



# Spring 2022



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## Grammar Workshop Series

Thursdays 1:00-1:50pm COB #264

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

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- DATES:    TOPICS:**
- Jan. 27: **Agreement Is Essential**  
Perfect your subject/verb agreement and pronoun/antecedent agreement.
- Feb. 03: **Prepositions (*in/on/at* and *from/of/to/for*)**  
Discover easy patterns for correctly using some confusing prepositions.
- Feb. 10: **Verb Tenses – Which to Use**  
Learn about “tense shift” and how to avoid this common writing error
- Feb. 17: **Active/Passive Voice**  
Come for guidelines and practice related to active/passive voice use.
- Feb. 24: **Is That a Sentence? Phrases vs. Clauses**  
The distinction is simple, and knowing it will make you a better writer!
- Mar. 03: **Sentence Types**  
Get to know simple, compound, and complex sentences for writing variety.
- Mar. 10: **Fixing Run-ons & Sentence Fragments**  
We’ll practice recognizing and fixing sentences that are too long or incomplete.
- Mar. 17: **Make Your Paper “Flow”**  
Learn three easy techniques to give an essay good “flow.”
- Mar. 31: **When and How to Use Commas**  
When should you use commas, and when *shouldn’t* you? Find out!
- Apr. 07: **Colons, Semicolons, and Apostrophes**  
Impress your professors by using these three punctuation marks correctly.
- Apr. 14: **How to Incorporate Quotes in Your Writing**  
Discover the word choice, punctuation, and guidelines to do this well.
- Apr. 21: **Paraphrasing Made Easy**  
Come practice techniques for restating information without plagiarizing.
- Apr. 28: **Stop Repeating Yourself! Say the Same Thing Differently**  
Learn how to present ideas with varying vocabulary and structures.
- May. 05: **Common Errors to Avoid**  
This is an overview of errors that college writers typically make.

For information, contact Belinda at [ELI@ucmerced.edu](mailto:ELI@ucmerced.edu). Sponsored by the ELI, part of the CETL. Can’t attend but want help? Find language resources at [teach.ucmerced.edu/ELI](http://teach.ucmerced.edu/ELI).