Join us for this special event designed to help you hone your academic English skills! We’re offering mornings and afternoons packed with workshops and drop-in help. This free event requires registration through WCONLINE found [here](#). This retreat is geared toward graduate students whose first language is not English, but all students are welcome. Come to one workshop or come to them all – we’re happy to help!

**Thursday, June 4**

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**Workshop descriptions:**
Building Blocks of Academic Writing in Canada
Congratulations on getting into UVic! If you haven’t already noticed, writing assignments at the university level is probably a bit different from what you’ve encountered before.

Guest: Scott Johnson

Getting Started with Writing
Do you ever struggle to get those first words of an assignment down? There are a few common barriers to getting started on a writing project, but they can be overcome with a little knowledge and hard work.

Guest: Janet Shepherd, Counselling

Peer Review
Most of us have experienced the uncertainty and frustration of giving and receiving peer feedback. Learn the most effective methods of giving feedback and applying others’ feedback to your own work, and start making peer review a valuable and essential part of your writing process.

Guest: Tim Smith, CAC Tutor

Conversation Café
The Café is a relaxed and friendly environment where you can learn some useful techniques for participating in group discussions and practice trying out new language and ways of communicating.

Guest: Xiwen Wei
**Presentation Skills**
Giving presentations is a common source of anxiety for many students. This workshop focuses on developing key presentation skills to help you present your ideas with clarity and confidence. Stop by this workshop to develop your skills in a friendly and supportive environment.

*Guest: Matthew Gusul*

**Professional Email Etiquette**
Do you worry about sounding rude in your e-mail? In this workshop, we’ll analyze e-mail samples of what (not) to do and offer strategies for writing effective, polite email for colleagues in the university community and workplace.

*Guest: Joy Andrews*

**Speaking Outside the Box**
Ever had to field difficult questions on the spot? Wondering how to phrase feedback to colleagues/undergrads? Learn strategies for speaking in stressful situations.

*Guest: Cynthia Korpan*

**EAL Errors**
Stop by this workshop to learn and practice identifying and correcting some of the most common mistakes that English as additional language users make. Together, let’s work on challenging aspects of grammar such as agreement, articles, tone, verb use as well as sentence structure, punctuation, tone, and word choice.

*This workshop is for students who want to…*
☑️ feel more confident giving a presentation before any sized group
☑️ feel more confident using eye contact, gestures, and body language
☑️ feel more confident using visual aids to support ideas

*Guest: Matthew Gusul*

**This workshop is for students who want to…***
☑️ review characteristics of professional e-mail
☑️ examine cultural aspects of professional email
☑️ learn how to write polite requests in professional email
☑️ learn how to write polite suggestions in professional e-mail

*Guest: Joy Andrews*

**This workshop is for students who want to…***
☑️ phrase feedback and suggestions politely
☑️ respond verbally to unexpected questions
☑️ practice speaking under pressure

*Guest: Cynthia Korpan*

**This workshop is for students who want to…***
☑️ Feel more confident self-editing their work.
☑️ Feel more confident recognizing and correcting patterns of error.
☑️ Feel more confident getting help when needed.