

ISSS Newsletter for International Students

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The entire staff of International Student and Scholar Services wishes you a wonderful holiday break. Whether you are returning home or staying in Buffalo, we hope that you will take time to relax, and enjoy the company of friends and family.

ISSS WINTER BREAK OFFICE HOURS

The International Student & Scholar Services office will be open during winter break as follows:

- Tuesday, December 20 - Friday, December 23: ISSS Open (8:30-5:00)
- Monday, December 26: ISSS CLOSED
- Tuesday, December 27 - Thursday, December 29: ISSS Open (8:30-5:00)
- Friday, December 30: ISSS CLOSED
- Monday, January 2: ISSS Closed
- Tuesday, January 3 – Friday, January 6: ISSS Open (8:30-5:00)
- Monday, January 9 – Friday, January 13: ISSS Open (8:30-5:00)
- Monday, January 16 (Martin Luther King Day): ISSS CLOSED
- Tuesday, January 17: Classes Begin

ACADEMIC WRITING INSTITUTE COURSES DURING WINTER BREAK

UB's Academic Writing Institute for Students in Graduate and Professional Programs will offer non-credit courses during winter break. These courses meet from 6:00-8:30 two evenings per week for two weeks.

- Writing a Research Paper, Dissertation, Thesis, and Scholarly Publication: Using scholarly publications as models, participants analyze and discuss common components of a research paper: abstract; introduction (background, gap, problem, question, purpose, significance and thesis); discussion and implications; results; conclusion; research language and vocabulary; academic voice; and documentation. (Tuesday and Thursday, January 3, 5, 10, 12)
- Writing for Nonnative Speakers of English: This course addresses writing challenges common to nonnative speakers of English: verbs, sentence structure, articles and types of nouns, adjectives, prepositions and idiomatic expressions, and word usage. Participants are encouraged to bring their current writing assignments to class. (Monday and Wednesday, January 2, 4, 9, 11)
- Academic Writing: Emphasis is on overcoming writers' block; applying the writing process of prewriting, drafting, revising and editing; organizing an introduction, body, and conclusion; constructing a thesis statement; developing main ideas and supporting details; structuring sentences; and applying appropriate use of grammar, punctuation, mechanics, and word choice (Tuesday and Thursday, January 3, 5, 10, 11)

For more information (including costs), please contact Patricia Mull at pamull@buffalo.edu or 829-3387.

To register for classes, please visit the Academic Writing Institute's website at www.mfc.buffalo.edu