International Tutoring Center:
Language and Culture Workshops Summer 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.

Summer Events and Trips around Boston
Presenter: Vincent Capone, Global Student Success
Thursday, May 12, from 2:30-3:30pm
Ryder Hall, Room 157

Monday, May 23, from 11:00-12:00pm
Curry Student Center, Room 346

As the weather becomes warmer, Boston becomes host to fun and exciting events, concerts, and activities; many of which are free! Attend this workshop to learn about some of the events around Boston this summer and some nearby towns and beaches to visit to enjoy the beautiful weather.

Slang and Informal Expressions
Presenter: Ilka Kostka, NU Global Faculty
Thursday, June 9, from 11:30am-1:00pm
Curry Student Center, Room 340

Have you ever wondered what some of the language used in movies, television, and music means? Have you ever heard slang on campus and struggled to understand what was said? Slang and informal language are used in a wide range of communicative situations, yet they are often not taught in class. In this workshop, you will learn and practice common slang and informal expressions in English. Bring your questions and be ready to have fun!

Citing and Documenting Sources
Presenter: Brent Griffin, NU Global Faculty
Thursday, May 19, from 12:00-1:00pm
Curry Student Center, Room 340

Working with the ideas and creations of others’ is fundamental to academic work. As a member of Northeastern University’s intellectual community, you have an ethical responsibility to acknowledge the intellectual labor of others. This involves citing the sources you use in a particular documentation style. One aim of this workshop is to give you an opportunity to practice citing sources in a particular style: MLA (Modern Language Association). But since learning citation rules is only one aspect of academic integrity, this workshop will also focus on ethical issues surrounding intellectual property so that you can make more informed choices about how to use sources.

TOEFL Reading Strategies
Presenter: Vincent Capone, Global Student Success
Friday, June 17, from 2:00-3:00pm
Curry Student Center, Room 340

Wednesday, June 29, from 10:00-11:30am
89 Broad Street

This workshop will present reading strategies and techniques to better answer questions on the Reading sub-test of the TOEFL exam.
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Boston and the Revolutionary War
Presenter: Vincent Capone, Global Student Success
Friday, July 8, from 1:00-2:00pm
Room to be announced - check GSS website in May.

The American Revolutionary War began in Boston, MA. All around the city there are historical landmarks, buildings, and museums that you can visit – and most of them are free! This workshop will introduce students to some of the history of the city, highlighting various stops along the city’s famous Freedom Trail. After attending the workshop, spend a day this summer visiting these famous locations!

Interactive Workshop: Visit to the MA State House
Presenter: Vincent Capone, Global Student Success
Friday, July 29 at 1:15pm
Meet outside 101 Belvidere

For this interactive workshop, join GSS in visiting the Massachusetts State House. This historical building is where state politicians vote on the laws for Massachusetts. This workshop will feature a guided tour of the building and introduce students to this famous stop along the Freedom Trail. Meet outside 101 Belvidere. Please be on time – the group leaves at 1:30pm.

Writing: Paraphrasing, Summarizing, and Synthesizing
Presenter: Mahtab Rezvani, NU Global Faculty
Date and time to be announced - check GSS website.

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.

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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.