

Support for International & Multilingual Writers

COURSES

Sweetland offers several credit-bearing courses that aim to improve your English reading, writing, and speaking skills.

WRITING 120 COLLEGE WRITING FOR INTERNATIONAL AND MULTILINGUAL STUDENTS

This fall term, three-credit, graded course is designed to prepare students for their first-year writing courses. It will guide students in typical university writing practices, including an emphasis on developing well-researched, properly cited papers. Students will develop written fluency and improve their command of grammatical, textual, rhetorical, and multimodal conventions common in a variety of academic disciplines.

WRITING 229 EDITING AND STYLE FOR INTERNATIONAL AND MULTILINGUAL STUDENTS

Practice English academic and professional writing in a supportive environment. This one-credit, graded course, offered the second half of the term, runs on a discussion and workshop format, in which students explore the rhetorical effectiveness of stylistic elements commonly found in American academic and professional writing. Students will participate in an online core grammar program, practice fundamental editing strategies, read exemplary essays and discuss their stylistic features. Students work individually on editing exercises and collaboratively in stylistic discussions. Students will have a chance to bring their own essays and editing questions to workshops with classmates and the instructor.

WRITING 240 PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL PRESENTATION FOR INTERNATIONAL AND MULTILINGUAL STUDENTS

This fall term, one-credit, graded course is designed to prepare future engineers, scientists, business persons, physicians, architects, etc. who need to present professional and technical information in international contexts. Students will design presentations for experts and lay audiences. Students will give presentations to different hypothetical audiences and play the role of a particular audience to help a presenter evaluate the presentation.

WRITING 340 PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL WRITING AND COMMUNICATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXTS

This winter term, one-credit, graded, advanced writing course is designed for all students who will write and communicate professionally in international contexts, where different cultures interact. Students will study the rhetorical elements of writing and communication, including audience, purpose, and exigence; practice different genres, such as e-mails, memos, executive summaries, proposals, reports, resumes, cover letters, and blogs; create clear, readable, and persuasive documents; study and apply intercultural communication theories to designing professional documents; discuss how persuasive strategies differ in different cultural contexts; and examine how different modes (e.g., texts, visuals, and videos) can work together to facilitate intercultural dialogues.

WRITING SUPPORT

Our writing support services can assist you at any stage of the writing process from brainstorming ideas to providing a second set of eyes on your completed paper.

WRITING WORKSHOP

Get one-to-one help with your paper, no matter the subject, from Sweetland faculty at **Writing Workshop** in North Quad (1310). We're not here to grade your paper—at Sweetland you'll find friendly people ready to help you improve your writing. Students from all over the university and at all writing levels use the Writing Workshop.

PEER WRITING CENTER

Sweetland's **Peer Writing Centers** offer one-to-one help with your writing projects from our highly trained Sweetland Peer Writing Consultants. Our main Peer Writing Center is located in the Shapiro Undergraduate Library with additional campus-wide satellite locations. Peer Writing Centers offer alternative hours to Writing Workshop, including nights and Sundays. Visit our website for hours and locations.

OWL: ONLINE WRITING LAB

Sweetland's **OWL** (Online Writing Lab) allows you to share and receive live feedback on your paper by connecting to a Sweetland Peer Writing Consultant online via video chat from any computer with video chat capabilities. Visit our website to learn more about using the OWL.

WRITING GUIDES

On our website you'll find a page from which you can download our most frequently used writing guides. You'll also find a page of recommended grammar and speaking resources for multilingual students who use English as their second language.

OTHER RESOURCES

The **Language Resource Center (LRC)** offers internet-based language-learning programs as well as other online and physical resources to support your continued acquisition of academic and social English.

The **English Language Institute (ELI)** offers Conversation Circles to promote intercultural exchange and to provide students with opportunities to practice English in an informal, casual setting. Groups of up to 6 people are paired with a highly fluent English-speaking volunteer facilitator for a weekly hour-long conversation.