

Wondering where to get personalized help with your academic communication skills? We work with you one-on-one, offering general writing and other communication skill advice that can be applied to a variety of courses. We're easy to find in the library: walk through the front doors, down the main floor hallway, and turn right at the blue EDGE banner.

Whether you're just getting started with your assignment and need help understanding the instructions or whether you've completed your draft and want to refine it, we're here to help! Drop in for updates or email Nancy at cacmgr@uvic.ca

TUTORING MAY 6 TO AUGUST 16 (10am to 4pm Monday to Thursday; 10am to 1pm Friday)

You can use our online schedule (<https://uvic.mywconline.com>) to book two 25-minute appointments each week. Need more appointments? Please contact Nancy at cacmgr@uvic.ca. We can help you with

- Academic writing skills
 - Getting started (understanding your assignment)
 - Prewriting and planning
 - Drafting, revising, and self-editing strategies
- Reading skills
 - Reading quickly
 - Reading for research
 - Critical reading
- Presentation skills
 - Preparation
 - Delivery
 - Pronunciation
- Speaking skills
 - Pronunciation of discipline-specific vocabulary
 - Communicating in groups

ONLINE TUTORING

Online tutoring is for distance students who cannot make it to the CAC. This support is offered via written feedback within two business days. To access, please see "online" under "We can help" on <https://www.uvic.ca/cac>.

ACADEMIC COMMUNICATION LEARNING PLANS

Want to improve your academic communication skills but don't know where to start? An academic communication learning plan provides a structured set of activities based on co-created learning outcomes to help students reach their goals. Work with a member of the CAC either in person or online to develop a personalized plan that covers the academic communication skills you want to work on most. You can start your academic communication learning plan journey by contacting cacmgr@uvic.ca

English Café (ACCESS) (3 to 4pm, Thursdays in June and July)

With a lighter focus for the summer, Academic Critical Communication in English Seminar Series (ACCESS/English Café) is an opportunity for all UVic students with English as an additional language who want to improve their ability to read and communicate in English within an academic context. Participants will practice reading and discussion skills in a relaxed atmosphere, receive coaching on vocabulary use and pronunciation, and get tips for developing confidence and ability in reading and writing. Readings and activities include fiction, poetry, podcasts, and games for vocabulary development. Dates and location are subject to change. For information, contact Gillian at eal1@uvic.ca or drop by the CAC.

WORKSHOPS FOR ALL STUDENTS

Writing about data, 1 to 2:30pm, Wednesday, June 5, Library 130

This workshop introduces writers to how to write about graphs, tables, and statistics you use in your writing, including how to soften claims (hedging) and choose the right language to position yourself in relation to the data. No registration required. Contact Madeline at cacpc@uvic.ca for more information.

From reading to writing: Seamlessly integrate your source, 1 to 2:30pm, Wednesday, June 12, Library 130

In this workshop, we will practice reading and understanding a complex idea from an academic article, assimilating that idea into our own language, and integrating the new knowledge into our writing with purpose (and proper acknowledgement!). No registration required. Contact Madeline at cacpc@uvic.ca for more information.

WRITING AND PRESENTATION SUPPORT FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Grad writing room (10 to 1pm Fridays, May 10 to August 16 in Library 151b)

Meet other grad students and make steady progress on your academic writing in this CAC-staff-supported library space. No registration needed—please join us for all or part of the session.

Following on the momentum of the Thesis Boot Camp (June 18 to 20), the CAC is offering the following “Workshop Wednesdays” for graduate students:

Subjects as characters, verbs as actions: Some simple tools to revise for clarity, 1 to 2:30pm, Wednesday, June 26, Library 130

Come to this hands-on workshop to learn about these two powerful principles of clear writing (for the purpose of revision):

1. Make your subjects name the main characters in your story, and
2. Express your characters’ actions with verbs, not nouns.

No registration required. Contact Madeline at cacpc@uvic.ca

Basics of academic writing for EAL students, 1 to 2:30pm, Wednesday, July 3, Library 129

This workshop reviews the most important requirements of academic writing with an emphasis on the common issues EAL students might face. The topics discussed will include writing coherently, writing for your audience, brevity, and clarity. No registration required. Contact Kaveh at eal2@uvic.ca for more information.

Strong Sentences and Strategies for Self-Editing (Choose Your Own Self-Editing Adventure: Common Errors and How to Avoid Them) 1 to 2:30pm, Wednesday, July 17, Library 151b)

Less is more. This class will teach you how to write more concisely and avoid redundancy and wordiness, so that you can finish within your word limit and write with impact and purpose. We will also explore the concepts of sentence “weight,” plain language principles, and good sentence construction, and learn how to build pieces of writing that show connections between ideas clearly. In this workshop, you’ll also consider common errors made by both native and non-native English speakers, and begin to develop a self-editing checklist that you can use to improve your own writing. Bring a piece of your unpolished writing with you and get feedback on items to add to your list. No registration required. Contact Gillian at eal1@uvic.ca for more information.

Effective academic talks: Strategies for preparation and delivery, 1 to 2:30pm, July 24, Library 130

Participants will learn about preparing for and delivering an academic talk. This workshop provides practical guidelines on audience consideration and smooth delivery. No registration required. Contact Nancy at cacmgr@uvic.ca for more information

INDIVIDUAL “LEARN ABOUT...” WORKSHOPS FOR YOU, BY APPOINTMENT

Need a refresher on foundational academic communication skills? Please drop by the CAC or email cacmgr@uvic.ca to set up an appointment for a customized “Learn About” on the following topics:

- Critical reading
- Listening and note-taking
- Presentation skills
- Pronunciation strategies
- Academic writing:
 - Planning your writing
 - Strong sentences
 - Punctuation
 - Common errors in writing
 - Self-editing strategies