

Student Success Workshops: Summer 2015
By Month

May

Developing Your Ideas

When: Wednesday, May 13th, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Academic Resource Center B1215

Contact: Danielle Gilmore, Writing Center Consultant (708) 235-7337

Too much information? Your reader will be bored. Not enough? Your reader will be confused. Learn how to develop your writing so that you give your reader just the right amount of information.

Blackboard Orientation

When: Wednesday, May 20th from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Where: D2430C

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 workshop will give a better understanding of how to use Blackboard and whom to contact if you have questions.

Finding your Focus

When: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Where: ARC Workshop Room B1215

Contact: The Writing Center (708) 235-7337

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.

June

Organizing your Writing

When: Tuesday, June 2, 2015 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Where: ARC Workshop Room B1215

Contact: The Writing Center (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.

Online Library Resources: Books, E-Books, and the I-Share Catalog

When: Monday, June 8th, from 3:15 until 4:15 p.m.

Where: Library Room D2420

Contact: Linda Geller, lgeller@govst.edu

Scholarly books are essential sources that support your research and papers. This introductory session will demonstrate how to use the online catalog to find books and e-books at GSU and request books from other libraries in the I-Share system. We will review features of the online catalog and e-book collections that are available by creating personal accounts.

Supporting your Ideas

When: Tuesday, June 9, 2015 from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

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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.

Online Library Resources: Journal Articles and Databases

When: Tuesday, June 9th from 3:15 until 4:15 p.m.

Where: Library Room D2420

Contact: Linda Geller, lgeller@govst.edu

Scholarly journals are essential sources that support your research and papers. This introductory session will demonstrate how to select journal databases relevant to paper topics or assignments. We will explain how to use helpful search strategies, interpret article records, and review other database features and functions.

Online Library Resources: Journal Articles and Databases

When: Monday, June 15th, from 3:15 until 4:15 p.m.

Where: Library Room D2420

Contact: Linda Geller, lgeller@govst.edu

Scholarly journals are essential sources that support your research and papers. This introductory session will demonstrate how to select journal databases relevant to paper topics or assignments. We will explain how to use helpful search strategies, interpret article records, and review other database features and functions.

Style and Mechanics

When: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Where: ARC Workshop Room B1215

Contact: The Writing Center (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.

Online Library Resources: Books, E-Books, and the I-Share Catalog

When: Tuesday, June 16th, from 3:15 until 4:15 p.m.

Where: Library Room D2420

Contact: Linda Geller, lgeller@govst.edu

Scholarly books are essential sources that support your research and papers. This introductory session will demonstrate how to use the online catalog to find books and e-books at GSU and request books from other libraries in the I-Share system. We will review features of the online catalog and e-book collections that are available by creating personal accounts.

Winning Essays for Scholarships and Graduate School Admission

When: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Where: ARC Workshop Room, B1215

Contact: The Writing Center (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.

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Save My Semester

When: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Location: Academic Resource Center, B1215

Contact: Amy Comparon at arc@govst.edu

Save My Semester is designed to assist 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.

Writing Responses, Reflections, Essays, and Strong Discussion Board Posts

When: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 from 3:00-4:00 p.m

Where: ARC Workshop Room, B1215

Contact: The Writing Center (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.

APA Workshop Series:

The Research Paper: Getting Started

When: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m.

Where: ARC Workshop Room, B1215

Contact: The Writing Center (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.

July

Winning Essays for Scholarships and Graduate School Admission

When: Monday, July 6, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: ARC Workshop Room, B1215

Contact: The Writing Center (708) 235-7337

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APA Workshop Series:

Mastering APA Documentation Style

When: Tuesday, July 7, 2015 from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m.

Where: ARC Workshop Room, B1215

Contact: The Writing Center (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!

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Writing Responses, Reflections, Essays, and Strong Discussion Board Posts

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APA Workshop Series:

The Research Paper: How to Use Your Sources without Plagiarizing: Paraphrasing without Pain

When: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m.

Where: ARC Workshop Room, B1215

Contact: The Writing Center (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.

Finding your Focus

When: Monday, July 20, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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APA Workshop Series:

The Research Paper: Finishing Touches

When: Tuesday, July 22, 2015 from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m.

Where: ARC Workshop Room, B1215

Contact: The Writing Center (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.

Organizing your Writing

When: Monday, July 27, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: ARC Workshop Room B1215

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Style and Mechanics

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