WSSU Student Success Workshops: FALL SEMESTER 2026 *FINAL v5*

Workshops are open to all WSSU students and usually last between 30 and 50 minutes (except where noted).
If you are a FYE1350 student, you must attend (and complete FYE assignment for) two workshops: one by Oct. 9, and one by Nov. 30, 2026.
All students: after attending a workshop, please complete this survey: https://forms.gle/xidKL7jf1M1L1mGb6

SEPTEMBER 2026

Workshop	Description	Date, Time, and Location	Presented By
The Art of the Resume: Your Story on Paper - Using AI for Formatting Resumes	Discover how to craft a resume that tells your professional story and showcases your unique skills and experiences. This hands-on workshop will introduce you to AI-powered tools like Skills First, helping you to format and structure your resume with ease.	Sept. 1 (Tue) 4pm Hill Hall 215 (CDS Lab)	Nadia Evans, Peer advisor, Career Development Services
The Intern Advantage: Tools for Success	This session will provide you with tools and strategies to maximize the value of internships and turn them into steppingstones for your career: how to set goals, build professional relationships, and leverage your internship to develop skills and gain valuable experience.	Sept. 2 (Wed) 3pm Hill Hall 215 (CDS Lab)	Jadazia Jones Gray, Peer advisor, Career Development Services
Study Skills	Studying effectively is hard to do. Learn the best tools, tips, and techniques on how to study the right way. This is essential for all students, but especially freshmen attending college for the first time.	Sept. 3 (Thurs) 3pm Hill Hall 331	James Pao, Testing and Proctoring Center
Gilman Scholarship	Learn about the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, eligibility requirements, and study abroad funding opportunities.	Sept. 8 (Tue) 5pm Hill Hall 331	Tishana Jackson, International Programs
What to Know About Using AI in Academic Writing	It can be hard to know when and how to use AI such as ChatGPT, Claude, and Grammarly. This workshop is designed to help you determine if AI use is the right choice for your assignment and the ways AI can both positively and negatively impact your writer's voice.	Sept. 9 (Wed) 4pm O'Kelly 206	Delaney Finau, Writing and Communication Center

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Note-Taking Skills	Taking notes in class is hard to do well. Learn the best tools, tips, and techniques on how to take notes effectively during your classes. This is essential for all students, but especially freshmen attending college for the first time.	Sept. 10 (Thurs) 3pm Hill Hall 331	James Pao, Testing and Proctoring Center
The Syllabus and Assignment Guide: How to Read, Plan and Ace Your Course	Equip yourself with critical skills to decode complex course documents, map out deadlines, and understand instructor expectations. By the end of the workshop, you will be able to deconstruct the syllabus, identify ways to use the syllabus for success, and understand and interpret assignments. Pre-registration preferred: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/64QWzSxwxC	Sept. 10 (Thurs) 4pm O'Kelly 206	Reading Coaches, Reading Center
Dinner & A Movie: Souleymane's Story	Enjoy an international film experience, cultural discussion, and dinner. Seating is limited: you must RSVP in advance by emailing Ms. Jackson at jacksontt@wssu.edu	Sept. 10 (Thurs) 6pm Thompson 207	Tishana Jackson, International Programs
What to Know About Using AI in Academic Writing (ONLINE)	It can be hard to know when and how to use AI such as ChatGPT, Claude, and Grammarly. This workshop is designed to help you determine if AI use is the right choice for your assignment and the ways AI can both positively and negatively impact your writer's voice. https://wssu.zoom.us/j/3858718200	Sept. 10 (Thurs) 5pm ONLINE ONLY	Delaney Finau, Writing and Communication Center
Study Abroad Showcase	Explore study abroad opportunities, hear from participants, and learn about programs available to WSSU students.	Sept. 15 (Tue) 3pm Hill Hall 331	Tishana Jackson, International Programs
Behind the Lens: Videography & Entrepreneurship with POP Media	Overview of tech and business best-practices by the black- and woman-owned production company, POP Media. Limited seating, pre-registration required: https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/zC864S7Yw5ivf	Sept. 15 (Tue) 3:30pm O'Kelly 205	Jonathan Jones and Media Production Lab staff, Library Services

Test-Taking Skills	There is strategy to taking tests. Learn the best tools, tips, and techniques on how to take tests confidently, without test anxiety, for both multiple-choice and essay-format tests. This is essential for all students, but especially freshmen attending college for the first time.	Sept. 17 (Thurs) 2pm Hill Hall 331	James Pao, Testing and Proctoring Center
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Presentations in Express	A crash course on creating engaging presentations in Adobe Express for academic, personal, and professional use. Limited seating, pre-registration required: https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/zC864S7Yw5ivf	Sept. 22 (Tue) 11am O'Kelly 205	Jonathan Jones and Media Production Lab staff, Library Services
Adobe Express After Hours	A crash course on the many features within Adobe Express and how you can utilize the online software for academic, personal, and professional use.	Sept. 23 (Wed) 6pm O'Kelly 318W	Sharnette Evans, Library Services
Recharge to Rise: The Power of Rest in Your Success	Learn why quality rest is essential for academic success. Gain practical tips for improving sleep and reducing stress. Free giveaways! RSVP limited to the first 50 people who register via QR code:	Sept. 23 (Wed) 6:30pm O'Kelly 1st Floor Common Area	Dr. Karen Williams, A.H. Ray Student Health Center
South Korean Game Day	Combining the ruthless captures of Sorry! with the push-your-luck drama of craps, Yut Nori turns a toss of wooden sticks into high-decibel chaos. This centuries-old traditional Korean game has endured for one simple reason: it is an absolute, fast-paced blast to play.	Sept. 24 (Thurs) 3:30pm Hill Hall 2nd Fl. Lobby	Tishana Jackson, International Programs
How to Become an Academic Weapon	Sometimes your academic workload can overwhelm you. How do you get back on track when you have fallen behind, and learn to be an academic weapon instead of being a victim of your academic standing?	Sept. 24 (Thurs) 4pm Hill Hall L05	Janski Bradsher and Lisa Matthews, Transfer and Post-Traditional Student Engagement

Quick Videos in Express	An overview of Adobe's user-friendly video editor within Adobe Express. 3 minute videos or less with engaging visual storytelling. Limited seating, pre-registration required: https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/zC864S7Yw5ivf	Sept. 29 (Tue) 11am O'Kelly 205	Jonathan Jones and Media Production Lab staff, Library Services
Acing Acrobat	An overview of how easy Acrobat makes customizing, getting signatures, sharing documents and more! Limited seating, pre-registration required: https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/zC864S7Yw5ivf	Sept. 29 (Tue) 3:30pm O'Kelly 205	Jonathan Jones and Media Production Lab staff, Library Services

OCTOBER 2026

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Your Spotlight Moment: The Elevator Speech	This workshop will equip you with the tools to craft an engaging elevator speech that showcases who you are, what you do, and what you bring to the table. Perfect for networking events, interviews, and professional introductions, this session will help you create a memorable impression in just a few seconds.	Oct. 1 (Thurs) 4pm Hill Hall 215 (CDS Lab)	Nadia Evans, Peer advisor, Career Development Services
Understanding Credit and Debt	Build a strong financial foundation by understanding budgeting, saving, credit, and debt management. This session will help you develop healthy money habits, understand credit scores, and make responsible borrowing choices that support your long term financial wellness.	Oct. 5 (Mon) 3pm Hill Hall 215 (CDS Lab)	Jadazia Jones Gray, Peer advisor, Career Development Services
Intro to Photoshop	An introductory overview of photo editing, retouching, and creative design using Adobe's powerful industry-standard tool. Limited seating, pre-registration required: https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/zC864S7Yw5ivf	Oct. 6 (Tue) 11am O'Kelly 205	Jonathan Jones and Media Production Lab staff, Library Services

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Personal Finance: Budgeting for Independence	Life during and after college may seem very uncertain financially. Regardless of what you end up doing professionally, you will be responsible for managing your financial future. Join us for this interactive and engaging session.	Oct. 6 (Tue) 2pm Hill Hall 331	Lori Timm, Allegacy Financial / James Pao, Testing and Proctoring Center
What in the World	Explore global issues, cultural trends, and international perspectives through discussion and engagement.	Oct. 6 (Tue) 3:30pm Hill Hall 331	Tishana Jackson, International Programs
Podcasting with Adobe	Learn recording and editing best practices for your podcast using Adobe Podcast! Highlighting crafting engaging audio storytelling and AI-powered workflow. Limited seating, pre-registration required: https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/zC864S7Yw5ivf	Oct. 6 (Tue) 6pm O'Kelly 205	Jonathan Jones and Media Production Lab staff, Library Services
Avoiding All-Nighters: Writing Essays on a Deadline	Everyone has waited until the last minute to start an assignment. To break this habit, this workshop covers ways to plan out a writing schedule, how to write an essay on a short deadline, and tips to save time while writing!	Oct. 7 (Wed) 4pm O'Kelly 206	Delaney Finau, Writing and Communication Center
Global Distinction Interest Meeting	Learn about the Global Distinction Program and discover how it can enhance your academic and professional journey.	Oct. 8 (Thurs) 3:30pm Hill Hall 331	Tishana Jackson, International Programs
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How to Become an Academic Weapon	Sometimes your academic workload can overwhelm you. How do you get back on track when you have fallen behind, and learn to be an academic weapon instead of being a victim of your academic standing?	Oct. 14 (Wed) 4pm Hill Hall L05	Janski Bradsher and Lisa Matthews, Transfer and Post-Traditional Student Engagement

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International Arts and Crafts	Express creativity while learning about cultures from around the world through interactive arts and crafts activities.	Oct. 15 (Thurs) 3:30pm Hill Hall 331	Tishana Jackson, International Programs
Crack the Case: Read with Purpose & Think Like a Healthcare Professional	Healthcare students: learn how to adjust your reading strategies based on the purpose for reading, such as understanding patient information, finding evidence-based research, supporting a diagnosis, preparing for exams, and completing assignments. Pre-registration preferred: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/64QWzSxwxC	Oct. 19 (Mon) 2pm O'Kelly 206	Reading Coaches, Reading Center
Adobe Express After Hours	A crash course on the many features within Adobe Express and how you can utilize the online software for academic, personal, and professional use.	Oct. 21 (Wed) 6pm O'Kelly 318W	Sharnette Evans, Library Services
International Game Night	Connect with fellow students through internationally themed games, friendly competition, and cross-cultural interaction.	Oct. 22 (Thurs) 3:30pm Hill Hall L05	Tishana Jackson, International Programs
Dinner & A Movie	Enjoy an international film experience, cultural discussion, and dinner, with the movie GETT. Seating is limited and you must RSVP in advance: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dinner-a-movie-gett-tickets-2002629635148?aff=oddtdtcreator	Oct. 27 (Tue) 6pm DJR100	Tishana Jackson, International Programs
APA Review: Formatting for Nursing, Psychology, and More	Having to use APA for the first time, and don't know where to start? Know APA but need a refresher? This workshop will review the basics of APA and explain differences in citing different types of sources. There will be time at the end for writing consultants to assist with APA formatting and citations.	Oct. 28 (Wed) 4pm O'Kelly 206	Delaney Finau, Writing and Communication Center
International Sip and Paint	Participate in a guided painting experience while exploring global artistic traditions and connecting with peers in a relaxed setting.	Oct. 29 (Thurs) 3:30pm	Tishana Jackson, International Programs

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NOVEMBER 2026

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Read, Analyze, Write: Biology Made Clear	Learn to read content such as biology passages to identify key concepts and evidence, create an outline, and write concise scientific explanations using the information from the texts. Pre-registration preferred: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/64QWzSxwxC	Nov. 3 (Tue) 3pm O'Kelly 206	Reading Coaches, Reading Center
The Art of the Resume: Your Story on Paper - Using AI for Formatting Resumes	Discover how to craft a resume that tells your professional story and showcases your unique skills and experiences. This hands-on workshop will introduce you to AI-powered tools like Skills First, helping you to format and structure your resume with ease.	Nov. 3 (Tue) 4pm Hill Hall 215 (CDS Lab)	Nadia Evans, Peer advisor, Career Development Services
The Intern Advantage: Tools for Success	This session will provide you with tools and strategies to maximize the value of internships and turn them into steppingstones for your career: how to set goals, build professional relationships, and leverage your internship to develop skills and gain valuable experience.	Nov. 4 (Wed) 3pm Hill Hall 215 (CDS Lab)	Jadazia Jones Gray, Peer advisor, Career Development Services
Adobe Express After Hours	A crash course on the many features within Adobe Express and how you can utilize the online software for academic, personal, and professional use.	Nov. 11 (Wed) 6pm O'Kelly 318W	Sharnette Evans, Library Services

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Reviewing Rough Drafts the Right Way	You've finished your rough draft—Congrats! But now what? This workshop covers effective strategies for reviewing rough drafts so you can figure out how to make the most impactful revisions and turn in a high-quality final draft for finals. Feel free to bring a draft for a quick peer review at the end of the workshop.	Nov. 18 (Wed) 4pm O'Kelly 206	Delaney Finau, Writing and Communication Center
Testing and Test-Day Tips for Final Exams	Learn how to get the inside scoop on what the test format will be, how to overcome test-taking anxiety, what to do before test day, and how to handle different kinds of questions that may appear on a test.	Nov. 18 (Wed) 4pm Hill Hall L05	James Pao, Testing and Proctoring Center
Personal Finance: Your Credit and You	Is your credit score helping or hurting you? Credit scores have a huge impact on your financial well-being, providing access to jobs, housing, and future lending. Join us for this interactive and engaging session.	Nov. 19 (Thurs) 2pm Hill Hall 331	Lori Timm, Allegacy Financial / James Pao, Testing and Proctoring Center
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Read It Like a Scientist: Critical Reading for Science and Health Science Majors	Science and health science courses require students to do interpret meaning, identify relationships, and explain concepts in their own words. This workshop can help you with reading science texts critically, identifying key ideas and vocabulary, and interpreting meaning beyond surface-level facts. Pre-registration preferred: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/64QWzSxwxC	Nov. 24 (Tue) 3pm O'Kelly 127	Reading Coaches, Reading Center

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