

ESL Resource

For International Mustangs

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ESL Open House



March 3th, Friday
9:30 am~10:00 am
(Central Time, US & Canada)
Join us via Zoom or In-Person

Meeting ID: 976 7756 5599
Passcode: 709981



Greetings!

You must be very excited about your new academic career at SMU. SMU ESL program welcomes all international students. We understand that students whose first language is not English may encounter unique challenges in less familiar cultural and academic settings. We are here to support students who strive to succeed in their academic endeavors.

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ESL Resources Available at SMU



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Comprehensive Orientation for Academic Readiness

- Excited to start a new academic journey at SMU?
- Want to be better prepared?
- Our Comprehensive Orientation will offer intensive English training, opportunities to connect and engage with diverse people at SMU, and academic & cultural exploration.
 - Program Duration: Three Weeks (July 31~Aug.18)
 - Program Fee: \$499.00

Comprehensive Orientation Schedule-Tentative

Monday	Tues.	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Sat.
July 24	25	26 New Student Check-in	27 New Student Check-in	28 Meet & Greet	29 Intl Coffee Hour
31 Academic English 9:00-10:30AM Communication Skills 10:45-12:15PM Research Writing: 1:30-2:30 Financial Literacy(virtual) Pronunciation Clinic 3:00-5:00 pm	1 Academic English 9:00-10:30AM Reading & Critical Thinking for Class Discussion 10:45-12:15PM Grammar for Writing Clarity Writing Coach 3:00-5:00 pm	2 Academic English 9:00-10:30AM Communication Skills 10:45-12:15PM Research Writing: Conversation Circle 3:00-5:00 pm	3 Academic English 9:00-10:30AM Reading & Critical Thinking for Class Discussion 10:45-12:15PM Grammar for Writing Clarity Research Interest Group 3:00-5:00 pm	4 Friday Workshop: 10:00-12:00 Maintaining Immigration Status 3:00 pm	5 Local Excursion (TBD)
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SMU ESL Classes

- Open to ALL SMU students & scholars whose first language is NOT English
- Available during Spring/Fall terms
- Program approval is required to enroll
- Free of charge & non-credit (Pass/Fail)
- Focus on mostly needed English skills, knowledge & strategies for academic success
- Taught by highly experienced ESL experts
- Discipline-specific, customized support & consultation available for better performance in the field of your study

Face-to-Face ESL Classes Available for Spring & Fall Terms

ESL Communication Skills

- Mon. 2:30~5:20 pm
- Focuses on
 - Presentation skills
 - Classroom interactions
 - Listening skills

ESL Advanced Academic Writing

- Tues. 2:30~4:30 pm
- Focuses on
 - Elements of research writing
 - Academic writing convention
 - Critical Academic reading

English Pronunciation Skills

- Wed. 2:30~5:20 pm
- Focuses on
 - Clear pronunciation
 - Sentence stress
 - Intonation
 - Body language
 - Rhythm

Seminar for International Teaching Assistants (ITAs)

- Fri. 2:30~5:50 pm
- Focuses on
 - Cross-cultural communication
 - Teaching techniques
 - Classroom management

Want to Enroll?

[Apply Now for Course Permission](#)

Asynchronous & Self-Paced Online ESL Classes

Job Interview Skills

- focus on strategies for effective interviewing and other job search skills, answering the most common (and some unexpected) interview questions

Topics in American Culture

- focus on intercultural communication strategies and cultural tips to understand American culture and people to help you better engaged inside and outside classroom

Academic Writing in a Clear Voice I & II

- focus on key principles of academic writing to improve clarity of your writing developing and connecting ideas both cohesively and coherently

Mastering the English Mechanics for Formal Writing

- focus on rules of formal academic writing in order convey ideas, evidence, and argument effectively and precisely

Each online course

- takes 4~6 weeks to complete
- available year-round
- program approval not required
- allows self-paced learning
- requires sign-up (not enroll through MYSMU)
- includes interactive feedback and comments from the course instructor

ESL Workshops

- Every week, two workshops (one speaking & one writing) are scheduled
- In-person or Online participation available
- Each workshop stands alone, dealing with separate topics
- Workshop materials will be shared once the workshop is completed
- <https://booking.smu.edu/calendar/esl?cid=15738&t=g&d=0000-00-00&cal=15738&inc=0>

ESL Workshop Series

Speak English with Confidence Workshop Series

- Would you like to feel more comfortable speaking English in academic, professional, and everyday life situations? These workshops are designed to support international students and scholars, and other non-native speakers, with polishing oral communication skills. Resources for independent practice will also be provided.

Write with Clarity: Academic Writing Workshop Series

- Writing clearly in English is a challenge for native and non-native writers alike. What is it in a sentence that makes readers judge it as complex and unclear or as direct and easily understood? What general principles can we follow that will enable us to revise a sentence so that readers will judge it as clear and concise? These are the questions we will explore throughout these workshops.

Speaking Coach



American English Pronunciation Tutorials & Research Day Coaching

Linda Evans, Lecturer of ESL, is offering individual assistance (via Zoom) with American English pronunciation for international students/scholars in all majors and departments of SMU. Tutorials are 45 minutes during the hours of 9-11 AM and 3-5 PM on Wednesdays, February 3 through April 28. Sessions may also include practice and feedback on oral presentations such as for Research Days and other needs. Please bring specific questions or materials!

Graduate Writing Consultation



- Available through the Moody Graduate Writing Center
- Open for SMU Graduate Students with ESL Needs
- Individual appointments last for 30 minutes

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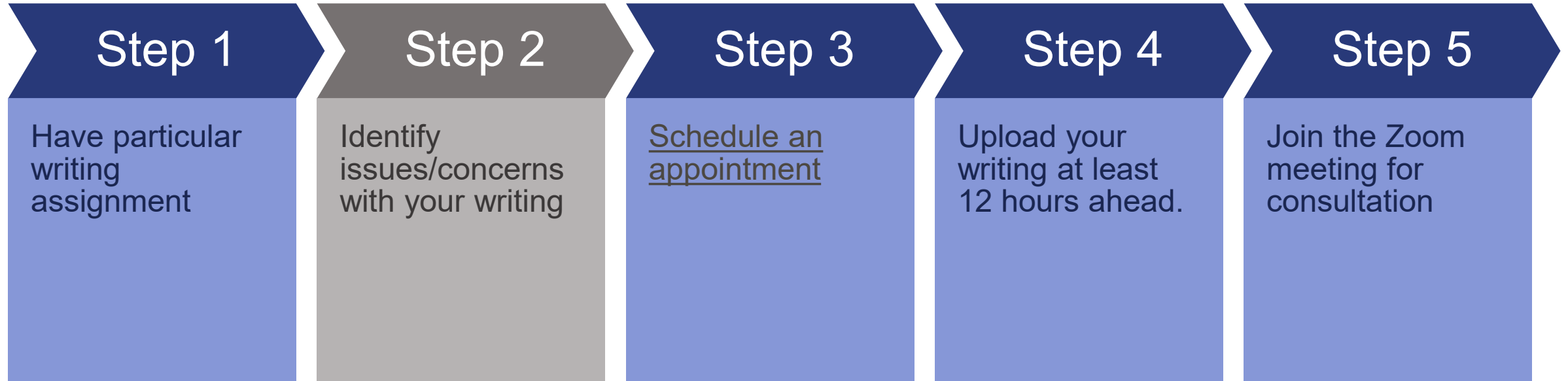
- The writing tutor won't edit/proofread your writing work directly.
- Due to the time limit, the tutor may not review more than 15 pages in a session.

Writing counselors can help you with...

- selecting the appropriate wording/phrasing
- Identifying patterns of errors in grammar and punctuation
- Producing greater sentence variety
- Providing self-editing tips
- Structure, organization, and information flow
- Sources or cited literature
- Formality, tone, and voice of an essay



How to Use the Writing Consultation Services



- Following up on the consultation session, reread your essay and rewrite it as suggested.
- If necessary, you can schedule another consultation meeting with a revised draft.
- It is highly recommended to narrow down to a few discussion points to get help from the consultation.

Buddy Programs

Interested in making friends for language and culture exchange in more casual ways?

- Language Partners: SMU students voluntary organization

<https://vtthai.wixsite.com/languagepartners>

- Buddies Beyond Borders (3B) Program (SMU ISSS)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPvwDqWc8y_mhG_mPWgHXTV1_k4HtqUNN6xaB_oGxRwXpCSw/viewform



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- ☐ prepared for degree programs or careers
- ☐ make friends
- ☐ adapt to a new culture

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Visit our website <https://www.smu.edu/Dedman/Resources/Students/ESL/Programs/ESL>

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