

ESL Department Fall 2024 Student Workshops

The Road to Success: Making ESL Tutoring Appointments

Tuesday, September 24th 11:15 am – 12:30 pm
HSS 207

ESL students and non-native speakers of English can make two free ESL tutoring appointments each week. Meeting with an ESL tutor is a great way to improve your writing and be successful in your classes. Come learn how to make ESL tutoring appointments in Corsair Connect. This workshop will also focus on what topics and information ESL tutors will review with students.

Supercharge ESL Vocabulary Learning with ChatGPT

Tuesday, October 1st 11:15 am – 12:30 pm
Drescher 203

ChatGPT is a free, fun, and powerful tool for learning English. In this hands-on workshop for ESL students of all levels, you will understand how to use the power of AI to research and study vocabulary. We will use ChatGPT in the workshop together, and by the end of the workshop, you will be ready to take control of your own vocabulary improvement.

Grammar Magic: Understanding Subject-Verb Agreement

Tuesday, October 8th 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
HSS 206

In this workshop, the basic rules of subject-verb agreement will be reviewed. Students will practice matching subjects and verbs in sentences and discuss common mistakes to avoid. Through simple exercises and examples, students will build confidence and understanding in using correct subject-verb agreement.

Finding Your Own Voice: Effective Paraphrasing Tips for ESL Students

Thursday, October 17th 11:15 am – 12:30 pm
HSS 207

Do you find paraphrasing difficult? When the professor asks you to paraphrase something “in your own words,” do you feel like you are still just copying and moving words around? In this workshop for ESL students, you will learn simple techniques for paraphrasing more naturally.

Better Writing Through Better Sentence Structure

Monday, October 28th 11:15 am – 12:30 pm
HSS 206

Attend this workshop to discover and learn how to use conjunctions, transitions, and adverb clauses to connect ideas in writing. Learn how to create well-organized and clear sentences that strengthen your paragraphs and essays. Students will have opportunities to look at example sentences and practice creating their own sentences.

How to Write Effective Emails

Tuesday, November 5th 11:15 am – 12:30 pm
HSS 207

In this workshop, students will learn how to write emails that are clear and concise. We will look at the structural, emotional, and stylistic components of an effective email. By the end of the workshop, you should be able to choose appropriate language and organize the information effectively to create a professional and friendly tone in writing.

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