

**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.

Seminar Schedule

Dates	Times	Location	Titles	Presenter(s)
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
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
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	5:45PM - 6:45PM	SCC D113	Apps for Success: Study Skills Seminars	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 - 2:00PM	CPC room LA115	Apps for Success: Study Skills Seminars	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: Study Skills Seminars	Lisa Huang & Ann Blackman
Friday, February 27	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	SCC G218	Factoring Polynomials	James Mergerson
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 Miadzedskaya
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 Miadzedskaya
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

Seminars Descriptions:

'A' is for Annotation: Learn the "in"s and "out"s 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: Study Skills Seminars: 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!

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 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.

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.

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. Student will learn how to factor binomials or trinomials using the special formulas and where apply this skills in Intermediate Algebra.

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.