

Directed Learning Assignments (DLAs)



Study a grammar or writing topic and do practice activities independently. Then review the DLA with a tutor. Find the DLAs below in the Writing Center in Building 26B-1561A.

Grammar Topics for Non-native English Speakers

- Adjective Clauses
- Articles
- Conditionals
- Gerunds & Infinitives
- Modals
- Participial Adjectives
- Passive Voice
- Prepositions
- Reduced Adjective Clauses
- Reduced Adverb Clauses
- Word Forms

Verb Tenses

- Future Tenses
- Past Perfect and Past Perfect Progressive
- Past Tenses
- Present Perfect and Present Perfect Progressive
- Present Tenses

Global Writing Concerns

Development and Organization

- Analytical vs. Persuasive Thesis
- Conclusions
- Introductions
- Outlining the Essay
- Paragraph Writing
- Reverse Outlining
- Summary Skills for Academic Writing
- Thesis
- Transitions

Style

- Academic Writing “Don’ts”
- Editing Out To Be Verbs

Critical Thinking

- Analysis vs. Summary
- Logical Fallacies

Using Sources and Avoiding Plagiarism

- Annotated Bibliography
- Avoiding Plagiarism
- Integrating Sources
- MLA 8th Edition

Grammar and Mechanics

Sentence Structure and Punctuation

- Ambiguous Pronoun Reference
- Apostrophes and Possessives
- Basic Sentence Patterns
- Comma Splices and Run-Ons
- Comma Usage
- Dangling and Misplaced Modifiers
- Fragments
- Parallelism
- Parts of Speech
- Pronoun Agreement
- Subject/Verb Agreement
- Verb Tense Shifts

Word Choice

- Connotation and Denotation
- Dictionary Skills
- Thesaurus Skills