Writing Center Workshops for International Students: Fall 2015

Below is a list of workshops offered for the fall semester. All workshops will be held in room 201D in the Writing Center.

Email Liz at eursell@temple.edu to sign up. For more information or to see new workshops added, visit the Workshops page on www.temple.edu/wc/

September Workshops

Plagiarism Workshop

Choose one date: Friday September 4th or Thursday September 10th, 2:30-4:30PM

Why do we cite? What are the basic guidelines for citation? This workshop will focus on understanding basic principles of citation relevant to any course, including:

- Paraphrasing
- In-text citations
- Structuring a source list
- How to find reliable sources
- Basic differences between MLA and APA

Emailing Etiquette: Formal and Informal Language for Correspondence

Wednesday, September 16th, 12:30-1:30PM

Many international students struggle with using correct titles, greetings, and punctuation in emails to faculty and administrators. Learn the different styles we use in English to email in both formal and informal situations.

Articles Usage: Monday, September 21st, 1:00-2:00PM

Did you eat the chicken or did you eat chicken? Are you going to buy a new hat or the new hat? What’s the difference?

We will talk about some tricky situations for using a, an, the, as well as quantifiers, such as much, many, and few.

Resume and Cover Letter Writing Language: Wednesday, September 23rd, 2:00-4:00PM

This workshop will focus specifically on how to use professional-sounding language in a resume, as well as pointers for how to construct a cover letter.
October Workshops

Refresher: Advanced Grammar, Friday, October 2nd, 2:30-4:30PM

This two hour-long workshop is meant for students who have a solid understanding of advanced grammar, but might need some review. It will focus on how to identify and correctly use the following:

- Present and past perfect tense
- Conditionals
- Gerunds
- Adjective Placement

Slang and Idioms: Tuesday, October 20th, 1:00-2:00PM

For United Nations week, learn some new phrases in English that are specific to American culture, as well as slang that we’ve borrowed from other cultures. Don’t miss out on this great discussion!

Homophones (New!): Wednesday, October 28th, 12:00-1:00PM

What is the difference between a homophone, a homograph, and an allophone? Come learn about words that sound and/or look the same but are often confused in writing.

November Workshops

Prepositions in Academic Writing: Thursday, November 12th, 12:00-1:30PM

In this workshop, we will talk about the following:

- The difference between a preposition and a phrasal verb
- Prepositions of process (by, through, via)
- Prepositions of sharing, giving and receiving (to, from, with)
- Prepositions after adjectives (of, to, with, at)

Timed Writing Exams: Wednesday, November 18th, 12:00-1:00PM

This hour-long workshop will provide strategies for how to excel at timed writing assignments, especially in the context of a final exam. Learn about time management, pre-writing strategies, and study tips.