Welcome to Writing @ University

Tuesday, May 11, 3:30pm — 4:20pm, Webinar via Zoom
Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session

This 50 minute workshop offers you a chance to get a head start on what's expected for successful academic writing. Learn about resources to plan your assignments, create sound arguments, organize your ideas, edit your own writing more effectively—and find more help when you need it. This webinar may be recorded for later use.

Top 5 Academic Success Strategies

Wednesday, May 12, 11:30am — 12:20pm, Webinar via Zoom
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 courses (whatever the format)? This workshop is for you! In 50-minutes we will cover the basics of effective time management, reading and studying, and tips on about how to learn effectively in online learning. It will be a great investment in your time, and will give you the confidence you need to succeed academically. This webinar may be recorded for later use.

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Time Management in 6 Steps

Thursday, May 13, 11:30am — 12:20pm, Webinar via Zoom
Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session

In this session you will learn the six steps to effective time management for students: Reflect, Prioritize, Plan ahead with systems, Manage large projects, (Mostly) Stick to your plans, and Sleep. Whether you are new to university, or have been a student for a while and realize you need to fine-tune your time management skills, you will learn valuable tools and strategies to study more effectively. This webinar may be recorded for later use.

EAL WORKSHOP SERIES
Attend all sessions.

The Prosody Pyramid: Tips for Speaking Effectively

Wednesdays at 10:30am — 11:20am, May 19 to June 23, Webinar via Zoom
Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session

Prosody refers to the rhythm and melody of the English language. In this workshop series, we will review each of the four levels of the prosody pyramid—thought groups, focus words, stress, and peak—and learn to apply them to our own speech to speak with confidence and clarity. Participants are encouraged to have their Zoom cameras on during the workshop to maximize opportunities for instruction and learning.

Academic Writing and Grammar for Multilingual Learners (EAL)

Thursdays at 11:30am — 1:00pm, May 20 to July 8, Webinar via Bb Collaborate (Canvas)
Invitation to join the Bb Collaborate (Canvas) and webinars will be provided to registrants

This seminar-style workshop series combines grammar for academic purposes, critical thinking, and academic writing for university. The main writing task is to produce a self-report (narrative) that stimulates participants to restructure their understanding of the nexus between language, culture, and identity. Students will complete reading, writing, and grammar tasks, all of which will be used to provide personalized feedback. Open to undergraduate students only.

Structuring Ideas Through Grammar

Tuesdays at 10:30am — 11:20am, May 25 to June 15, Webinar via Zoom
Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session

The normal organization of information in English clauses is old to new. This means that new and important information tends to appear later in the clause or sentence. Most sentences, therefore, should begin with old, familiar, or “given” information—something the reader can “recover” from context—and move toward information that is unfamiliar, unexpected, or “news” (Halliday & Matthiessen, 2004, p. 91). Learn how use this “given/new contract,” to organize your writing so that it conforms to the expectations of your readers.
Study Strategies that Work!
Friday, May 21, 10:30am — 11:20pm, 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 may be recorded for later use.

Note-Taking from Readings and Online Lectures
Tuesday, May 25, 3:30pm — 4:20pm, Webinar via Zoom
Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session
Many students experience challenges with note-taking such as keeping up with their lectures and selecting main ideas to write down from their readings. Effective note-taking serves many purposes, is a skill that can be learned, and is built through practice. Join us to level up your note-taking. This webinar may be recorded for later use.

Writing Without Procrastination
Wednesday, May 26, 11:30am — 12:20pm, Webinar via Zoom
Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session
This 50 minute 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. This webinar may be recorded for later use.

Improve Your Reading and Concentration
Friday, May 28, 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 learn how you can read effectively and improve your concentration. This webinar may be recorded for later use.

Writing a Research Paper
Wednesday, June 9, 8:30pm — 9:20pm, Webinar via Zoom
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. This webinar may be recorded for later use.

Ethical Source Incorporation
Wednesday, June 23, 11:30am — 12:20pm, Webinar via Zoom
Please check the online workshop registration page for the link to join this live session
Come learn how to ethically summarize, quote, and paraphrase from your sources. Sure, this workshop will help you to avoid plagiarism, but more importantly, it will also help you to deepen your understanding of your source materials, and demonstrate that understanding in your own writing. This webinar may be recorded for later use.
Better Paragraphs: Strengthening Argument and Organization

Wednesday, July 7, 4:30pm — 5:20pm, Webinar via Zoom

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

Clear, well-developed paragraphs generally have a certain set of characteristics, and you can learn what those characteristics are as a way to strengthen your writing! In this workshop, learn more effective ways to begin your paragraphs, create better flow, and avoid common paragraph errors. Strengthening your paragraphs also helps to provide an overall sense of organization in your writing and ensure that your arguments are clear and well-supported. This webinar may be recorded for later use.

De-Cluttering Your Prose

Wednesday, July 21, 11:30am — 12:20pm, Webinar via Zoom

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

"Too wordy. Redundant. Be concise." If you've ever received these kinds of comments on your papers—or if you just want to take your style to the next level—this workshop is for you! Learn techniques you can use right away to help you pare your prose and write with greater clarity, succinctness, and power. Who knows, you may just find that your writing starts to bring you more joy as a result! This webinar may be recorded for later use.

Successful Online Exam Writing

Monday, July 26, 11:30am — 12:20pm, Webinar via Zoom

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

Get ready for your upcoming exams. This workshop is organized around evidence-based research on exam preparation, as well as a Summer 2020 survey about the most common types of online exams among SFU Undergraduates (1. forced order multiple choice and 2. Open book) and students' most common concerns: running out of time, exam anxiety, and technical issues. This webinar may be recorded for later use.

Hot Tips for Revising

Wednesday, August 4, 7:30pm — 8:20pm, Webinar via Zoom

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. This webinar may be recorded for later use.
Additional Writing, Learning, and EAL Services

Available throughout the semester.

Virtual Consultations

May 12 to August 9, Specific times available online including evenings and weekends, WCO
Please visit the SLC website for instructions to book an appointment

Consultations are your opportunity for feedback at any stage of an English or French writing assignment, and to develop and improve strategies and skills for more effective academic writing. Students can also discuss study strategies, such as time management, exam preparation, note-taking, and presentation skills with a fellow student who has been there.

Conversation Partners

May 17 to August 1, Specific times available online, Zoom / Bb Collaborate (Canvas)
Please visit the SLC website for instructions to register for this program

The Conversation Partners Program is for English as an Additional Language (EAL) undergraduate and graduate students who wish to be paired with a student volunteer to practice and improve their conversational English. Peer Educators are a diverse group of students from a variety of linguistic, cultural, and discipline-specific backgrounds who are committed to helping you speak English more confidently, improve the quality of your learning experiences at SFU, feel better connected to the university community, and take control of your own learning.

Academic English Coaching

May 12 to August 9, Specific times available online, Zoom / Bb Collaborate (Canvas)
Please visit the SLC website for instructions to register for this program

The Academic English Coaching program offers free, one-to-one English language coaching to help students for whom English is an additional language improve their academic English skills. The program is designed to help you identify and address areas that need extra work, set goals, and work towards achieving them throughout the semester. You will meet with an English language specialist a minimum of three times per semester (in total a maximum of 5 times) while working independently on a personalized academic English learning plan.

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