

Student Success Calendar Summer 2017

May

Academic Resource Center

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Library Workshops

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Blackboard Orientation

When: Tuesday May 16, 2017

Time: 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Location D2430D – The CUBE

Contact: Douglas Johnson 708.235.7698

Confused about how to use Blackboard to complete course work? Have questions about the Discussion Board? Not sure how to submit an assignment? This orientation will give a better understanding of how to use Blackboard and whom to contact if you have questions.

Blackboard Orientation

When: Wednesday May 17, 2017

Time: 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Location: D2430D – The CUBE

Contact: Douglas Johnson 708.235.7698

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

When: Thursday, May 25, 2017 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215

No Registration Necessary

Contact: Adam Turlakes (708) 534-4090

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

Campus Resources

When: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 from 3:30—4:30 p.m.

Where: Academic Resource Center, Room B1215

Contact: Melissa Debartolo at arc@govst.edu

Description: Come and see the free services that GSU has to offer to help you be successful in your academic career.

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Campus Resources

When: Thursday, June 1, 2017 from 5:00—6:00 p.m.

Where: Academic Resource Center, Room B1215

Contact: Melissa Debartolo at arc@govst.edu

Description: Come and see the free services that GSU has to offer to help you be successful in your academic career.

Finding Your Focus

When: Thursday, June 1, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215

No Registration Necessary

Contact: Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105

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

Building on Strengths and Weaknesses

When: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 from 3:30—4:30 p.m.

Where: Academic Resource Center, Room B1215

Contact: Melissa Debartolo at arc@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!

Building on Strengths and Weaknesses

When: Thursday, June 15, 2017 from 5:30—6:30 p.m.

Where: Academic Resource Center, Room B1215

Contact: Melissa Debartolo at arc@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!

APA WORKSHOP SERIES: JUNE 6-JUNE 27, 2017

The Research Paper: Getting Started: APA Series Workshop 1

When: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215

No Registration Necessary

Contact: Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105

Make a plan and make the grade! This workshop will show you how to find the resources that you need to write an almost stress-free Research paper. Included will be discussions of analyzing the assignment to make certain your paper is on target; APA documentation styles and where to find the templates and information that make it so much easier; and the importance of developing a focus statement to make organizing the paper a snap.

Mastering APA Documentation Style: APA Series Workshop 2

When: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215

No Registration Necessary

Contact: Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105

From templates to make formatting a snap, crediting sources in your paper, to following rules about contractions, this workshop will help you navigate APA formatting and style. If APA makes you nervous, come to this workshop!

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

When: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215

No Registration Necessary

Contact: Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105

Paraphrase your sources so that you don't plagiarize, as well as show you how to credit each source properly. Included will be discussion of plagiarism and ways to make absolutely certain that you avoid it, and the easiest way to properly format your Reference Page.

The Research Paper: Finishing Touches: APA Series Workshop 4

When: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215

No Registration Necessary

Contact: Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105

Almost finished with your research paper, but not quite? This workshop will show you what to look for to make certain that you submit a winning paper; an editing checklist to show you what to look for and resources to provide knowledgeable revision suggestions will be offered.

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Save My Semester

When: Thursday, July 6, 2017 from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Where: Academic Resource Center, B1215

Contact: Melissa Debartolo at arc@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. Registration: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMSSUMMER2017>

Save My Semester

When: Friday, July 7, 2017 from 11:00 am — 12:00 p.m.

Where: Academic Resource Center, B1215

Contact: Melissa Debartolo at arc@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. Registration: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMSSUMMER2017>

Organizing Your Writing

When: Thursday, July 6, 2017 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215

No Registration Necessary

Contact: Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105

Shaping your writing in a way that is easy for the reader to follow will make your writing more effective. This workshop will help you determine where your own writing might “go off the path” and guide you toward organizing your work in the best manner possible.

Supporting Your Ideas

When: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215

No Registration Necessary

Contact: Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105

Giving your reader enough information to understand and believe what you are saying is very important. This workshop will discuss the elements of successful writing: giving definitions of specialized language, providing examples that make a point, and perhaps even relying on outside sources to support what your work.

Style and Mechanics

When: Thursday, July 20, 2017 from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215

No Registration Necessary

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

One of the ways that readers determine that a writer is “reliable” and “educated” is grammatically correct writing. This workshop will provide methods for proofreading your work to find and correct these kinds of errors in your writing.

Mastering Literature Reviews

When: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215

No Registration Necessary

Contact: Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105

Whether you are writing a literature review as a stand-alone assignment or as a chapter of a graduate thesis or dissertation, understanding the format, purpose, organization of a literature review will serve you well in your research. This workshop clarifies all aspects of the literature review

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Essay Writing for Standardized Tests

When: Thursday, August 3, 2017 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215

No Registration Necessary

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

Are you preparing to take a standardized test such as the GRE, ACT, or GMAT? This workshop will provide simple strategies to help you organize, draft, and revise a short essay for a standardized test. Our tips will help take the pressure off writing under pressure.

Winning Essays for Scholarships and Graduate School Admission

When: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 from 6:00 -7:00 p.m.

Where: Student Success Commons, Workshop Room B1215

No Registration Necessary

Contact: Jarrett Neal (708) 235-2105

Are you thinking about applying for a scholarship? Need to write an essay for admission to graduate school? Boost your chances with a winning essay. Showcase your strengths and talents so the 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.