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.

Big Talk on Small Talk
Presenters: Crissy McMartin-Miller & Karl Reynolds, NU Global Faculty
Friday, October 14, from 10:00-11:30am
Ell Hall, Room 411

This workshop is designed to help international students improve their small talk skills. It will 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
East Village, Room 102

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.

Academic Language, Conciseness, & Clarity
Presenter: Justin Cubilo, NU Global Faculty
Friday, October 28, from 2:00-3:30pm
Dodge Hall, Room 130

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.

Writing: Paraphrasing, Summarizing, and Synthesizing
Presenter: Mahtab Rezvani, NU Global Faculty
Thursday, November 3, from 12:30-1:30pm
Broad Street Campus

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Post-Election American Culture
Presenter: Ted Miller, NU Global Faculty
Thursday, November 17, from 6:00-7:30pm
Ryder Hall, Room 435

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 globalism and America’s role in the world. Miller examines the discourse of this unusual campaign, locates antecedents, and ponders the implications for the future.
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Preparing PowerPoint Presentations: The 5 5 5 5 Rule
Presenter: Peter Fell, NU Global Faculty
Tuesday, November 29, from 11:30am-12:30pm
Ell Hall, Room 312

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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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.