Student Success Calendar
Summer 2017

May

Academic Resource Center
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Library Workshops
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Blackboard Orientation
When: Tuesday May 16, 2017
Time: 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
Location: D2430D – The CUBE
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.

Writing Responses, Reflections, Essays, and Strong Discussion Board Posts
When: Thursday, May 25, 2017 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215
No Registration Necessary
Contact: Adam Tourlakes (708) 534-4090
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.

Campus Resources
When: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 from 3:30—4:30 p.m.
Where: Academic Resource Center, Room B1215
Contact: Melissa DeBartolo at arc@govst.edu
Description: Come and see the free services that GSU has to offer to help you be successful in your academic career.
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Campus Resources
When: Thursday, June 1, 2017 from 5:00—6:00 p.m.
Where: Academic Resource Center, Room B1215
Contact: Melissa Debartolo at arc@govst.edu
Description: Come and see the free services that GSU has to offer to help you be successful in your academic career.

Finding Your Focus
When: Thursday, June 1, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215
No Registration Necessary
Contact: Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105
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.

Building on Strengths and Weaknesses
When: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 from 3:30—4:30 p.m.
Where: Academic Resource Center, Room B1215
Contact: Melissa Debartolo at arc@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: Thursday, June 15, 2017 from 5:30—6:30 p.m.
Where: Academic Resource Center, Room B1215
Contact: Melissa Debartolo at arc@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!

APA WORKSHOP SERIES: JUNE 6-JUNE 27, 2017
The Research Paper: Getting Started: APA Series Workshop 1
When: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215
No Registration Necessary
Contact: Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105
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.

**Mastering APA Documentation Style: APA Series Workshop 2**
*When:* Tuesday, June 13, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
*Where:* Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215
*No Registration Necessary*
*Contact:* Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105
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!

**The Research Paper: How to Use Your Sources without Plagiarizing: Paraphrasing without Pain: APA Series Workshop 3**
*When:* Tuesday, June 20, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
*Where:* Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215
*No Registration Necessary*
*Contact:* Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105
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.

**The Research Paper: Finishing Touches: APA Series Workshop 4**
*When:* Tuesday, June 27, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
*Where:* Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215
*No Registration Necessary*
*Contact:* Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105
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.

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**Save My Semester**
*When:* Thursday, July 6, 2017 from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
*Where:* Academic Resource Center, B1215
*Contact:* Melissa Debartolo at arc@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. Registration: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMSSUMMER2017

Save My Semester
When: Friday, July 7, 2017 from 11:00 am — 12:00 p.m.
Where: Academic Resource Center, B1215
Contact: Melissa Debartolo at arc@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. Registration: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMSSUMMER2017

Organizing Your Writing
When: Thursday, July 6, 2017 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215
No Registration Necessary
Contact: Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105
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.

Supporting Your Ideas
When: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215
No Registration Necessary
Contact: Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105
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: Thursday, July 20, 2017 from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215
No Registration Necessary
Contact: Adam Toulakakes/Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105
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.

Mastering Literature Reviews
When: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215
No Registration Necessary
Contact: Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105
Whether you are writing a literature review as a stand-alone assignment or as a chapter of a graduate thesis or dissertation, understanding the format, purpose, organization of a literature review will serve you well in your research. This workshop clarifies all aspects of the literature review
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Essay Writing for Standardized Tests
When: Thursday, August 3, 2017 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215
No Registration Necessary
Contact: Adam Tournalikes/Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105
Are you preparing to take a standardized test such as the GRE, ACT, or GMAT? This workshop will provide simple strategies to help you organize, draft, and revise a short essay for a standardized test. Our tips will help take the pressure off writing under pressure.

Winning Essays for Scholarships and Graduate School Admission
When: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 from 6:00 -7:00 p.m.
Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215
No Registration Necessary
Contact: Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105
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.