THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM @ CGU presents…

Continuing Advanced ESL Workshop Series
for All CGU International Students, Fall 2020 via Zoom

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Please save the dates! Fall 2020
August 28, September 18, October 9, October 16, October 30, November 13,
November 20, December 11.

This series of workshops is designed to support international students at all levels of study including
- those who have just completed ISP
- advanced students needing to further develop their skills in certain areas
- students who are preparing themselves for interviews and the workforce.

Ideally, students who embark on this series will be able to attend all eight workshops; however, we realize
this may not always be possible. Workshops can also stand alone. The two-part structure of certain
themes in the series reflects this.

Each workshop will be two hours in length with one hour of post-Q&A and will occur on the schedule
as shown below, Fridays at 7:00 PM Pacific time.
All sessions will take place online via Zoom until further notice.

Workshops 1 & 2: Online Learning & Success Strategies for International Students
(2 two-hour sessions plus Q&A, each session unique)

Dates: Friday, August 28, 2020 7:00 PM Pacific & Friday, September 18, 2020 7:00 PM Pacific

Purpose: To provide international students with strategies they can use to improve their online learning
experience, participation, listening, speaking and “presence” in an online or hybrid class.

Points Covered:
- Strategies for Success in an Online or Hybrid Class
- Online Class Etiquette
- Self-Advocacy in a Virtual Context
- Listening and Speaking in a Virtual Context
- Interacting with Professors and Classmates Online
- Group Work Online
- Speaking Under Pressure in Online Class Sessions
- Participating in Online Discussion Forums with Meaningful Responses
Workshops 3 & 5: How to Deliver a Pitch or New Idea in a Class or for a Research Project (This pairs with CGU’s Big Pitch contest) 2 two-hour sessions plus Q&A, each session unique.

Dates: Friday, October 9, 2020 7:00 PM Pacific time & Friday, October 30 7:00 PM Pacific time *(Please note that workshop 4 occurs in between these on October 16, 2020)*

Purpose: To facilitate understanding the concepts of a “pitch”, and to practice the delivery of it. By “pitch”, we are referring to a process in which a student succinctly describes and delivers a new idea in a class or for a research topic. This pairs with The Big Pitch, a 3-minute, campus-wide contest. Even international students who do not plan on entering the contest should attend to practice delivering ideas to advisors, professors, and classmates.

Points Covered:
- What a Pitch Is, and Why We Do It
- Pitching in Any Field: Why It’s Important
- Identifying the Essence of an Idea and Summarizing It Effectively
- Knowing Your Audience
- Delivery: Body Language and Elements of Speech

Workshop 4: Practical, Everyday Writing in English for Graduate School

Date: Friday, October 16, 7:00 PM Pacific time

Purpose: To facilitate international students’ successful completion of basic but crucial writing tasks that they will engage in during their time at CGU and the workplace.

Points Covered:
- Writing Emails to Professors and Other Authority Figures
- Messages and Exchanges Between Group Members in an Online and In-Person Format
- Requests, Petitions, and Self-Advocacy
- Asking for Information
- Filling Out Documents for Government and Other Agencies
- Meaningful Responses & Peer Feedback in the Discussion Area of Online Classes

Workshops 6 & 7: American Culture and Customs in a University & Career Context (2 two-hour sessions plus Q&A, each session unique)

Dates: Friday, November 13, 7:00 PM Pacific time & Friday Nov. 20, 7:00 PM Pacific time

Purpose: To facilitate international students’ understanding of American college culture and customs, so that they might better navigate their experience at CGU and the workplace.

Points Covered:
- What to Expect in the Classroom, Both Virtually and In-Person
- “Small Talk” – What It Is and Why It’s Important
- Participation: Why It’s Essential in the American University, Plus Do’s and Don’ts
- Forming Successful Relationships with Professors and Classmates
- Conversation Topics for Career Networking with Classmates and Professors
- Asking for Help: Not a Sign of Weakness or Source of Shame!
- Seeking Help in the Library: How Librarians Can Help You
Workshop 8: English Idioms, Expressions, and Slang

Date: Friday, December 11, 7:00 PM Pacific time

Purpose: To help international students manage common idioms, expressions, and slang in American English, particularly those they will hear often both inside and outside of class, and the meaning and origins behind them.

Points Covered:
- Idioms: Why, When, and How We Use Them
- Slang: Origin, Meaning, and Cultural Importance
- Formal vs. Informal Context and Appropriateness of Slang – When Should You Use It?
- Expressions such as Metaphors: Understanding the Meaning Behind Key Phrases
- The Most Frequently Used Idioms, Slang, and Expressions in College Classrooms & Workplace
- Should You Use Slang as a Non-Native Speaker?
- Written Formality Level in Online Communication – Do’s and Don’ts.