

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER



WORKSHOPS

Two Keys to Effective Writing: Thesis Statements and Organization

Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. | Stevens 208
Gary Tandy, Professor of English

College teachers will expect your papers to contain creative ideas and deep insights, but they also expect them to be presented in an easy-to-follow format. This session will cover two keys to successful college writing: a clear thesis that unifies the paper and a structure that supports and clarifies that thesis. A checklist will be presented that allows you to evaluate your own paper before turning it in to your teacher.

The Most Common Editing Errors – And What To Do About Them

Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m. | Stevens 208
Bill Jolliff, Professor of English

Most of us don't worry too much about a writing mistake or two. It's what we have to say that really matters, right?

Well, yes – and no.

The bad news is that too many editing errors can keep our readers from taking us – and our ideas – seriously. The good news is that most of our errors are relatively easy to fix, once we figure out which ones we're prone to make.

In this workshop, Bill will identify the 10 errors that professors are most likely to mark on student work, and he'll demonstrate how to fix them.

Effective Procrastination: How to Use Your Time Well

Wednesday, Sept. 29 at 6:30 p.m. | Stevens 208
Rick Muthiah, Dean of Learning Support Services

College is a place of shifting priorities and competing demands. Sometimes waiting until the last minute enables you to maximize your time; other times, procrastination results in shoddy work and poor grades. This session will address healthy vs. problematic procrastination along with methods for using time effectively to achieve your learning goals.

Using APA Format Effectively

Friday, Oct. 1 at 10:40 a.m. | Hoover 105
Sue O'Donnell, Associate Professor of Psychology

Freaking out because you don't know APA style for citations? This workshop is for you. We'll cover American Psychological Association citation and reference formatting, along with several guidelines for writing in APA style.

How to Get A's on All Your Tests (or at Least Become a Better Test-Taker)

Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. | Stevens 208
Rick Muthiah, Dean of Learning Support Services

Do tests drive you crazy? You read the book, did the assignments, studied the night before, and still didn't do as well as you wanted on your test; what else can you do? This session will cover several strategies for improving performance on tests.

MLA Basics

Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. | Stevens 208
Gary Tandy, Professor of English

What are the most important elements of MLA style that you need to know to prepare effective papers? This session will cover those elements as well as guide you to other resources that can assist you in mastering this academic style of writing.

Steps to Writing a Successful Research Paper

Friday, Nov. 5 at 10:40 a.m. | Hoover 105
Gary Tandy, Professor of English

Research papers can seem overwhelming, but following a step-by-step, organized approach can make your life much less stressful. This session will walk through those steps and guide you to campus and Internet resources to help make you a research pro.

Using APA Format Effectively

Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 6:30 p.m. | Stevens 208
Kris Kays, Assistant Professor of Psychology

Psychology, nursing, education, and other disciplines often require use of APA style for academic papers. This workshop will cover American Psychological Association citation and reference formatting, along with several guidelines for writing in APA style.

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