International Tutoring Center:
Language and Culture Workshops Fall 2016

The workshops cover English language skills, American culture, and general tips for academic success. Space is limited, so please register in advance at https://neu.mywconline.net/. A selection of our recorded workshops is available on our website.

Leave the Books Behind: Things to do in Boston this Fall
Presenters: Whitney Wotkyns & Shanta Poon-King, GSS
Wednesday, September 21, from 12:30-1:30pm
Curry Student Center, Room 344

The Boston area is home to many fun, exciting events this fall. We’ll look at places to celebrate Halloween festivities, go apple and pumpkin picking, attend the Columbus Day parade, cook Thanksgiving meals, and other off-campus events. Meanwhile, on campus, many of the clubs and groups will be holding meetings and recruiting new members. Come learn about ways to get involved on-campus this fall.

You’re Here, Now What? Acclimation to the U.S.
Education System
Presenter: Whitney Wotkyns, Assistant Director, GSS
Friday, September 23, from 12:30-1:30pm
Curry Student Center, Room 344

Learn about the classroom expectations and etiquette, U.S. American cultural norms, and how to succeed in your new educational and social setting.

Writing: Paraphrasing, Summarizing, and Synthesizing
Presenter: Mahtab Rezvani, NU Global Faculty
Thursday, September 29, from 12:30-1:30pm
Curry Student Center, Room 344

Thursday, October 6, from 12:30-1:30pm
Broad Street Campus

Successful academic writing is essential to your progress as a student. This workshop is designed to help English language learners avoid plagiarism, and improve their academic writing in any subject.

Big Talk on Small Talk
Presenters: Crissy McMartin-Miller & Karl Reynolds, NU Global Faculty
Friday, October 14, from 10:00-11:30am
Room to be announced - check GSS website in October.

This workshop is designed to help international students improve their small talk skills. It’ll cover appropriate and inappropriate discussion topics and strategies for using conversations to build friendships and networks.

Advanced Reading Skills
Presenter: Natasha Watson, NU Global Faculty
Thursday, October 20, from 12:00-1:30pm
Room to be announced - check GSS website in October.

This workshop will offer a toolkit for reading college-level textbook chapters and research articles commonly included in the coursework. Advanced reading strategies will account for discipline-specific vocabulary, grammatical structures, and text organization elements. Students will examine excerpts from reading material found in political science, sociology, communications, and leadership.
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Academic Language, Conciseness, & Clarity
Presenter: Justin Cubilo, NU Global Faculty
Friday, October 28, from 2:00-3:30pm
Room to be announced - check GSS website in October.

This workshop will focus on the fundamentals of academic language in English academic writing. We will look at alternatives to commonly used informal language and practice editing writing to include more formal, academic language in order to give you the tools for identifying these issues and knowing what the appropriate alternatives are.

Post-Election American Culture
Presenter: Ted Miller, NU Global Faculty
Thursday, November 17, from 6:00-7:30pm
Room to be announced - check GSS website in October.

Globalism and the 2016 Presidential Election: In this presentation, Dr. Edward H. Miller discusses the 2016 presidential election as a contest between two candidates with strikingly different visions of globalization and America’s role in the world. Miller examines the discourse of this unusual campaign, locates antecedents, and ponders the implications for the future.

Preparing PowerPoint Presentations: The 5 5 5 5 Rule
Presenter: Peter Fell, NU Global Faculty
Friday, October 28, from 2:00-3:30pm
Room to be announced - check GSS website in October.

This workshop will demonstrate the 5 5 5 5 method for creating effective and focused presentations that provide information and stimulate classroom discussions. During the workshop, students will analyze the purposes that presentations serve and the importance of slide design and structure. At the end of the session, students will be able to apply the methods to their own presentations.

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(cps.neu.edu/gss)

Email Etiquette for International Students
Can your emails make you seem professional or unprofessional? How should you address a professor? Join us as we discuss ways to communicate your messages with the meaning you intended.

Writing Timed Essays
This workshop will walk through the key steps and help students develop a strategy for writing timed essays - perfect for those studying to take TOEFL.

Giving a Presentation in Your Non-Native Language
In this workshop, we will look at how to give a strong presentation using English, focusing on how to engage the audience, and improve your voice, pronunciation, and intonation while presenting.