

**SPRING 2015 STUDY SKILLS SEMINARS
COLLIN COLLEGE**

***All seminars are free! No appointment or registration is necessary.
Seminars are recommended for high school and college students.
Call (972) 881-5720 for more information.***

| Dates | Times | Location | Titles | Presenter(s) |
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| Friday, February 6 | 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM | CPC B323 | Part I: The Graphing Calculator for Beginners | Brandy S. Jumper |
| Friday, February 6 | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM. | CPC B323 | Part II: The Graphing Calculator for Advanced Users | Brandy S. Jumper |
| Friday, February 6 | 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM | SCC H224 | Graphing Calculator for the Absolute Beginner. | Barbara Wilson |
| Friday, February 6 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | CPC B314 | Figuring Out Fractions | Omri W. Crewe |
| Saturday, February 7 | 10:00AM - 11:30 AM | SCC D103 | Factoring Seminar | Julie Turnbow |
| Monday, February 09 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM | PRC H209 | TI 83/84 Operations I: Basic commands | Jens N. Stubblefield |
| Tuesday, February 10 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM | PRC H209 | TI 83/84 Operations II: Graphing | Jens N. Stubblefield |
| Tuesday, February 10 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | PRC LH130 | How to Succeed in Math | Katerina Vishnyakova |
| Wednesday, February 11 | 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM | SCC K212 | In Your Own Words! (for ESL and International Students ONLY) | Nancy Megarity |
| Thursday, February 12 | 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM | SCC B234 | Secrets of English (For Non-native speakers of English) | Dr. Shirl H. Terrell |
| Thursday, February 12 | 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM | PRC - LH130 | Calculator Basics for the TI 83/84 | Ellen Bell |
| Friday, February 13 | 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM | PRC U106 | Math Study Skills – Homework & How to Study for an Exam | Catherine Thurman |
| Friday, February 13 | 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM | PRC J121 | Basic Factoring | Randy Collins |
| Friday, February 13 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | SCC D103 | A' is for Annotation | Laura Foster-Eason |
| Wednesday, February 18 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | SCC BB231 | To Time or Not to Time? Eat That FROG: Several Great Ways to Stop Procrastinating and Get More Done in Less Time | Stella Belsky |
| Friday, February 20 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | SCC D103 | Commas, Commas Everywhere | Laura Foster-Eason |
| Tuesday, February 24 | 5:45 PM - 6:45 PM | SCC D113 | Apps for Success | Lisa Huang & Ann Blackman |
| Wednesday, February 25 | 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM | SCC K212 | Word Forms (for ESL students) | Nancy Megarity |
| Wednesday, February 25 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | CPC room LA115 | Apps for Success | Lisa Huang & Ann Blackman |
| Wednesday, February 25 | 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM | SCC K214 | Writing effective thesis statements | Jacqueline Hernandez |
| Thursday, February 26 | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM | PRC U108 | Apps for Success | Lisa Huang & Ann Blackman |
| Friday, February 27 | 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM | SCC G218 | Factoring Polynomials | James Mergerson |
| Monday, March 2 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | PRC LH130 | Brain Rules | Karen LaPanna and Suzanne Jones |
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| Wednesday, March 4 | 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM | SCC BB106 | ESL Scholarship Success Strategies | Kristine Springate |
| Thursday, March 5 | 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM | SCC D103 | Using TI 83+ (TI 84+) in mathematics | Alena Miadzvedskaya |
| Wednesday, March 25 | 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM | SCC K214 | That Pesky Punctuation (for ESL students) | Nancy Megarity |
| Wednesday, April 8 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | SCC BB231 | To Time or Not to Time? Eat That FROG: Several Great Ways to Stop Procrastinating and Get More Done in Less Time | Stella Belsky |
| Thursday, April 9 | 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM | SCC D103 | Special Formulas and its applications | Alena Miadzvedskaya |
| Friday, April 10 | 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM | SCC C103 | Rubbing Elbows: Fabulous Collin College Resources and Networking Opportunities | Linda Kapocsi |
| Saturday, April 18 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | SCC D103 | Factoring Seminar | Julie Turnbow |
| Friday, April 24 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | PRC J121 | Basic Factoring | Randy Collins |

Seminars Descriptions:

'A' is for Annotation: Learn the "ins and outs" of a technique that can help you understand more of what you read and make your studying so much more efficient. Please bring a copy of any magazine article and some pens and highlighter markers.

Apps for Success: Apps for the iOS and Android systems that will help you keep track of your grades, notes, and schedule will be introduced. Learn how to get more out of your devices!

Basic Factoring: This seminar will review basic factoring techniques needed.

Brain Rules: Learn the brain rules necessary to for surviving and thriving from the book Brain Rules by John Medina. Students will learn 12 rules to help their brain function at top capacity. It is important to apply these rules to life as a college student, which will be the focus of this seminar.

Calculator Basics for the TI 83/84:

Commas, Commas Everywhere: Be refreshed on some of the rules related to the most common (and most misunderstood) mark of punctuation. A sure-fire seminar to help improve the grades on your writing assignments.

ESL Scholarship Success Strategies: ESL students will learn about the scholarships available for all students and the ESL scholarship available through the Foundation. Seminar will focus on writing clear answers and essays for the online scholarship application.

Factoring Polynomials: This seminar will cover greatest common factors and factoring four terms, three terms and two terms polynomials. Bring a TI-84 graphing calculator with you to the seminar. Graphing calculators may be checked out at the campus library.

Factoring Seminar: This seminar will review all types of factoring. It will cover concepts from Math 0406, Math 0305, and Math 0310.

Figuring Out Fractions: How to perform the basic operations with fractions. (Add, Subtract, Multiply, Divide and Simplify).

Graphing Calculator for the Absolute Beginner: A slow-paced seminar designed to help beginners feel comfortable with the basic concepts of using a graphing calculator. We will cover simple arithmetic operations, use of the arrow keys, the difference between the subtract and negative keys, how to enter a fraction and display an answer as a fraction, entering exponents and absolute value, use of the STOR feature, and how to display a simple graph. You must bring a TI-83 or TI-84 graphing calculator with you to the seminar.

How to Succeed in Math: In this seminar we will review important aspects of the learning process and how your brain learns. Students will be engaged in a discussion of why learning math is different from learning other subjects, how to study for a math course, and how to control test anxiety.

In Your Own Words! (for ESL and International Students ONLY): Plagiarism is of great concern in American colleges and universities. Why is it so important? Let's discuss the concept of plagiarism in the United States compared with other parts of the world and how to avoid it.

Math Study Skills – Homework & How to Study for an Exam: Using some of the Math Study Skills videos created by Jessica Bernards and Mark DeSmet we will discuss why math instructors assign homework, how to use homework as an effective study tool, when to start studying for an exam, and how to study for an exam.

Part I: The Graphing Calculator for Beginners (Basic Skills) : This seminar is intended for those with little to no graphing calculator experience, and will cover using a TI 83 or 84 graphing calculator to perform basic mathematical computations. This seminar will be most useful to Introductory Algebra and Beginning Algebra students. Bring a TI 83 or 84 calculator to the seminar.

Part II: The Graphing Calculator for Advanced Users: This seminar is intended for those who are advanced users who wish to learn how to use the graphing capabilities of a TI 83 or 84 graphing calculators at an advanced level. This seminar will be most useful to Intermediate Algebra and College Algebra students. Bring a TI 83 or 84 calculator to the seminar.

Rubbing Elbows: Fabulous Collin College Resources and Networking Opportunities: Students will learn about campus resources that will help them become more successful as students and more appealing as job applicants. Students will also have the opportunity to meet representatives from various campus organizations and have the chance to network and to ask questions. A panel of faculty and staff will give tips about registration, free counseling services for students, the Honors Program, the Mentor Program, Student Life, Student Organizations and how to join one, and the Undergraduate Research Institute. Attendees will also hear about scholarship opportunities and more!

Secrets of English (For Non-native speakers of English) : Do you want to know a secret? How do we get fifteen vowel sounds out of five vowels? Have you ever wondered why some vowels are pronounced differently in certain English words? This seminar takes an in-depth look at pronunciation of vowels in standard North American English. We discuss the sounds and symbols used in the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA), learn how to produce the vowel sounds, and focus on why vowels are so important in English pronunciation.

Special Formulas and its applications: This seminar will cover factoring skills needed to use in Math 0305 and Math 0310. Students will learn how to factor binomials or trinomials using the special formulas and where to apply this skill in Intermediate Algebra.

TI 83/84 Operations I: Basic commands: Basic calculator operations for first time or beginning users, including calculator setup, menus, and arithmetic operations on integers and fractions.

TI 83/84 Operations II: Graphing: Graphing operations including graphs, table of values, evaluating functions, intersections of graphs, and finding critical points on graphs.

That Pesky Punctuation (for ESL students): Proper use of punctuation is essential for written English communication. Improper use can cause confusion and frustration for both the writer and the reader. In this seminar, basic rules of punctuation will be examined and practiced.

To Time or Not to Time? Eat That FROG: Several Great Ways to Stop Procrastinating and Get More Done in Less Time: "There is never enough time to do everything you need to do. You can get control of your time and your life only by changing the way you think, work, and deal with never-ending river of responsibilities that flows over you each day." (Brian Tracy) This seminar will show you some ways how to organize your day and get the right things done.

Using TI 83+ (TI 84+) in mathematics: This seminar will cover skills needed to use the graphing calculator in Math 0305 / Math 0310 courses. Student will learn how to use a graphing calculator in following areas:

- *how to solve any equations with real roots;
- * find zeros of the functions,
- *graph the functions and find the value of the functions for a given value of x,
- * find the minimum or maximum values of the function.

Word Forms (for ESL students): When should you use the adjective form of a word? When should you use an infinitive? How can you determine which form of a word you should use in a given sentence? These questions will be answered!

Writing effective thesis statements: What are you trying to prove?- This seminar will discuss how to create an effective thesis statement. Participants will have the opportunity to practice by writing sample thesis statements.