery purposes.

March 26, 2018 @ 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Professor Julie Shipp room C104


**COLLIN COLLEGE CAREER CENTER Spring Creek Job Fair**

Attend the career fair to network with over 80 employers for part-time, internship, and full-time opportunities!

March 27, 2018 @ 1:00 - 4:00 pm Living Legends Conference Center

**Poetry Out Loud** – Bring your own written poems, or a favorite poem from another poet, and work with published poet Joani Reese to learn reading techniques to capture an audience with power, style, and grace.

March 28, 2018 @ 1:00 – 2:00 pm Professor Joani Reese room D225



**Media Literacy: Sorting Fact from Fiction** – Is it solid news, or clickbait? Misinformation is everywhere. Learn how to fact check stories, avoid bogus news, and use the most credible sources.

March 28, 2018 @ 2:30 – 3:30 pm Instructor Beth Atkins room L110



**Pro/Con-A-Thon: Finding Resources for Your Argument or Issue Paper** – Learn to find good quality sources for argumentative essays and issue papers.

April 2, 2018 @ 2:30 – 3:30 pm Instructor Nichole Boone room L110

**The Poetry of Sentences** - Learn how to choose words that delight while they sway an audience.  
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**Writing about Art - A seminar for any student writing academic papers, creating PowerPoint presentations, or reviews about Visual Art. Topics include observing and assessing artworks, addressing context and concepts, and describing media processes.**

**April 9, 2018 @ 3:00 – 4:00 pm Professor Julie Shipp room D225**

**That's My Claim, and I'm Sticking to It! How to clarify a position and strengthen claims in an argument paper.**

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**April 13, 2018 @ 12:00 – 1:00 pm room D225**

**Crafting Government Policy Papers – How to write an effective policy paper for a government class.**

**April 18, 2018 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Professor Betsy Brody D225**



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**Library Research: Open Lab** – Drop in during open lab hours and receive research assistance from a librarian that will help you refine your topic, find sources, and cite sources for your research project! Please bring a copy of your assignment.

May 4, 2018 @10:00 am – 12:00 pm Instructor SCC Librarians room L110



#### **Information**

**Group Tutoring & Seminar/Workshop Master Schedule: [www.mywco.com/springcreekwc](http://www.mywco.com/springcreekwc)**

**Writing Center D203 972-881-5843**

**Developmental Education Study Skills F135 972-881-5800**

**Career Center D102 972-881-5627**

**Academic Affairs – Mathematics 972-881-5881**