Workshops Summer 2020

Attendance at any Student Learning Commons workshop or having viewed any online webinar recording is eligible for inclusion on your Co-Curricular Record. To receive Co-Curricular credits, fill out the Webinar Reflection Form for CCR and email the completed form to learning-commons@sfu.ca.

For more information on the CCR, visit: www.sfu.ca/students/get-involved/recognition/co-curricular-record.html

The Student Learning Commons will be offering virtual workshops throughout the Summer 2020 semester. Workshops will be offered live at the dates and times listed below. After the live session, webinar recordings will be available to view at: https://www.lib.sfu.ca/about/branches-depts/slc/offer/slc-workshops/webinar-recordings

Success Strategies for Online Courses: COVID-19 Edition

Wednesday, May 13, 11:30am — 12:20pm, Webinar via Bb Collaborate (Canvas)
Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session

Other workshops this term will cover time management and study strategies that will serve you well whether you are taking in-person or online courses. This webinar, however, will discuss particular challenges of, and effective approaches to, the current situation in which all of your courses are online. This webinar will be recorded for later use.

Top 5 Things to Know about University Writing

Wednesday, May 13, 12:30pm — 1:20pm, Webinar via Bb Collaborate (Canvas)
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This session reviews the top 5 things to know about academic writing. The rest of the session is dedicated to answering your burning questions (no matter how basic or complex) about academic writing and writing in the disciplines. You’ll take away some answers, including where to find more help when you need it! Webinars will be 20-30 minutes, with the remaining time for open discussion. This webinar may be recorded for later use.

Finding Time to Study

Thursday, May 14, 1:00pm — 1:50pm, Webinar via Zoom
Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session

Does it seem that you can never find enough time to study? Or despite your best intentions, something always distracts you from studying? Attend this workshop to build skills to help you live by your priorities, and discover tools to help you focus on the task at hand. This webinar will be recorded for later use.

Go to workshops.lib.sfu.ca to sign up and explore more workshops
EAL WORKSHOP SERIES

Academic Writing for Graduate Students

Wednesdays at 10:30am — 12:20pm, May 13 to July 22, Webinar via Bb Collaborate (Canvas)
Invitation to join Bb Collaborate (Canvas) webinars will be provided to registrants
This seminar-style workshop series is designed for graduate students for whom English is an additional language (EAL). The workshop focuses on writing tasks that may be required in the earlier stages of a graduate program. You will learn how to apply your analytical skills to the discourses of your chosen disciplines and to explore how effective academic writing in Western scholarly tradition is achieved in order to position yourself as junior scholars in your chosen academic communities. Students will complete several reading, writing, and grammar tasks, all of which will be used to provide personalized feedback.

Academic Grammar and Writing for Multilingual Learners

Tuesdays at 10:30am—12:20pm, May 19 to July 21, Webinar via Bb Collaborate (Canvas)
Invitation to join Bb Collaborate (Canvas) webinars will be provided to registrants
This seminar-style workshop series combines grammar for academic purposes, critical thinking, and academic writing for university. The content focuses on developing an appropriate academic voice to help you express yourself appropriately in academic writing as a member of the SFU academic community. Students will complete several reading, writing, and grammar tasks, all of which will be used to provide personalized feedback. Open to undergraduate students only.

Top 5 Academic Success Strategies: COVID-19 Edition

Friday, May 15, 11:30am — 12:20pm, Webinar via Bb Collaborate (Canvas)
Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session
Do you want to learn how to succeed in your all-online courses, but only have 50 minutes to spend on a webinar? Covering the basics of effective time management, reading, studying and online learning, this is the workshop for you! This webinar will be recorded for later use.

The Plurilingual Café

Thursdays, May 21 to July 23, 11:30am — 12:20pm, Webinar via Zoom
Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session
The Plurilingual Café is a weekly workshop facilitated by volunteer peer educators. The goals are to recognize and celebrate the rich plurality of EAL students everyday language practices and interactions. Tasks are designed to support student learning by fostering intercultural awareness among the participants, offering opportunities to learn more about each other’s languages and cultures, and by creating spaces for the use of languages other than English as tools for learning.

Study Strategies that Work!

Friday, May 22, 10:30am — 11:20am, Webinar via Zoom
Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session
Do you want to optimize the effectiveness of the time you devote to studying? Come learn which study strategies are most strongly supported by research, and how to maximize your focus while studying. This webinar will be recorded for later use.
How I Succeeded in Online Courses
Friday, May 22, 1:30pm — 3:00pm, Webinar via Bb Collaborate (Canvas)
Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session
You may be taking online courses for the first time, or despite your better judgment, this semester. You'll get through it. The students telling their stories in this webinar succeeded in their online courses - even courses that suddenly became online last term! They will share their best advice to help you succeed too. This webinar will be recorded for later use.

How to Argue Academically
Saturday, May 23, 10:30am — 11:20am, Webinar via Bb Collaborate (Canvas)
Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session
Effective argumentation is a core requirement of many writing assignments across the disciplines. Yet students are often unsure how to write a clear and compelling academic argument. It isn't the same as arguing with your partner or your parents! In this session, learn the particular rules governing academic argument as well as tips for developing and defending a solid argument in your written assignments. Webinars will be 20-30 minutes, with the remaining time for open discussion. This webinar may be recorded for later use.

Structuring Ideas through Grammar
Monday, May 25, 10:30am — 11:20am, Webinar via Zoom
Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session
Learn how to improve the clarity, logic, and flow of your writing.

Improve Your Concentration and Reading Effectiveness
Friday, May 29, 10:30am — 11:20am, Webinar via Zoom
Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session
Do you drift off while reading and find that you don’t retain much? Or do you get distracted easily in lectures or while trying to study? Join this workshop to hear how you can read effectively and improve your concentration. This webinar will be recorded for later use.

Managing Procrastination: COVID-19 Edition
Monday, June 1, 3:30pm — 4:20pm, Webinar via Bb Collaborate (Canvas)
Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session
Procrastination is, at the best of times, something that most students do, and it tends to be aggravated by stress, isolation and the lack of structure that comes with online courses. Guess what? We are now in a time of stress, told to isolate, and working in the online environment, and even SLC professionals are sometimes struggling to stay productive! Join us in breaking the isolation and talking about how to manage procrastination even under the most adverse circumstances. This webinar may be recorded for later use.

How I Raised my GPA
Wednesday, June 3, 5:30pm — 7:00pm, Webinar via Bb Collaborate (Canvas)
Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session
Trying to raise your GPA? Need some inspiration? Come to this event and listen to other students or recent graduates from various Faculties tell their stories of how they successfully raised their grades. There will be time for questions, including the opportunity for breakout discussions with individual panelists. This webinar may be recorded for later use.
Writing without Procrastination

Wednesday, June 10, 12:30pm — 1:20pm, Webinar via Bb Collaborate (Canvas)

Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session

This session takes a time management approach to the writing process. It is intended to help you break your writing up into steps and get started. It will also introduce useful writing tools such as the assignment calculator and the pomodoro technique. Webinars will be 20-30 minutes, with the remaining time for open discussion. This webinar may be recorded for later use.

Multimodal Writing

Saturday, June 27, 10:30am — 11:20am, Webinar via Bb Collaborate (Canvas)

Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session

This session will introduce you to a number of different writing modes including blogging, podcasting, and webcasting. We will focus on the principles that are unique to writing for each of these modalities, as well as on the aspects of writing that apply across the board. Webinars will be 20-30 minutes, with the remaining time for open discussion. This webinar may be recorded for later use.

Writing a Research Paper

Wednesday, July 8, 12:30pm — 1:20pm, Webinar via Bb Collaborate (Canvas)

Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session

So, you have to write a research paper. This session will introduce you to steps to help you effectively organize and communicate the research you have conducted. It will also introduce tips for writing a clear thesis for a research-based paper. Webinars will be 20-30 minutes, with the remaining time for open discussion. This webinar may be recorded for later use.

Hot Tips for Revising

Saturday, July 25, 10:30am — 11:20am, Webinar via Bb Collaborate (Canvas)

Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session

Congratulations--you've drafted your paper! What's next? This workshop overviews a technique of revising higher-order concerns, then looking at the finer details of your piece. You'll also learn more about common errors that can trip up even strong writers. Webinars will be 20-30 minutes, with the remaining time for open discussion. This webinar may be recorded for later use.

Successful (Online) Exam Writing

Monday, July 27, 11:30am — 12:20pm, Webinar via Bb Collaborate (Canvas)

Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session

What are the top, evidence-based, ways to prepare effectively for exams? And what should we know about what to expect and prepare for in the current context of open book, online exams? Come learn the answers to these questions, and feel free to bring your own. This webinar may be recorded for later use.