

Some of the EWES Workshop Offerings

UNDERSTANDING ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Learn how to recognise cultural factors in the understanding of academic integrity. Develop vocabulary and language related to the application and discussion of academic integrity.

USING PRESENTATION LANGUAGE

Developing good presentation skills is useful in both your academic and professional life. Using appropriate strategies and language can help you deliver a more effective presentation.

FINDING THE RIGHT TONE

Academic writing and speaking requires you to use the right word to convey precise meaning and appropriate tone. This workshop shows students how to use language and reference tools effectively to develop an academic glossary, and how to choose the appropriate synonym and word form for meaning, register and context.

EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

At the end of this workshop, students will have a) an understanding of the importance of emotional wellbeing to academic and personal success, b) practiced the language of expressing feelings and emotions, and c) learned the language of physical and emotional reactions to stressful situations.

PHYSICAL WELLBEING

This workshop will help you recognise the importance of physical wellbeing to academic and personal success. Learn the language related to good nutrition and healthy behaviours, and understand the language used in food labelling and preparation.

USING DISCUSSION LANGUAGE

A key skill set required for successful academic and professional life is the ability to discuss new, and often controversial, ideas and perspectives productively. This workshop focuses on a) developing an appreciation of cultural and communicative contexts in discussion; b) using a range of functional language for use in discussion; and c) using appropriate language strategies for discussion.

BUILDING SENTENCES

Being clear, succinct, and engaging is fundamental to successful academic writing, and this begins with knowing how to structure sentences. By the end of this workshop will understand better how to construct grammatically accurate simple, compound, and complex sentences, and to use punctuation effectively in their formulation.

COMMUNICATING OBJECTIVELY

The expression of ideas that are objective rather than personal or judgmental is central to the conventions of academic writing and speaking. However, this is not always a simple task for any communicator. Thus, developing new language and strategies specific to objective language is a necessary skill for academic success.

COMMUNICATING WITH CERTAINTY

The ability to express certainty or confidence in the claims you make is an essential part of academic writing. It is important therefore that you have the language you need to express your ideas with appropriate certainty and confidence.

WRITING WITH UNITY

Connecting the key elements of an argument logically and cohesively maximises its impact. In this workshop: learn to identify the common ways ideas are logically organised (compare/contrast, chronological, cause/effect, and logical division); use topic organisation and lexical reference to create unity within a text; and identify clauses and use coordinators and subordinators appropriately.

COMMON LANGUAGE ERRORS

Audiences are often distracted and confused by some common mistakes made by non-native English speakers. This workshop helps to improve the effectiveness of your message by identifying and eliminating these errors

before submitting your work. Specifically, it will help you identify and repair fragments, comma splices, run-on sentences, lack of parallel structures; errors of word form, agreement and tense; and errors of articles, determiners, and prepositions.

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USING YOUR SOURCES

Academic integrity is directly correlated with how sources are used to support claims and ideas in an argument. This workshop focuses on three areas of this fundamental skill: a) Recognising the meaning and strength of reporting verbs to represent and author's position, attitude, and purpose in a text; b) Selecting and using reporting verbs with appropriate meaning, strength, and structure; and c) Building reporting verb vocabulary.

COMMUNICATING WITH UNIVERSITY STAFF

Learn to: a) communicate by email with university staff in a culturally appropriate way; b) recognise the difference between formal, semi-formal, and informal emails; and c) use the appropriate language, register and tone when communicating by email.

SOCIAL WELLBEING

Learn culturally appropriate ways to interact in English with someone you have just met, and practise the language of starting, maintaining and concluding a conversation.

GETTING A PART-TIME JOB

Develop a resume for casual job applications in English, learn how to respond appropriately to questions, prompts and requests in a job interview, and understand the potential language learning advantages of volunteering and working in English speaking environments.

INTERCULTURAL AWARENESS

Discuss the potential challenges of studying and living abroad in multicultural environment, describe aspects of your cultural beliefs and practices in English, and seek similar information from others, and be aware of the ANU services available to support your transition into social and academic life.

SPEAKING WITH CLARITY

Improve pronunciation of English from individual sounds to words, including stress patterns, and improve intonation, phrase-level stress patterns, chunking and pausing.

LUNCH TIME CHAT SESSIONS

Practise your conversation skills and meet new friends discussing a range of topics such as those listed below with other students from other countries:

Movies with Joss for Movie buffs to share their love of movies

No matter the genre, country of origin or language, movies have the power to bring people together. Whether it is Chinese Wu Xia, Japanese ghost stories or American superheroes, movie lovers from around the world will find each other to celebrate their favourite stories, share their ideas and create new experiences. Come to this lunch time session to talk about the movies which make you laugh or cry or which have you on the edge of your seat. Which movies excite, fascinate, scare or even bore you? Let's share in a love of movies!

Knit & Chat with Lisa Craft-based chat

Learn to knit if you don't know how. Share your knitting skills if you do. Join the Knit and Chat lunch time session to knit and at the same time chat and practice your language skills in a craft session.

Building Cultures with Eda for those who love world food, music, art, literature, sports, and travel

You are living in a new multi-cultural environment which may encourage you to focus on cultural differences. However, we have more similarities than you think. Changing your mindset and focusing

on these similarities could enable you to establish and maintain better relationships and lead a happier life. Our aim in this informal lunch time session is to connect across cultures through our love of food, music, art, literature, sports and travel. Join us to share your own culture and connect with others.

Trending Issues with Susila share your views on emerging phenomena shaping our daily lives

Join Susila to talk about a range of trending topics. The first session will discuss TIK TOK. The social media craze has reached increasing popularity during the Covid-19 pandemic, and its impact has been to some surprisingly far reaching. Share your views on the TIK TOK phenomenon.