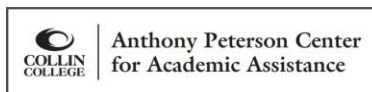


# Workshops Fall 2024



Reserve your spot at a workshop by going to the Schedule Tutoring/TracCloud tile in OneLogin. Choose the Online workshops schedule, even if you plan to attend in person. Most workshops will take place on campus and on Zoom simultaneously, while a few are on Zoom only.

If no Zoom link is listed in the individual description, use this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>.

Drop-ins, both in person and virtually, are welcome but be sure to tell the presenter if you need verification of attendance.

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Wednesday, Sept 11  
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

## What Am I Supposed to Do? Understanding Your Writing Assignment

*Presenter Monica Davenport, Writing Center Manager*

Need help breaking down a tricky assignment description? This workshop provides you with strategies for understanding the goals and expectations of your writing assignments

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Tuesday, Sept 17  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

## Historical Research Treasure Hunt

*Presenter: Linda Andrews, Reference Librarian*

Historical research studies the meaning of past events in an attempt to interpret the facts and explain the causes, as well what their effect may be on present events. How did people and groups triumph over adversity? How do the Kardashian family and the Medici family compare? And you thought history was boring? It's not! Come learn how you can participate in the treasure hunt of historical research.

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Monday, Sept 23  
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

## Academic Writing: Tips to Keep in Mind

*Presenter: Brian Martin, Writing Center Consultant*

This workshop will provide students with the necessary tools for writing with greater clarity and logical reasoning. Here, students will learn the "moves that matter in academic writing" — a phrase coined by authors Gerald Graff and Cathy Birkenstein in their book *They Say/ I Say*

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Thursday, Sept 26  
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

## College Application Essays: The Art of Personal Narratives

*Presenter: Lopa Banerjee, Writing Center Consultant*

The art of writing an effective personal narrative that resonates with readers is something any writer worth his/her salt would like to master. However, when it comes to writing a personal narrative for their college application essay, students often struggle to merge their personal journey with the overall purpose of the prompt. In this workshop, we will discuss how to connect the dots between these to create a successful essay.

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<p><b>Thursday, Oct 3</b>  <b>2:00 PM – 3:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Including Current Events and Opinion Pieces in Your Research</b>  <i>Presenter: David Toye, Reference Librarian</i>  Learn how the library provides access to current issues of newspapers and magazines from around the world and how you can add current events to your research and writing.</p>	<p><b>LH-142  &amp; Zoom</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, Oct 7</b>  <b>2:00 PM - 3:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Time Management &amp; Organization: Surviving College and Beyond</b>  <i>Presenter: Professor of English Keith David</i>  This workshop will help you learn more about how to manage your time. We will discuss various strategies and the different platforms (paper, digital, or both) available to increase your efficiency. We will also cover file management and organization and discuss the importance of being organized from an efficiency perspective.</p>	<p><b>LH-142  &amp; Zoom</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, Oct 8</b>  <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Key Words as Keystones: Constructing a Well-Organized College Essay</b>  <i>Presenter: Alisa Bovda, Adjunct Professor &amp; Writing Center Consultant</i>  In this workshop you'll learn a way to construct an organized college paper that can be adapted across a variety of courses and writing assignments. We will focus on the importance of key words as an organizing element of college papers.</p>	<p><b>LH-142  &amp; Zoom</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, Oct 14</b>  <b>12:00 PM – 1:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Be Concise</b>  <i>Presenter: Nathan Conard, Writing Center Consultant</i>  Expressing your ideas succinctly matters. Too many words can clutter an essay, leaving readers inattentive or confused. We'll discuss how to enhance your writing by removing verbiage and redundancy to maximize the force of your message.</p>	<p><b>LH-142  &amp; Zoom</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, Oct 17</b>  <b>5:00 PM – 6:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Commas, Semicolons, and Periods, Oh My!</b>  <i>Presenter: Monica Davenport, Writing Center Manager</i>  Punctuation may not seem that important, but if you choose the wrong mark, you may create fragments or run-on sentences. Too many of those will undermine the effectiveness of your message. This workshop will help clarify the correct use of commas, semicolons, and periods so you can begin choosing them with confidence to improve your sentences.</p>	<p><b>LH-142  &amp; Zoom</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, Oct 23</b>  <b>4:00 PM – 5:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Get Ahead of Writer's Block: Brainstorming and Planning</b>  <i>Presenter: Emily Buziewicz, Writing Center Consultant</i>  From understanding the prompt through conquering the conclusion, we will discuss how to be ready for every stage of the writing process. Be ready to combat writer's block and write solid essays!</p>	<p><b>LH-142  &amp; Zoom</b></p>

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**Friday, Oct 25**  
**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Reaching Your Word Count Without Using Fluff**

*Presenter: Cheryl Clark, Writing Center Consultant*

Is your paper 250 words long, and you need 500? Maybe you're short a paragraph or two. Come to this workshop to learn how to add depth, complexity, and specificity to your paper without the extra padding and repetition that can ruin a paper

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**Monday, Oct 28**  
**3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Phrasal Verbs for ESL Speakers**

*Presenter: Darcy Rudnick, Writing Center Consultant*

Phrases such as “let go” or “see to” are called phrasal verbs. Phrasal verbs pair a regular English verb with a preposition to create a verb with a new meaning. This workshop will cover some of the most common phrasal verbs, their meanings, and strategies for identifying phrasal verbs in writing and speech.

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**Wednesday, Oct 30**  
**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

**Misinformation 101: How to Find Credible Online Sources**

*Presenter: Milen Yassin, Reference Librarian*

Description: In this workshop, we'll explore how to identify and evaluate credible online sources and develop critical skills to navigate the information landscape.

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