

Speaking and Pronunciation

(Bldg 18 room 2206) Sundays 10:00 – 11:30
or Sundays 2:30 – 4:00 or Mondays 2:30 – 4:00

Do you have a lot to say but lack the confidence and skills to express yourself? Does your pronunciation prevent others from understanding you? Join us for weekly topic-based sessions that equip you with vocabulary and speaking strategies to boost your confidence and tips for perfecting your pronunciation

Academic Presentation Skills

(Bldg 18 room 2206) Tuesdays 10:00 – 11:30
or (Bldg 18 room 2208) Tuesdays 2:30 – 4:00

We have all attended presentations that are fantastic and others that put us to sleep. In this six-module course, you will learn how to successfully communicate your ideas as well as the skills that result in lively and engaging presentations. Topics include effective slide content and design, principles of successful oral delivery, understanding one's audience, and the significance of body language. You will be given opportunities to practice what you are learning and ensure that your next presentation will be your very best.

Rapid Reading

(Bldg 18 room 2208) Tuesdays 10:00 – 11:30
or Wednesdays 2:30 – 4:00

Do you want to read more in a shorter period of time or skim a journal article quickly to understand the main ideas? Join our new Rapid Reading course and see your academic productivity increase. We will provide you with the tools and strategies you need to improve your reading speed, comprehension, and concentration.

Grammar Refresher

(Bldg 18 room 2205) Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:30
or Wednesdays 2:30 – 4:00

Are you confused about conditionals? Anxious about auxiliaries? Refreshing your grammar will improve all of your interactions in English, from sending an email to your professor to writing and presenting your thesis. This series of six modules will cover a broad range of grammar points that students need for effective communication

Academic Vocabulary Building

(Bldg 18 room 2208) Sundays 10:00 – 11:30
or Sundays 2:30 – 4:00
or Thursdays 9:00 – 10:30

This course focuses on the 504 words which occur with the greatest frequency in academic texts and journal articles. There are words that are unique to specific disciplines, but these 504 words are broadly used by all. You will learn each word's partnerships with other words, grammatical characteristics, formality, frequency, and how to understand the meaning in different contexts. You'll encounter each word many times through reading and will understand the words through a variety of exercises

Academic Writing

(Bldg 18 room 2208) Mondays 9:00 – 10:30
or Mondays 2:30 – 4:00

As a graduate student, you need to successfully communicate your knowledge, and strong writing skills are essential to achieving this goal. This course covers elements such as paragraph structure, writing an introduction and a conclusion, paraphrasing, as well as a range of grammatical features to maximize the success of your academic writing.

Research Writing

(Bldg 18 room 2206) Tuesdays 2:30 – 4:00
or Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:30
or Wednesdays 2:30 – 4:00

Writing a research paper in a second language is very challenging. This course will guide you through the process and show you how to successfully communicate your research. The six sessions will focus on different parts of a research paper, including the Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion and Abstract, and will provide a range of appropriate language patterns to help you maximize the message of your research.

Focused Listening Strategies

(Bldg 18 room 2206) Mondays 9:00 – 10:30
or (Bldg 18 room 2205) Mondays 2:30 – 4:00

From understanding the key points of a lecture, to following instructions from your professor, effective listening skills are essential for graduate students. This course will provide you with a range of strategies including listening for specific information, listening for overall meaning, and remembering what you hear

Discussion and Debate

(Bldg 18 room 2208) Wednesdays 10:00 – 11:30
or Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:30

Do you enjoy a good argument? Would you like to gain valuable skills that will help you to communicate effectively – research rigorously and think critically? This course will give you the tools to be more persuasive in all kinds of situations, both academic and personal. You will discover how to apply the skills you learn to a structured presentation, a debate, or in an argumentative essay