STUDENT SUCCESS WORKSHOPS
SPRING 2017

January

Academic Resource Center
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When: Wednesday, January 18th, from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
Location: D2430J
Contact: Douglas Johnson 708.235.7698
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.

Professional Learning Series
When: Wednesday, January 18th from 3:30-4:30pm
Location: Hall of Honors
Contact: Career Services 708 235-3974
How To De-stress in the Workplace

The Research Paper: Getting Started: Session 1
When: Wednesday, January 19, 2017 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Location: ARC B1215
Contact: Jarrett Neal/Othman O’Malley (708) 235-2105
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**Lower Division Academic Recovery Information Session**
*When:* Tuesday, January 24th from 3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Location:* Academic Resource Center, B1215
*Contact:* Amy Comparon, arc@govst.edu
Are you a freshman or sophomore and have been placed on Academic Probation? This information session is an overview of the Lower Division Academic Recovery Program and gives students insight on what they need to know to be successful. All lower division academic recovery students are required to attend. Please register to reserve a seat at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LDARPREGSP17.

**Lower Division Academic Recovery Information Session**
*When:* Wednesday, January 25th from 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
*Location:* Academic Resource Center, B1215
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Finding your Focus
When: Thursday, January 26, 2017 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Location: ARC B1215
Contact: Othman O’Malley/Chaunté Wilder (708) 235-7337
Finding exactly what you want to write about and understanding why you want to write about it are both important. Putting that information into writing is a key part of successful writing. In this session, we will discuss arriving at and writing a focus statement.

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Winning Essays for Scholarships and Graduate School Admission
When: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Location: ARC B1215
Contact: Jarrett Neal (708) 235-7337
Are you thinking about applying for a scholarship? Do you 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.

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**The Research Paper: How to Use Your Sources without Plagiarizing - Paraphrasing without Pain; Session 3**
*When: Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.*  
*Location: ARC B1215*  
*Contact: Jarrett Neal/Chaunté Wilder/Othman O’Malley (708) 235-2105*  
This workshop will teach you how to paraphrase your sources so that you don’t plagiarize, as well as show you how to credit them properly. Included will be a discussion of plagiarism and ways to make certain you avoid it, along with the easiest way to properly format your Reference Page.

**Style and Mechanics**
*When: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.*  
*Location: ARC B1215*  
*Contact: Othman O’Malley/Felicia Miller (708) 235-7337*  
One way that readers determine a writer is “reliable” and “educated” is through grammatically correct writing. This workshop will provide methods for proofreading your work to find and correct these kinds of errors in your writing.

**Campus Resources**
*When: Tuesday, February 7th from 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.*  
*Location: 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.*

**Black Inventions**
*When: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 — 12:00-5:00 pm*  
*Location: Hall of Governors*  
*Contact: Career Services at 708.235.3974*  

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**Supporting your Ideas**
*When: Thursday, February 9, 2017 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.*  
*Location: ARC B1215*  
*Contact: Othman O’Malley/Chaunté Wilder (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.

**Study Skills with Patrick**
When: Thursday February 9th from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 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](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y6ML8GW) to reserve a seat.

**Organizing your Writing**
When: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Location: ARC B1215
Contact: Jarrett Neal/Felicia Miller/Othman O’Malley (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.

**The Research Paper: Getting Started: Session 1**
When: Thursday, February 16, 2017 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
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**Finding your Focus**
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**Building on Strengths and Weaknesses**
When: Tuesday, February 21st from 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Location: 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!

**Building on Strengths and Weaknesses**
When: Wednesday, February 22nd from 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Location: 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!
Mastering APA Documentation Style; Session 2
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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](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y6ML8GW) to reserve a seat.

Writing Responses, Reflections, Essays, and Strong Discussion Board Posts
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The Research Paper: Finishing Touches; Session 4
When: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Location: ARC B1215
Contact: Felicia (708) 235-7337
Almost finished with your research paper, but not quite? This workshop will show you what to look for to make certain you submit a winning paper; it will also help you use an editing checklist to minimize mistakes. Discussions of resources that provide knowledgeable revision suggestions will also be offered.

The Research Paper: How to Use Your Sources without Plagiarizing - Paraphrasing without Pain; Session 3
When: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Location: ARC B1215
Contact: Jarrett Neal/Chaunté Wilder/Othman O’Malley (708) 235-2105
This workshop will teach you how to paraphrase your sources so that you don’t plagiarize, as well as show you how to credit them properly. Included will be a discussion of plagiarism and ways to make certain you avoid it, along with the easiest way to properly format your Reference Page.

Save My Semester
When: Tuesday, March 21st from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m
Location: Academic Resource Center, B1215
Contact: Marcin Kuruc at mkuruc@student.govst.edu
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 register at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMSSPRING2017 to reserve a seat.

Save My Semester
When: Wednesday, March 22nd from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Academic Resource Center, B1215
Contact: Marcin Kuruc at mkuruc@student.govst.edu
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Bullying in the Workplace
When: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 from 3:30pm -4:30 pm
Location: Hall of Honors
Contact: Career Services at 708.235.3974

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Save My Semester
When: Thursday March 23\textsuperscript{rd} from 5:45p.m. – 6:45p.m.
Location: Prairie Place classroom
Contact: Marcin Kuruc at mkuruc@student.govst.edu
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Save My Semester
When: Friday, March 24\textsuperscript{th} from 11:30 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.
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Organizing your Writing
When: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 from 6:00 -7:00 p.m.
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Getting the Best Out of Career Fairs/Resume Prep Lab –
When: Thursday, April 6, 2017 from 2:00pm-3:30pm
Location: Room B1241
Contact: Career Services at 708.235.3974

The Research Paper: Finishing Touches; Session 4
When: Thursday, April 6, 2017 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Location: ARC B1215
Contact: Othman O’Malley (708) 235-7337
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This workshop will teach you how to paraphrase your sources so that you don’t plagiarize, as well as show you how to credit them properly. Included will be a discussion of plagiarism and ways to make certain you avoid it, along with the easiest way to properly format your Reference Page.

2017 Spring Career & Internship Fair
When: Thursday, April 13, 2017 from 2-5 pm
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Student Employee Recognition Reception
When: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Location: Engbretson Hall
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Job Search Strategies
When: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 from 3:30-4:30 pm
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