Student Success Calendar  
Spring 2016

May

Library Workshops
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Blackboard Orientation
When: Wednesday May 11th, 2016 from 3:00PM to 4:00PM  
Where: TBD  
Contact: Douglas Johnson 708.235.7698  
Description: Confused about how to use Blackboard to complete course work? Have questions about the Discussion Board? Not sure how to submit an assignment? This orientation will give a better understanding of how to use Blackboard and whom to contact if you have questions.

Blackboard Orientation
When: Tuesday May 17th, 2016 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Where: ARC Workshop Room, B1215  
Contact: No Registration Necessary: Danielle Gilmore (708) 235-7337  
Boost the power of your more “informal” class writing with this workshop. Discussions of the resources available, plans for approaching the writing, and ways to power them up will lead to making your contributions really count.

Blackboard Orientation
When: Thursday May 19th, 2016 from 3:00PM to 4:00PM  
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The Research Paper: Getting Started: APA Series Workshop 1
When: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Where: ARC Workshop Room, B1215  
Contact: No Registration Required: Danielle Gilmore (708) 235-7337  
Make a plan and make the grade! This workshop will show you how to find the resources that you need to write an almost stress-free research paper. Included will be discussions of analyzing the assignment to make certain your paper is on target; APA documentation styles and where to find the templates and
information that make it so much easier; and the importance of developing a focus statement to make organizing the paper a snap.

Study Skills with Patrick
When: Tuesday May 31st from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Where: ARC Workshop Room, B1215
Contact: Patrick McGlynn at pmcglynn@student.govst.edu
Description: A workshop on study skills and test taking strategies. This workshop is helpful to those preparing for multiple choice and standardized exams. Please register at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y6ML8GW to reserve a seat.

Mastering APA Documentation Style: APA Series Workshop 2
When: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Where: ARC Workshop Room, B1215
Contact: No Registration Necessary; Danielle Gilmore (708) 235-7337
From templates to make formatting a snap, crediting sources in your paper, to following rules about contractions, this workshop will help you navigate APA formatting and style. If APA makes you nervous, come to this workshop!

June

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The Research Paper: How to Use Your Sources without Plagiarizing: Paraphrasing without Pain: APA Series Workshop 3
When: Tuesday, June 7, 2016 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Where: ARC Workshop Room, B1215
Contact: No Registration Necessary; Danielle Gilmore (708) 235-7337
Paraphrase your sources so that you don’t plagiarize, as well as show you how to credit each source properly. Included will be discussion of plagiarism and ways to make absolutely certain that you avoid it, and the easiest way to properly format your Reference Page.

Campus Resources
When: Tuesday, June 14th from 12:30PM—1:30PM & Thursday, June 30th from 6:00PM—7:00PM
Where: Academic Resource Center, Room B1215
Contact: Marcin Kuruc at mkuruc@student.govst.edu
Description: Come and see the free services that GSU has to offer to help you be successful in your academic career.

The Research Paper: Finishing Touches: APA Series Workshop 4
When: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Where: ARC Workshop Room, B1215
Contact: No Registration Necessary; Danielle Gilmore (708) 235-7337
Almost finished with your research paper, but not quite? This workshop will show you what to look for to make certain that you submit a winning paper; an editing checklist to show you what to look for and resources to provide knowledgeable revision suggestions will be offered.

**Building on Strengths and Weaknesses**
*When:* Thursday, June 16th from 6:00PM—7:00PM & Tuesday, June 28th from 12:30PM—1:30PM  
*Where:* Academic Resource Center, Room B1215  
*Contact:* Marcin Kuruc at mkuruc@student.govst.edu  
*Description:* How are you doing in your courses? Do you struggle? What seems to be working and not working? Let’s talk about how we can change weaknesses into strengths!

**Save My Semester**
*When:* Tuesday, June 21st from 12:30PM—1:30PM & from 6:00PM—7:00PM  
*Where:* Academic Resource Center, B1215  
*Contact:* Marcin Kuruc at mkuruc@student.govst.edu  
*Description:* Save My Semester is designed to assist GSU students who may not meet his or her academic goals by midterm. The workshop focuses on helping students’ self-identify distractions and challenges, develop an action plan to get back on track, set goals, and learn about GSU policies. Students will be provided with additional resources to help achieve their newly created goals. Please email to reserve a seat.


**Finding your Focus**
*When:* Tuesday, June 21, 2016 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
*Where:* ARC Workshop Room B1215  
*Contact:* No Registration Necessary: Danielle Gilmore (708) 235-7337  
*Description:* Finding exactly what you want to write about and understanding why you want to write about are both important. Putting that information into writing is a key part of a successful piece of writing. In this session, we will discuss arriving at and writing a focus statement.

**Save My Semester**
*When:* Thursday, June 23rd from 3:15PM—4:15PM & from 6:00PM—7:00PM  
*Where:* Academic Resource Center, B1215  
*Contact:* Marcin Kuruc at mkuruc@student.govst.edu  
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Organizing your Writing
When: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Where: ARC Workshop Room B1215
Contact: No Registration Necessary: Danielle Gilmore (708) 235-7337
Shaping your writing in a way that is easy for the reader to follow will make your writing more effective. This workshop will help you determine where your own writing might “go off the path” and guide you toward organizing your work in the best manner possible.

July
Supporting your Ideas
When: Tuesday, July 5, 2016 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Where: ARC Workshop Room B1215
Contact: No Registration Necessary: Danielle Gilmore (708) 235-7337
Giving your reader enough information to understand and believe what you are saying is very important. This workshop will discuss the elements of successful writing: giving definitions of specialized language, providing examples that make a point, and perhaps even relying on outside sources to support what your work.

Style and Mechanics
When: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Where: ARC Workshop Room B1215
Contact: No Registration Necessary: Danielle Gilmore (708) 235-7337
One of the ways that readers determine that a writer is “reliable” and “educated” is grammatically correct writing. This workshop will provide methods for proofreading your work to find and correct these kinds of errors in your writing.

Writing Responses, Reflections, Essays, and Strong Discussion Board Posts
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Winning Essays for Scholarships and Graduate School Admission
When: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 from 6:00 -7:00 p.m.
Where: ARC Workshop Room, B1215
Contact: No Registration Necessary: Danielle Gilmore (708) 235-7337
Are you thinking about applying for a scholarship? Need to write an essay for admission to graduate school? Boost your chances with a winning essay. Showcase your strengths and talents so the selection committee will be certain that you are the best choice. This workshop will offer the “dos and don’ts” for writing a good essay, help you develop a plan, and provide sources for further one-on-one help during the process.
August

Winning Essays for Scholarships and Graduate School Admission
When: Tuesday, August 2, 2016 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: ARC Workshop Room, B1215
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