

Student Success Seminars • Fall 2012



Seminars offered during the fall and winter terms cover topics including course-specific skills, career issues, learning strategies, research and more. The seminars develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for successful completion of college work. Data demonstrates that students who attend seminars and other sponsored events tend to persist in college.

Math: Ready or Not: Here comes your first math test!

Find out ten steps math students can use to help on the first test, through the final exam and on into future math classes. An added bonus: a brief "Are You Ready?" quiz which will focus on a sampling of skills students should have mastered to be prepared for their first test. (Math 45 thru 113)

Monday, 9/10/2012
3-4:15pm
LA 200

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Monday, 9/17/2012
12-1:15pm
LA 200



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Math: Story Problems: Everybody's Favorite... NOT!

If you have a math class, you know how frustrating story problems can be. Join us in an "application adventure" where we will focus on proven techniques that will help you identify and set-up the "Big 3," mixture, distance, and interest-problems. (Math 53+)

#1 STUDENT RATED WORKSHOP
Monday, 9/24/2012
6-7:30pm
LA 200

and

Tuesday, 9/25/2012
12-1:30pm
LA 200

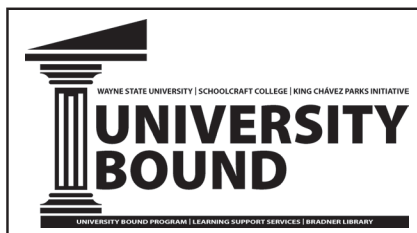
Math: Your First Math Test: An Error Analysis

Students wishing to improve their test scores are invited to participate in an error analysis. An error analysis chart will be used to identify the problem's origin, the types of errors made and ways to avoid making those same mistakes again. Students must bring a test to participate in this workshop! (All levels)

Wednesday, 9/26/2012
2-3:15pm
LA 200

Education Seminar: "So you want to be a Teacher?" Awesome! Our World Welcomes You!

This seminar will answer many questions about the teaching profession from the qualities and skills needed to be a good teacher, determining if the profession is right for you, and chronicling a day in the life of a teacher. Also, the process of selecting a major and school will be addressed. Come and hear about a profession that is rewarding and powerful and important!



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Thursday, 10/4/2012
1-2pm
MC 200 A-D

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Let me change that word!

When we write we are committed to the words we select. This seminar will provide activities and tips to help you improve your writing and avoid errors. Be prepared for an interactive seminar!

Friday, 10/12/2012
11am-12:20pm
LA 200

Employment Seminar: “Why didn’t I get hired?” An inside view of what employers are really looking for.

Have you wondered what skills or qualities businesses are looking for beyond technical competence in your field? A panel of academic and business professionals will discuss those critical employability skills and how to develop them.

Wednesday, 10/17/2012
10-11:20am
LA 200

Math: Fabulous Factoring!

Factoring polynomials is one of the most important skills you will learn and use, now and in future math classes. Factoring is an essential skill that can make or break you and your grade. Join us for a “factoring summary,” and find out four, straight-forward things you can do, to make it in factoring and your math class! (Math 53+)

TOP 10 STUDENT RATED WORKSHOP
Wednesday, 10/24/2012
6-7:30pm
LA 200

and

Thursday, 10/25/2012
3-4:15pm
LA 200

Math: GNARLY Radicals Dude!

Come find out about the world of radicals. From simplifying to solving radical equations, this workshop has it, delivered to you in the same down to earth manner Schoolcraft students have grown to know and love. Come groove with us and learn to dig radicals! (Math 113+)

TOP 10 STUDENT RATED WORKSHOP

Monday, 10/29/2012
3-4:30pm
MC 110

Your Vocabulary – Potentially Powerful, Persuasive or Problematic??

They are just words – how important can they be? Our reading, writing, speaking, and listening vocabularies impact all aspects of our lives. Maybe it is time to kick up your vocabulary. Acquiring vocabulary can impress the important people in your life, from significant others to teachers to bosses. Explore ways to build your vocabulary day by day. Discover how to decide on those college-level words you need to know and find tools to help you internalize these words and make them your own!

Thursday, 11/1/2012
1-2:20pm
LA 200

Innovations in Battery Technology, Electrification Technology, New Energy Grids – Emerging Careers in Science & Technology Panelists – DTE Energy, Ford Motor, Wayne State University

New professions are being created at a rapid rate because of advances in science and technology. A panel of representatives from local companies and universities will address skills and careers

that are becoming important in our economy. Participants are encouraged to come with questions.

Thursday, 11/1/2012
6-7:20 pm
VT 550

The Ins and Outs of Business attire – What are the rules?

Ties, jackets, high heels, skirts, business casual, sandals – many choices to make but what are right ones? The Brooks Brothers Corporation is hosting a “Dress for Success” seminar which will focus on how to present oneself in an appropriate, polished manner. Participants will also have the opportunity to try on various garments to determine a fit and look that is comfortable as well as professional.

Tuesday, 11/6/2012
2-3:20pm
MC 200 A-D

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Social Media Seminar: Facebook, Twitter, & LinkedIn

This is a follow-up, hands-on seminar based upon student evaluations from winter! Come learn the fundamentals of social networking—how actually to navigate an account on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter and what to post on social media websites to create a professional online presence.

Wednesday, 11/7/2012
1:30-2:50pm
RC 320 Radcliff Campus

Lights, Cameras, Action, Take one! Media and Film Careers

Are you looking for a career that allows you to work in front of a camera, be in a TV commercial, or behind the camera, being a ‘voice’ only actor? Then this seminar is for you! Representatives from, SAGAFTRA,

Screen Actors Guild /American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, professional actors, and legitimate agents who cast for movies and commercials will discuss how to develop your skills and experiences to position yourself for a career in media and the Performing Arts.

Thursday, 11/8/2012
3-5pm
VT550

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Math: Fractional Rationals

Fractions invoke fear in the heart of many a student; add variables into the fraction mix and we have one of the most difficult topics covered in algebra - rationals. Work better with fractions; work better with rational expressions and equations. This workshop will show you how. (Math 53+)

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1-2:15pm
MC 110

Math: How to Make it thru the Final!

Just when you thought you couldn't make it another day... it's LAC to the rescue! Come renew, recharge and prepare yourself for what lays ahead-YOUR FINAL EXAM! Discover a few final exam tips of the pro's and prepare for your math final in stress-free style! (All levels)

Monday, 11/19/2012
12-1:15pm
LA 200

Math: Groovy Graphing

Graphing linear equations can give math students fits! Not anymore!! Find out how easy graphing those lines can be, when you become better acquainted with the algebra student's "BFF." Come join the fun and take your graphing outta sight! (math 53+)

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Wednesday
12/5/2012
1-2:30pm
MC 110

Fall 2012

is packed full of helpful seminars. Check the calendar below and plan to attend as many as you can! The gray squares indicate dates events are scheduled.

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FALL 2012



WRITING RESCUE WORKSHOPS

ALL SESSIONS
WILL BE HELD IN
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ROOM L110

OPEN
TO ALL
STUDENTS
& FACULTY.

The Writing Process

**Monday, Sept. 17, 2012 •
10 – 11 AM**

Is your paper missing that special something? Does it yearn for zeal and zest? Zero in on these writing strategies. Begin by storming your brain and end with a masterpiece.

Clauses & Commas: Causes for Pauses

**Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012 •
3 – 4 PM**

Are independent and subordinate clauses keeping you awake at night? Do commas cause you abrupt halts when writing? Let us minimize your stress. This workshop promises to shed light on these essential elements for good writing.

Reliable Websites... Or Are They?

**Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012 •
10 – 11 AM**

When choosing an online source, which websites will make fireworks or which will fizzle out into a dud? Websites can make or break your paper, and we will show you how to correctly evaluate them so you don't end up with Wikipedia-based nonsense.

Using MLA Guidelines: Writing in the Humanities

**Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012
• 1 – 2 PM**
**Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012 •
12 – 1 PM**

MLA—Modern Language Association

Why can't we just write the paper and be done with it? Although it may be annoying, learning how to correctly cite in MLA format will help you in college and beyond.

Summarizing and Paraphrasing: Knock Lengthy Papers Down to Size!

**Monday, Nov. 5, 2012 •
1 – 2 PM**

Ever listen to a friend tell a lengthy anecdote and wish they'd cut to the chase? Perhaps you've read a long, dry, technical paper and wished it were written in plain English? Using the power of summarizing and paraphrasing, you can do all that and more! Learn how to get to the meat and potatoes of a story, how to cut the frills off of lengthy quotations, and when and where summarizing and paraphrasing are appropriate.

Writing Research Papers

**Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012 •
10 – 11 am**

Writing research papers can be a daunting task. Where to begin? How to decide what to cover? Where can you go

for research? This workshop will solve these and many other mysteries about writing research papers.

Using APA in Science and Social Science Research

**Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012 •
12 – 1 PM**

APA — American Psychological Association.

Do you want a review of APA format? Are you confused about what it truly means, its applications, and how it is different from MLA? We encourage you to attend this presentation. We will hone your skills on this high demand citation format!

Avoiding Plagiarism

**Monday, Nov. 26, 2012 •
1 – 2 PM**

Is your writing really yours? Is accidental plagiarism still plagiarism? How can you use information in your research papers without committing a crime? This workshop will bring to light strategies on how and when to legally use someone else's information.

Power to the Point!

**Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012
• 11 – 12 PM**

Are you perplexed by PowerPoint? Perturbed by presentations? Overwrought by oration? Worry no more because the Writing Fellows have got you covered! From content to style, this workshop will help take your presentation from dud to stud!

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