

Social Connections & Academic Skills Workshops

Free for all international students!

Join us every Tuesday this winter in the warm classroom in the International Education Centre for snacks, fun with new friends, and some English language and Academic skills development. If you are unable to join us in-person, recordings of the sessions will be posted on www.msvu.ca/international.

You can sign up for as many of these in-person sessions as you'd like.

Drop-ins (attending without registering) are also welcome, so feel free to grab a friend and come by!

Days and times: Tuesday 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Winter 2023 semester

Delivery: IEC Classroom (Seton Annex 102)

Tuesday, Jan 17 Sarah Jacques	<u>Session #1 Hot Chocolate & Grammar: Subordinating Clauses</u> Come in for an hour and enjoy a hot drink, meet new people and have fun reviewing one of the trickiest grammar points in writing, subordinating clauses!
Tuesday, Jan 24 Sarah Jacques	<u>Session #2 Relative Clauses, Appositives and Friendly Discussions</u> This week, we will focus on speaking skills more than writing. We'll review relative clauses while having comfortable and interesting discussions with a practice partner. We'll also have some tasty snacks, of course.
Tuesday, Jan 31 Meagan Pottie	<u>Session #3 Meagan's Library Workshop: Searching for Sources</u> This week, a special guest from the library, Meagan Pottie, will join us to go through the process of searching for academic sources in the MSVU library. Meagan will provide tips and practice for searching the library effectively so that you save time and get the most appropriate sources to use in your academic assignments.
Tuesday, Feb 7 Sarah Jacques	<u>Session #4 Fun with Punctuation</u> Join us this week to learn about punctuation symbols and how to use commas and semicolons correctly. In addition to having a good time, by attending this session (and session #10), you could significantly improve the clarity of your writing.
Tuesday, Feb 14 Sarah Jacques	<u>Session #5 Academic Vocabulary for Writing</u> Join us on this Valentine's Day as we explore different elements of academic vocabulary such as hedging, transition signals, Academic Word Lists, and more! There will sure to be chocolates involved as we celebrate our shared love of vocabulary.
Tuesday, Feb 28 Sarah Jacques	<u>Session #6 Writing the Body Part of an Essay</u> Do you think introductions and conclusions are easier parts to write? Do you want to know more about how to organize the body part of an essay? Join us in this session to learn about the Point, Proof, Explanation (PPE) pattern that is often used in academic writing. We'll also have warm drinks and snacks as we practice together on this cold day.
Tuesday, Mar 7 Sarah Jacques	<u>Session #7 APA: In-text Citations and Reference Lists</u> Join this useful session to learn about and practice APA formatting for your in-text citations and reference lists. Feel free to bring any course assignments that require APA formatting, and we'll work on them together.
Tuesday, Mar 14 Sarah Jacques	<u>Session #8 Paraphrasing: Simple Methods & Easy Practice</u> Come to this session and get better at paraphrasing! Learn easy strategies that will help you rewrite texts so that you can confidently avoid both direct plagiarism and patchwork plagiarism and express others' ideas in your own voice.
Tuesday, Mar 21 Meagan Pottie	<u>Session #9 Meagan's Library Workshop: Evaluating the Quality of Sources of Information</u> These days, it's hard to know what information can be trusted. Meagan from the library is joining us again this week to teach strategies for checking the credibility of different sources of information. These skills will help you build a critical awareness regarding what to watch out for when assessing the validity and accuracy of information.
Tuesday, Mar 28 Sarah Jacques	<u>Session #10 Proofreading & Editing: The Most Important Step</u> "There are no great writers, only great editors." Join us in this final session to learn specific strategies for proofreading and editing your work. You can bring any final assignments from your courses, and we'll work on proofreading and editing them together. Also, feel free to bring any food that you might want to share with the group as we conclude our Winter workshop series.

