



**Fall 2023**



**ENGLISH  
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# **Grammar Workshop Series**

**Wednesdays 10:30-11:20am COB2-263**

*Each interactive workshop is open to undergrads, graduate students, post-docs, staff, and spouses. **Come to one workshop... or many!***

**DATES:    TOPICS:**

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- Aug. 30: **Prepositions (in/on/at and from/of/to/for)**  
Discover easy patterns for correctly using some confusing prepositions.
- Sep. 06: **Avoiding Verb Agreement Errors**  
Get subject/verb agreement right, even in long, complex sentences.
- Sep. 13: **Finding Voice in Graduate Writing**  
Grad students: learn how to cultivate and maintain your own writer's voice.
- Sep. 20: **Adding Info with Phrases and Clauses**  
Giving your writing more style by adding details in a variety of ways.
- Sep. 27: **Active/Passive Voice**  
We've been taught to focus on active, but sometimes passive voice is superior.
- Oct. 04: **What Are the Sentence Types?**  
Get to know simple, compound, and complex sentences for writing variety.
- Oct. 11: **Fixing Run-ons & Sentence Fragments**  
We'll practice recognizing and fixing sentences that are too long or incomplete.
- Oct. 18: **When and How to Use Commas**  
When should you use commas, and when *shouldn't* you? Find out!
- Oct. 25: **Make Your Paper "Flow"**  
Learn three easy techniques to give an essay good "flow."
- Nov. 01: **Colons, Semicolons, and Apostrophes**  
Impress your professors by using these three punctuation marks correctly.
- Nov. 08: **How to Incorporate Quotes in Your Writing**  
Discover the word choice, punctuation, and guidelines to quote ideas in essays.
- Nov. 15: **Stop Repeating Yourself! Say the Same Thing Differently**  
Learn how to present ideas with varying vocabulary and structures.  
*Break: No workshop on Nov. 22*
- Nov. 29: **Choosing the Best Verb Tense**  
Learn about "tense shift" and how to avoid this common writing error.
- Dec. 06: **Common Errors to Avoid**  
This is an overview of errors that college writers typically make.

For information, email Belinda at [ELI@ucmerced.edu](mailto:ELI@ucmerced.edu).

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