

Student Success Workshops

Fall 2017

August

Academic Resource Center

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Blackboard Orientation

When: Tuesday, August 29th, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Location D2430D – The CUBE

Contact: Blackboard 708.534.4115

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When: Tuesday, August 29th, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Location: Student Success Commons – B1215

Contact: Jarrett Neal/Adam Turlakes (708) 235-2105

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Part 2: Mastering APA Documentation Style: APA Workshop Series

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Part 3: The Research Paper: How to Use Your Sources without Plagiarizing - Paraphrasing without Pain: APA Workshop Series

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Find Your Focus

When: Wednesday, September 13th, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Location: Academic Resource Center – B1215

Contact: Contact: Jarrett Neal/Jeff O'Malley (708) 235-2105

Finding exactly what you want to write about and understanding why you want to write about it are both important. Putting that information into writing is a key part of successful writing. In this session, we will discuss arriving at and writing a focus statement.

Getting to know your Calculator (TI 83/84 graphing calculators)

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Location: Academic Resource Center – B1215

Contact: Daniel Ferry at dferry@govst.edu

We will give an overview of the TI 83/84 graphing calculator and include some applications based on topics currently being covered in our general education math courses (MATH 1423, 2100, and 2281).

Preparing for your First Math Exam

When: Thursday, September 14th, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Location: Academic Resource Center – B1215

Contact: Daniel Ferry at dferry@govst.edu

Description: A more detailed study skills workshop on how to successfully take college level math exams. We will discuss how the college math exam differs from those given in high school. Tips and hints on how to study for your upcoming math test will be discussed in order to maximize your success.

Organizing Your Writing

When: Monday, September 18th, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Location: Academic Resource Center – B1215

Contact: Adam Turlakes/Hannah Davidson (708) 235-2105

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Supporting Your Ideas

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Part 4: The Research Paper: Finishing Touches: APA Workshop Series

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Campus Resources

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Location: Academic Resource Center – B1215

Academic Resource Center, Room B1215

Contact: Derrick Brown at dbrown17@student.govst.edu.

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Style and Mechanics

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Winning Essays for Standardized Tests, Scholarships, and Graduate School Admission Applications

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Location: Academic Resource Center – B1215

Contact: Adam Turlakes/Hannah Davidson (708) 235-2105

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selection committee will be certain that you are the best choice. This workshop will offer the “dos and don’ts” for writing a good essay, help you develop a plan, and provide sources for further one-on-one help during the process.

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Writing Responses, Reflections, Essays, and Strong Discussion Board Posts

When: Thursday, September 28th, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Location: Academic Resource Center – B1215

Contact: Adam Turlakes (708) 235-2105

Boost the power of your more “informal” class writing with this workshop. Discussions of the resources available, plans for approaching the writing process, and ways to power them up will lead to making your contributions really count.

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Mastering Literature Reviews

When: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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Building on Strengths and Weaknesses

When: Tuesday, October 10th, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Location: Academic Resource Center, Room B1215

Contact: Derrick Brown at dbrown17@student.govst.edu

Description: How are you doing in your courses? Do you struggle? What seems to be working and not working? Let's talk about how we can change weaknesses into strengths!

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When: Monday, October 30th, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Location: Academic Resource Center, B1215

Contact: Derrick Brown at dbrown17@student.govst.edu

Description: Save My Semester is designed to assist GSU students who may not meet his or her academic goals by midterm. The workshop focuses on helping students' self-identify distractions and challenges, develop an action plan to get back on track, set goals, and learn about GSU policies. Students will be provided with additional resources to help achieve their newly created goals. Please email to reserve a seat.

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