Support for Multilingual Writers

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

WRITING 119 STYLE AND EDITING FOR MULTILINGUAL STUDENTS
This 1-credit ungraded course is designed for multilingual students who use English as their second language and would like to learn more about the grammatical and stylistic choices available to them as academic writers. Through small- and large-group discussions, low-stakes grammar and style exercises, and revision assignments, students will acquire the linguistic knowledge and revision strategies needed to polish their written language.

WRITING 120 COLLEGE WRITING FOR MULTILINGUAL STUDENTS
This 3-credit graded course is designed for new multilingual students who use English as their second language and would like additional practice writing and speaking in English before taking a First-Year Writing Requirement course. Course components include frequent small- and large-group discussions, one-to-one instructor conferences, low- and high-stakes writing assignments, and oral presentations.

WRITING 240 ACADEMIC COMMUNICATION FOR MULTILINGUAL STUDENTS
This 1-credit ungraded course is designed for multilingual students who use English as their second language and would like to learn more about the grammatical and stylistic choices available to them as academic writers. Through small- and large-group discussions, low-stakes grammar and style exercises, and revision assignments, students will acquire the linguistic knowledge and revision strategies needed to polish their written language.

WRITING 340 ADVANCED WRITING FOR MULTILINGUAL STUDENTS: VOCABULARY & GRAMMAR IN CONTEXT
In this 3-credit graded course, multilingual students who use English as their second language develop the vocabulary and grammatical knowledge necessary to communicate complex, discipline-specific concepts clearly and effectively to academic and professional audiences in both writing and speech. Students both analyze and produce or edit texts from a wide range of typical academic genres, including presentations, conference proposals, annotated bibliographies, critical reviews, and research papers.

CHAT CAFE CASUAL CONVERSATION GROUPS
Chat Cafe: Casual Conversation Groups provides students an opportunity to practice their spoken English in a relaxed environment. Groups of up to 6 international undergraduates, led by an upper-level peer facilitator, meet once per week on campus. Sign up for this free program on Sweetland’s website during the second week of classes.

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 regularly.

If you are a multilingual undergraduate who uses English as your second language, you have two options for scheduling a Writing Workshop appointment: 1) you can schedule a 30-minute undergraduate appointment with any one of Sweetland’s writing consultants, or 2) you can schedule an extended 45-minute appointment with one of Sweetland’s multilingual writing specialists.

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 Angell Hall G219 with satellite locations at the Shapiro Undergraduate Library (1144), Alice Lloyd Hall (1059), and the Duderstadt Center (Mujo Cafe). Peer Writing Centers offer alternative hours to Writing Workshop, including nights and Sundays.

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 bit.ly/sweetlandowl to learn more about 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.


LANGUAGE RESOURCE CENTER
Located across the hallway from Sweetland in North Quad, the Language Resource Center offers internet-based language-learning programs as well as other online and physical resources to support your continued acquisition of academic and social English.

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