UCLA GRADUATE WRITING CENTER

ESL Writing Workshops and Tutorials

Academic Writing Skills Workshop for ESL Graduate Students
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In this interactive workshop, ESL graduate students will learn skills and strategies to build their fluency, accuracy, and comprehensibility in English academic writing. In addition, we will discuss useful on-campus, online, and print resources that will help students to work independently to improve their writing. There will also be time for questions and answers about ESL writing issues and concerns.
Tuesday, January 22nd, 4:30-6:00pm
Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center

Writing Skills Tutorials for ESL Graduate Students
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These small-group tutorials, based on Swales and Feak’s Academic Writing for Graduate Students, provide an opportunity for ESL graduate students to discuss writing issues and work collaboratively on writing tasks. All of the sessions include a grammar component. Students are encouraged to bring in their own writing samples and specific issues when related to the tutorial’s topic.
*Please note that you are welcome to come to one or many of the tutorials sessions over the course of each quarter.
Time: 12:00-1:30pm
Location: Conference Room 2, Student Activities Center

Session 5: Writing Summaries (February 4th)
In this session, we will discuss strategies related to writing descriptive and comparative summaries. Summary writing is especially useful for literature reviews and annotated bibliographies, in addition to being a skill used when preparing for exams, class discussions, research papers, theses, and dissertations. This session will also focus on avoiding plagiarism through paraphrasing and other essential skills.

Session 6: Writing Critiques (February 11th)
This session focuses on strategies for writing critical assessments of texts (e.g., books, articles, and other manuscripts). We will concentrate primarily on these strategies as related to composing literature reviews, in addition to discussing book reviews, article evaluations, critical reading, reaction papers, and manuscript reviews. Vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar issues specific to writing critiques will be highlighted.

Session 7: Constructing a Research Paper I (February 25th)
This session focuses on some of the steps necessary for writing research papers in a number of disciplines. Activities will highlight skills and strategies for writing methods and results sections. Students are encouraged to bring in their own work.

Session 8: Constructing a Research Paper II (March 3rd)
This session concentrates on the remaining steps in writing research papers. Activities will highlight skills and strategies for writing methods and results sections. Students are encouraged to bring in their own work.

More helpful information for ESL graduate students: http://gsa.asucla.ucla.edu/gsrc/gwc/content/ESL_Resources.htm

The Graduate Writing Center is located in B11, Student Activities Center
For more information and to make an appointment please visit our website at:
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