

Student Success Seminars • Winter 2012

Ready or Not: Here comes your first math test!

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

Tuesday, January 24
2:00-3:20pm • MC110

Fractions in 10 Words (or Less)

Fractions aren't going anywhere anytime soon. Stop fighting against them and make fractions work for you and your grade. Discover 10 simple words that will take you from fraction freaky to fraction friendly. (math 45 +)

Wednesday, February 1
2:00-3:20pm • MC110

Financial Aid 101: Funding Your College Education – What Every College Student Needs to Know

According to CNNMoney, the average college loan debt owed by seniors was over \$25,000, a compelling statistic. That is why students need to be knowledgeable about all sources of funding. Even if you earn too much to qualify for a Pell Grant, there is help for you. Learn about other sources of financial assistance such as loans and scholarships at Schoolcraft and local universities.

Wednesday, February 8
1:00-2:20pm • MC110

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. #1 STUDENT RATED WORKSHOP (math 53+)

Wednesday, February 8
6:30-8:00pm • MC200 B&C

Effective Business Writing: Composing Clear, Concise, and Compelling Professional Documents

Clarity and conciseness are important today in business and in college writing so that messages are understood more easily. Even the U.S. government is encouraging its employees to write using "plain language"! Also, being aware of your audience with respect to demographics is critical. This seminar teaches techniques to help you eliminate redundancies, deadwood expressions, smothered verbs, and inflated vocabulary to help get the "clutter" out of your

writing as well as how to direct your message at your target audience. The session will be co-presented by Schoolcraft College and Walsh College professors.

Tuesday, February 14
10:00 -11:30am • LA200

Your First Math Test: An Error Analysis

Students wishing to improve their test scores are invited to participate in our error analysis workshop. 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. You **must** bring a test to participate in this workshop! (All levels)

Tuesday, February 14
3:00-4:20pm • MC110

All Systems (of equations) Go!

Working with systems of equations is tricky business for even the most experienced math students. Once again, we take a tricky topic, summarize the most important points, break it down, and deliver it to you in ways you can understand. Two and three variable systems will be reviewed. TOP TEN STUDENT RATED WORKSHOP (Math 113+)

Monday, February 20
12:00-1:20pm • MC200 B&C

"I know where I'm going, but how do I get there from here?" Transferring to a Four-Year College

Do you know where you want to transfer but are unsure about the process? If so, this is the seminar for you! Students will learn about the transfer process and the benefits of earning an associate degree from Schoolcraft College. Also, learn the differences between a transfer guide and an articulation agreement. Finally, students will be shown how to read their degree audits, now available online.

Tuesday, February 21
11:00am-12:20pm • VT450 & VT460

Percent Perfection!

Why make things difficult? Use the meaning of percent (a ratio) and proportions and take a complicated topic to a whole new level of understanding. (Math 45+)

Thursday, February 23
1:00-2:20pm • MC110

Multiple choice... Which of the following is not... All of the following except...

Does this sound familiar? Test taking is %\$&#!!!

"I'm just not a good test-taker!" Or, "I do fairly well on tests, but I would like to enhance

my performance." These are statements many students make. Are there strategies to improve your test performance? The answer is yes. This seminar will focus on analyzing stems and distracters and the gamesmanship of test taking.

Wednesday, March 14
10:00-11:00am • MC200 B&C

Fabulous Factoring!

Factoring polynomials is one of the most important skills you will learn and use in your math class. Factoring is an essential skill that can make or break you and your grade. Join us for a "factoring summary," and learn four straight-forward things you can do to make it in factoring and your math class. #2 STUDENT RATED WORKSHOP (Math 53+)

Wednesday, March 14
6:30-8:00pm
MC110

Thursday, March 15
1:00-2:20pm
MC110

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. Find out how nice those radicals can be, and avoid that *big bad wolf!*

TOP 10 STUDENT RATED WORKSHOP (Math 113+)

Monday, March 19
3:00-4:20pm • MC110

Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn

What should I post, and how do I do it? This is a follow-up, hands-on seminar based upon student evaluations from fall! 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. The second part of the session will provide participants the opportunity to work on Facebook, Twitter, and/or LinkedIn sites in a lab setting implementing the information provided in the first session.

Tuesday, March 27
10:30-11:50am
VT450 & VT460

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5:00-6:30pm
VT450 & VT460



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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. TOP 10 STUDENT RATED WORKSHOP (math 53+)

Wednesday, April 4
3:00-4:20pm • MC110

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 lies ahead- YOUR FINAL

EXAM! Discover the final exam tips of the pro's and prepare for your math final in stress-free style! (math all)

Monday, April 9
2:00-3:20pm • MC110

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 your new *BFF* in graphing lines and watch your graphing troubles drift away! TOP 10 STUDENT RATED WORKSHOP (math 53+)

Wednesday, April 18
1:00-2:20pm • MC110

WRITING RESCUE *presented by Writing Fellows*

All sessions will be held in Bradner Library, Room L110

Using MLA Guidelines: Writing in the Humanities Research Writing Focus

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.

Tuesday, Jan. 24 • 8:15-9:15

Avoiding Plagiarism

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.

Monday, Jan. 30 • 1:00-2:00

Clauses & Commas: Causes for pauses

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

Thurs., Feb. 9 • 2:00-3:00

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Mon., Feb. 13 • 11:00-12:00

The One-Two Punch of Summarizing and Paraphrasing: Knock Lengthy Research Papers Down to Size!

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

Tues., Feb. 28 • 1:00-2:00

Using APA in Science and Social Science Research Research Writing Focus

Do you want a review of American Psychological Association (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!

Mon., Mar. 12 • 10:00-11:00

Elements of Argumentative & Expository Essays Research Writing Focus

Learn how to create a solid argumentative or expository essay and make your opinion count. Highlighting the necessary components of these essays, this workshop is designed to strengthen your writing ability to create a strong thesis and defend it efficiently.

Weds., Mar. 14 • 12:00-1:00

ABBRVS LOL JK — How to use Abbreviations Properly: None of that Texting Stuff

Texting has put abbreviations standards to shame. This abbreviated session will reinforce what you need to know to avoid the pitfalls of cutting and shortening words in formal writing.

Weds., Mar. 21 • 2:00-3:00

It's Nothing Personal... Just Business

Get down to business and write formal letters the right way. This workshop will walk you through proper format, content and powerful words that will help you write a business letter.

Thurs., March 29 • 10:00-11:00

Using Reference Tools

Foiled when it comes to footnotes? Confounded by citations? Baffled by bibliographies? Then this session was designed for you! This workshop will reveal the hidden wonders of Office 2007's Reference Tab.

Tues., April 3 • 12:00-1:00

Reliable Websites... OR ARE THEY?

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.

Tues., April 10 • 8:15-9:15

Writing Research Papers... the mystery is solved

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.

To Be Announced

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.