Student Success Seminars • Winter 2016



Seminars offered during the fall and winter terms cover topics including course-specific skills, career issues, learning strategies, research, and more. The seminars help students develop 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 for Science Students

(All) It has been said, "Mathematics is the mother of all science." So learning to use math more efficiently, allows more effective science learning. This workshop will cover some of the basic concepts you will see and use in your science class including: fraction/decimal/percent conversion, metric conversion, scientific notation, significant figures and then some basic statistics!

Student Rating: ***

Thursday, 1/21/2016 3-4:30pm LA 200

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

(Math 53+) 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.

Student Rating: ★★★★★

Monday, 2/1/2016

& Tuesday, 2/2/2016 6:30-8pm

LA 200

2-3:30pm LA 200

Test Anxiety— What is it? How do you cope with it?

If you have experienced test anxiety or struggled with poor test performance, plan to attend this seminar. Hear about techniques for minimizing stress and explore factors which affect test performance.

Wednesday, 2/3/2016

11-11:54am RC 135

& Thursday, 2/4/2016

2-2:54pm LA 200



Welcome to college.











Math: After the First Math Test: Now What?

(Math All) You've taken your first math test; maybe you did great, maybe not. This workshop includes an Error Analysis, looking at what went wrong on that first test and how not to make those same mistakes again. In addition, we will look at ways you can improve your performance on future math tests with Ten Steps to Better Test Taking! You must bring a test to participate in this workshop!

Student Rating: ★★★★



Wednesday, 2/10/2016

1-2:15pm LA 200

Thinking about teaching as a major? Attend the Education **Summit!**

This seminar will answer questions about the teaching profession different majors, teaching responsibilities, current job market, pre-education preparation, scholarships and more.

Wednesday, 2/10/2016

6-7:20pm VT 425

Power Over Debt-Break the **Debt Cycle**

This workshop will highlight ways to avoid debt and build a more secure future. Discussion includes budgeting, spending habits, and how to improve your credit report and score.

Thursday, 2/11/2016 1-2pm LA 200

Math: Fractions in 10 Words (or Less)

(Math 45+) 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 freaked to fraction friendly.

Student Rating: ***

Tuesday, 2/16/2016 7-8:30pm **ONLINE***

I Studied, but I Still Couldn't Remember the Information. What Can I Do?

Memory: How it Works, How to Improve It

If you have struggled trying to remember information for exams or even if you think you have a fairly good study system, you will benefit from this seminar. Discover the keys to increasing your memory power.

Wednesday, 2/17/2016

1-2pm LA 200

Understanding Your Credit Report

Your credit report can affect many things. Make sure you know what is on yours. This workshop will teach you how to read a credit report, how a score is calculated, and how to dispute a problem on your report.

Monday, 2/22/2016 2:30-3:30pm LA 200

Math: Little Red Radicals Hood!

(Math 113+) 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!

Student Rating: ***

Wednesday, 3/9/2016

6:30-8pm **ONLINE***

Hot Career Jobs and Trends

Come to a seminar that focuses on how to prepare to meet the demands of the work world during this next decade. Information will be shared regarding state and national career trends, changes in existing careers, and educational paths to follow to keep up with the competition.

Thursday, 3/10/2016 9-10am LA 200

Speaking Effectively: Overcoming Shyness & Speech Impediments

Do you experience anxiety when speaking in front of a class? Do you dread giving a classroom presentation because of a speech impediment? Do you wish there was someone who could give you some tips, tricks and strategies to help you overcome your fear and loathing of public speaking? If so, then this is the workshop for you! This seminar will help you transition into an effective speaker as you learn how to mitigate the impact speech impediments, like stuttering, have on the speaker and the audience they're communicating with and how to overcome the anxiety of public speaking.

Co-Sponsor: Dr. JuJuan C. Taylor and the Department of Communication Arts

Thursday, 3/10/2016 2-3pm MC 100 B&C

Math: Fabulous Factoring!

(Math 53+) Factoring polynomials is an important skill 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 learn four straightforward things you can do to make it in factoring and your math class.

Student Rating: ***

Thursday, 3/10/2016

3/15/2016

2-3:30pm LA200

& Tuesday,

7-8:30pm **ONLINE***

The World of Apps!

There are apps for finding cars, apps for counting steps, but what about apps for helping you succeed in college? This seminar will focus on three apps that can help you handle your college coursework. The apps focus on writing, note taking, memory brainstorming, and scheduling. This is an interactive seminar; bring your own mobile device (phone or tablet).

Wednesday, 3/16/2016

11:30am-12:54pm MC 100 B & C

^{*} For log-in directions, go to: www.schoolcraft.edu/LAC > Student Success Seminars > Online workshops.

Math: Rockin' Rationals

(Math 53+) 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.

Student Rating: *** 3-4:30pm Monday, 4/4/2016 LA 200

Math: A Little R-n-R to Help You Make it Through to Your Final!

(Math All) Just when you thought you couldn't make it another day... it's LAC to the rescue! Come Renewn-Recharge to help prepare yourself for what lies ahead-YOUR FINAL EXAM! Discover the final exam tips of the pros and prepare for your math final in stress-free style!

Student Rating: ★★★★

Tuesday, 4/5/2016 3-4:30pm **ONLINE***

Math: Groovy Graphing

(Math 53+) 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!

Thursday, 4/19/2016

Student Rating: *** 6-7:30pm LA 200

NEW! Math: Logs: Out of the Forest and into Math class

(Math 113+) A Logarithm isn't a dancing pine or oak, so get out of the forest and into math logs! Review and practice the properties of logarithms, common logs, and natural logs. Logs, logs, logs... we go LOG crazy, so you don't have to!

Wednesday, 4/20/2016

3-4:30pm LA 200

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WINTER 2016 WRITING RESCUE WORKSHOPS









Presented by Writing Fellows www.schoolcraft.edu/fellows

USING APA GUIDELINES IN RESEARCH WRITING

Wednesday, February 3 5-6 PM | MC 011 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 in-demand citation format.

AVOID PLAGIARISM: SUMMARIZE & PARAPHRASE SAFELY!

Wednesday, February 3 6-7 PM | MC 011

Ever just want to interrupt a friend mid-conversation to say, "GET TO THE POINT!" Does your mind wander while reading a paper? Using the power of summarizing and paraphrasing, you can get rid of the unnecessary information and keep your audience riveted to your paper. Learn when it is appropriate to summarize or paraphrase and avoid plagiarism. Your audience will thank you!

USING MLA GUIDELINES IN THE HUMANITIES

Wednesday, February 3 7-8 PM | MC 011 Are online MLA guides simply not cutting it for you? Do you feel as though the citation machines are not enough? Let us help prepare you with the necessary tools and steps to properly format your paper using Word. Stress no more; you will be a Microsoft® MLA expert by the end of this workshop!

SELECTING RELIABLE WEBSITES FOR RESEARCH WRITING

Wednesday, February 10 1 – 2 РМ | Bradner L 110

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

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WRITING LAB REPORTS

Thursday, February 25 10 - 11 AM | Bradner L 110

Have you hit rock bottom writing your lab report? Does the anatomy of scientific documentation make your cranium throb? This presentation will dissect the critical elements of report writing and give you the methods to fortify your data records. Join us for this workshop, and save the hypothesizing for your experiment!

USING MLA GUIDELINES IN THE HUMANITIES

Monday, March 7 3-4PM | LA 320

Are online MLA guides simply not cutting it for you? Do you feel as though the citation machines are not enough? Let us help prepare you with the necessary tools and steps to properly format your paper using Word. Stress no more; you will be a Microsoft® MLA expert by the end of this workshop!

WRITING FOR ACCOUNTING

Monday, March 28 11 - 12 NOON | Bradner L 110

This workshop will help with everything from working with tables and charts to writing a strong thesis statement for your accounting paper. Do you have problems with the plural possessive? Concerns with capitalization? Doubts when using dollars and numbers? At Writing for Accounting we have an answer to all your guestions whether you are a business major or simply looking to expand your writing expertise.

MICROSOFT **EXCEL: VISUALS IN** RESEARCH WRITING

Wednesday, April 13 4-5 PM | LA 320

Learn the basics of formatting, data entering, and using graphs/charts to enhance reports when using Microsoft Excel. This is an EXCEL-lent opportunity for math, science, and accounting students who want to add oomph to their projects.

