



Seminars and Workshops Spring, 2018



The Art of Revision—Most writers claim that revision is the most time-consuming and difficult stage of the writing process. However, too often, this stage is misunderstood and gets short-changed. Come learn what revision really is, as well as some useful strategies to help you revise your essays.

January 29, 2018 @ 9:00—10:00 am Professor Lisa Kirby room D225

Structuring an Argument— Learn the fundamentals of constructing an effective argument, from introduction to conclusion.

January 31, 2018 @ 1:00—2:00 pm Professor Kay Mizell room D225

Undergraduate Research: Presenting the Work You've Created!

This session will examine the benefits of conference presentations (resume builder, scholarship opportunities, exceptional experience, and free food). The presentation will also address what an academic conference is like, how to submit your research, the criteria for acceptance, what to expect as a conference attendee. The session will conclude with a Q&A to make certain students are ready and fully prepared for this exciting opportunity.

February 5, 2018 @ 10:30—11:30 am Professor Jenny Warren room D225

February 8, 2018 @ 9:30—10:30 am Professor Jenny Warren room D225

APA Formatting for the Social Sciences - Have your APA questions answered by an expert, and learn the fundamentals of APA formatting and citation.

February 6, 2018 @ 11:30 am—12:30 pm APA Expert Luanne Kruse room D225
February 24, 2018 @ 1—2 pm Lead Consultant Katie Wallis room D225



Research Roadmap - Learn how to select and refine a topic, form a research question, and generate keywords and synonyms for searching library databases. Library research is much easier when you can focus on a good research question and find the right databases with appropriate keywords. Come to this workshop and polish up all these essential skills.

February 7, 2018 @ 3 -4 pm Instructor Mindy Tomlin room L110
March 21, 2018 @ 6 - 7 pm Instructor Mary Long room L110
April 18, 2018 @ 2:30 -3:30 pm Instructor Kelley Satarino room L110

MLA/Chicago Formatting for the Humanities - Have your MLA questions answered by an expert, and learn the fundamentals of MLA and Chicago-Style formatting and citation.

February 9, 2016 @ 3:30—4:30 pm Lead Consultant Katie Wallis room D225
February 13, 2018 @ 6:30—7:30 pm Lead Consultant Katie Wallis room D225
February 17, 2018 @11:00 am - 12:00 pm Katie Wallis room D225

Plagiarism and Its Consequences. Learn what constitutes plagiarism, what the penalties are for being found guilty, and how to avoid plagiarizing in the first place.

February 10, 2018 @10 - 11 am Associate Dean of Students Carie Dippel
March 10, 2018 @11 am - 12 pm Associate Dean of Students Carie Dippel room D225

Organizing Your Essay - Need help connecting your paragraphs? Connecting your points to your thesis statement? Writing a cohesive essay? This workshop is for YOU . . . Learn the three essential keys to writing a fluid, connective essay?

February 12, 2018 @ 1—2 pm Professor Kelly Martin room D225
March 2, 2018 1:00 - 2:00 pm Professor Kelly Martin room D225

Writing the Literary Analysis—Learn the language of literary analysis and how to dive into a work to find meaning and message.

February 14, 2018 @ 1:00—2:00 pm Professor Joani Reese room D225

Tips for More Effective Writing—Learn new strategies or refresh your knowledge of the fundamentals that make up good writing practices.

February 15, 2018 @ 10:00—11:00 am Professor Joani Reese room D225



Library Bootcamp - An interactive crash course on using the library to excel in your classes -from where to get help to where to find what you need on the shelves and online.

February 15, 2018 @ 3 - 4 pm Instructor Shannon Alexander room L110

***Study Skills Seminar: Word Forms* - When should you use the adjective form of a word? When should you use an infinitive? How can you determine which form of a word you should use in a given sentence? These questions will be ANSWERED! Students will be provided guided practice using appropriate word forms and "tricks" in determining which forms to use.**

February 21, 2018 @ 12:00 - 1:00 pm Professor Nancy Megarity room D225



APA Citation Basics - Learn the basics of citing in APA format including how to create in-text citations and a reference list.

February 21, 2018 @ 3 - 4 pm Instructor Beth Atkins room L110

Crafting a Winning Cover Letter and Resume - Learn tips and tricks for writing attention-grabbing cover letters and resumes.

February 22, 2018 @ 1:00 - 2:00 pm Professor Ryan Fletcher room D225

***Study Skills Seminar: 'Rubbing Elbows': Network with Collin College Program Directors* - Students will learn about campus resources that will help them become more successful as students and more appealing as scholarship applicants and job applicants. Students will also have the opportunity to meet representatives from various campus organizations and have the chance to network and to ask questions.**

February 23, 2018 @ 2:00 - 3:00 pm Professor Linda Kapocsi room C104

More than Words - Learn how to identify and use the perfect words in your essays. Write what you mean and mean what you write.

February 26, 2018 @ 2 - 3 pm Professor Will Brannon room D225

March 16, 2018 2 - 3 pm Professor Will Brannon room D225

Writing Effective Thesis Statements - Learn how to craft a strong main claim to give your essay structure and direction.

February 27, 2018 @ 3:00 - 4:00 pm Professor Helen McCourt room D225

Tips for More Effective Writing - Learn writing strategies to improve tone, MLA formatting skill, syntax, grammar, and punctuation.

February 28, 2018 12:00 - 1:00 pm Professor Joani Reese room D225

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March 3, 2018 @1:00 - 2:00 pm Lead Consultant Katie Wallis room D225

Study Skills Seminar: Strategies that Help Students to De-stress and Focus
Participants will learn mindful strategies of heart-math and pranayama (breathing technique) to de-stress and be mindful of the present.

March 5, 2018 @11:00 am - 12:00 pm Professor Marta Moore and Professor Jey Venkatesan room D225

Creative Nonfiction vs. Academic Writing - Are you having a difficult time shifting from the creative or personal essay to the academic paper? This seminar will help you differentiate the two types of writing and put you on the path to becoming a better academic writer.

March 6, 2018 @10:00 - 11:00 am Professor LaToya Watkins room D225

***Study Skills Seminar: That Pesky Punctuation!* - Proper use of punctuation is essential for written English communication. Improper use can cause confusion and frustration for both the writer and the reader. In this seminar, basic rules of punctuation will be examined and practiced.**

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March 8, 2018 @5:00 - 6:00 pm Lead Consultant Katie Wallis room D225

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Thesis Statements and Essay Organization - Crafting Effective Thesis Sentences, Organizing Your Essay, and Introductions. March 21, 2018 @11:00 am - 12:00 pm Professor Mary Anne Andrade room D225

Writing Attention-Grabbing Introductions - Learn strategies for developing an introduction that captures your audience and places your subject in context while your thesis remains clear and focused. March 22, 2018 @5:00 - 6:00 pm Professor Camin Melton room D225

Filling in the Details - Learn how to flesh out an essay using important facts, logical ideas, and outside information. Avoid fluff and add power to your essays. March 23, 2018 @2:00 - 3:00 pm Professor Stephen Whitley room D225

Writing an Artist Statement - Identifying Your Audience, understanding proper formatting and content for a concise Artist Statement for academic and professional gallery purposes. March 26, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Professor Julie Shipp room C104

Poetry Out Loud - Bring your own written poems, or a favorite poem from another poet, and work with published poet Joani Reese to learn reading techniques to capture an audience with power, style, and grace. March 28, 2018 @ 1:00 - 2:00 pm Professor Joani Reese room D225

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The Poetry of Sentences - Learn how to choose words that delight while they sway an audience. April 3, 2018 @ 2:00 - 3:00 pm Professor Chris Grooms room D225

Cheating and Collusion - What constitutes cheating and/or collusion, and what are the consequences? Learn how to avoid committing academic dishonesty. April 7, 2018 @9:00 - 10:00 am Associate Dean of Students Carie Dippel room D225

Writing about Art - A seminar for any student writing academic papers, creating PowerPoint presentations, or reviews about Visual Art. Topics include observing and assessing artworks, addressing context and concepts, and describing media processes.

April 9, 2018 @3:00 - 4:00 pm Professor Julie Shipp room D225

That's My Claim, and I'm Sticking to It! - How to clarify a position and strengthen claims in an argument paper.

April 10, 2018 @ 6:00 - 7:00 pm Professor Camin Melton room D225

Tips for More Effective Writing - Learn new strategies or refresh your knowledge of the fundamentals that constitute good writing practices.

April 18, 2018 @7:00 - 8:00 pm Lead Consultant Katie Wallis room D225

Write Me a Photograph - Learn how to write an ekphrastic poem. If you bring your imagination, poet Joani Reese will teach you how to tell stories from photographs.

April 20, 2018 @12:00 - 1:00 pm room D225

All seminars and workshops take place in room D225 unless otherwise noted. Students need not register for workshops or seminars, and professors will be notified of student attendance via email.



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