International Tutoring Center:
Language and Culture Workshops Spring 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.

Making Small Talk
Friday, January 22, from 12:30-2:00pm
Curry Student Center, Room 443
Presenter: Vincent Capone, Student Support Specialist

Come and put your small talk skills to the test. In this interactive workshop, participants will have the opportunity to meet new friends and make small talk with others on various topics and themes.

Improving Classroom Participation
Thursday, January 28, from 2:00-3:00pm
Curry Student Center, Room 440
Presenter: Lucy Bunning, NU Global Faculty

Participation is an important part of any course, with some instructors making participation count as 10-20% of a student’s grade. This workshop will provide tips on how to be more active and engaged in class.

TOEFL: Reading
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LOCATION to be determined
Presenter: Natasha Watson and Mahtab Rezvani, NU Global Faculty

The TOEFL reading section may be a challenge for many students. Even though other factors, such as vocabulary and grammar, play an important role in successful reading comprehension, strategies alone may significantly increase students’ scores. The goal of this workshop is to build students’ confidence in reading applying the most efficient strategies, designed to improve results as quickly as possible.

Grammar: Sentence Structures
Friday, January 29, from 12:30-2:00pm
Curry Student Center, Room 340
Presenter: Natasha Watson and Crissy McMartin-Miller, NU Global Faculty

What’s the difference between “lives” or “have lived”? How about “to visit” or “visiting”? From reading and writing to listening and speaking, a deeper understanding of grammar can help you with all aspects of language. This workshop will address such topics as clauses, word order, verb use, and more!

Writing: Paraphrasing, Summarizing, and Synthesizing
Monday, February 8, from 12:00-1:30pm
Curry Student Center, Room 440
Presenters: Mahtab Rezvani, NU Global Faculty

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.

Increase Your Vocabulary
Monday, February 22, from 12:30-2:00pm
Curry Student Center, Room 440
Presenter: Natasha Watson and Karl Reynolds, NU Global Faculty

This workshop will help students to raise awareness of word knowledge and develop strategies that facilitate unlocking the meaning of unknown words. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to examine frequent word combinations and metaphors in academic English.
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**Advanced Paraphrasing**
Monday, March 18, from 12:30-2:00PM
Curry Student Center, Room 342
Presenter: Vincent Capone, Student Support Specialist

Using skills from our “Paraphrasing, Summarizing, and Synthesizing” workshop, students will have the opportunity to practice paraphrasing information from an academic source.

**Advanced Summarizing**
Friday, March 28, from 12:00-1:30PM
Curry Student Center, Room 440
Presenter: Vincent Capone, Student Support Specialist

Using skills from our “Paraphrasing, Summarizing, and Synthesizing” workshop, students will have the opportunity to practice writing a summary using an academic source.

**In Honor of Black History Month (February)**
Friday, March 25, 2016 from 1:00-2:00PM
Curry Student Center, Room 340
Presenter: Ted Miller, NU Global Faculty

Edward Brooke and 1966: This workshop will explore the life and legacy of Edward Brooke. Sixty years ago in 1966, Brooke, a moderate Republican, was elected to the United States Senate from Massachusetts, becoming the nation’s first African-American senator since 1881.

**Voting in the United States**
Friday, April 15, 2016 from 1:00-2:00PM
Curry Student Center, Room 348
Presenter: Vincent Capone, Student Support Specialist

This cultural workshop will provide participants with information about the upcoming 2016 U.S. presidential election. The different political parties and their platforms will be introduced and discussed in the first half of the workshop, while the second half will allow time for discussion of the issues.