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The Graduate School and the Center for English as a Second Language are offering the following academic ESL courses in-person for Spring 2022. For questions about any of these classes, please contact Angela Garner (angela.garner@uky.edu).

**ESL 095: Academic Writing for International Graduate Students**

Section 001: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30-10:45am

This class is designed to assist international students prepare for academic writing at the graduate level. Particular attention is given to writing conventions in the United States, and there is an emphasis on learning and applying the process of writing (drafting, revision, editing, and proofreading). Students will also learn about the importance of academic honesty at the American University, including how to avoid plagiarism as well as how to evaluate and cite sources in their specific disciplines.

**ESL 093: Academic Speaking/Listening for International Graduate Students**

Section 001: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:00am-12:15pm

This class is designed to help international students develop their oral and aural skills in a practical environment. Students’ pronunciation patterns are assessed at the beginning of the semester and time is spent developing a sense of American English sounds, rhythms, and intonation patterns. Course time will also be devoted to helping students develop communication strategies, prepare for and present short presentations, and lead group as well as roundtable discussions. Instruction is often individualized to meet the specific needs of the students and some class time is planned to enable all students to develop better listening strategies and confidence when speaking.

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**Spring 2022 Preparing Future Faculty/Professionals Courses**

**Attention PhD students!** Considering a faculty career? Want to learn more about the range of faculty work at both research-intensive and teaching-intensive institutions. Need valuable insights into how to apply and interview effectively for a faculty position? Enroll in GS 650: Preparing Future Faculty (2 credit hours). Want to learn more about a range of careers outside of academia? How to identify and develop transferable skills? How to search and apply for PhD-level jobs effectively? Consider enrolling in the Graduate School’s 2-credit-hour Preparing Future Professionals course (GS 600) this spring. For more information about these and other GS courses, click [here](#), or contact Dr. Morris Grubbs (morris.grubbs@uky.edu).

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**GSC Event: Achieve Your PhD/Postdoctoral Goals with Aurora in 2022 (01/12)**
Join Beyond the Professoriate founder Dr. L. Maren Wood for an introduction to Aurora, the professional development e-learning platform for PhDs and postdocs. After attending this presentation, you'll be able to:

- Describe the challenges PhDs face in their job search
- Identify the resources in Aurora that can help you
- Apply tips and strategies to confidently begin your career exploration and job search

Dr. L. Maren Wood earned her PhD in early American history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After earning her PhD, Maren worked as an adjunct for several years before deciding to leave academia. She first worked as a consultant with the American Historical Association and the Chronicle of Higher Education, researching career outcomes for PhDs. In 2017, she founded Beyond the Professoriate with the mission of empowering PhDs to consider the range of career options available to them in the creative economy. Aurora launched to institutional partners shortly after. Her work with PhDs in career transition has been featured in leading industry publications and peer reviewed...
books. She has also served as external advisor on committees such as the Council of Graduate Schools Humanities Advisory Committee.

Aurora Webinar: Applying for jobs and not hearing back? Here’s why (01/14)

FREE WEBINAR FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS AND PHDS

Applying for jobs and not hearing back? Here’s why.

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Are you one of the thousands of job candidates submitting job applications but not getting an interview? It’s time to take a step back and evaluate your strategy.

In this webinar, L. Maren Wood, PhD (Founder of Beyond the Professoriate) talks about what she’s learned interviewing PhDs at Beyond Prof, common mistakes people are making with their resumes and cover letters, and strategies you can take to avoid these costly mistakes.

After attending this webinar you will be able to:
- Identify common mistakes PhDs make when applying for nonacademic jobs.
- Apply proven strategies so that you can avoid making these mistakes.
- Develop a strategic plan for your job search.
- Recognize how Beyond the Professoriate programming helps you in your job search.

Part-Time Graduate Student Position at UK FAST (01/17)

The UK Finance and Administration Specialize Training (FAST) program is seeking a full time (20 hrs/wk) graduate student to assist with program coordination, organization, and data collections and analysis. The ideal candidate should be professional, independent, resourceful, and take initiative. They will have strong technical skills and data analysis experience along with concise communication skills. Some interests in business
administration and finance and experience in Microsoft programs such as Teams is desired. Discretion, extreme detail orientation and process driven mentality is a MUST. The ideal candidate will have availability as soon as January 17, 2022 and through the Spring 2022 semester. The student will work closely with the offices of the Vice President for Finance and Administration, Institutional Research and Decision Support, and Human Resources and will report to the Director of Finance and Administration. The salary will be $15/hour.

Specific duties will include:

- Serve in an administrative supportive role in collaboration with the FAST Program Coordinator, Instructional Designers, and Director.
- Assist in maintaining an up-to-date roster of all business officers or unit fiscal administrators who are required to complete business and financial training, both new and newly promoted business officers.
- Assist in uploading all web-based training (WBT) into the Learning Management System (LMS) and test for functionality in both the stage and production environment.
- Assist in facilitating timely resolution or referral of all training questions and concerns from program participants.
- Monitor program administrative emails and refer all questions or concerns related to university financial matters to the proper subject matter expert for response.
- Collaborate with program management on the creation, development and coordination of programs, projects, and presentations.
- Review WBT web-based training (WBTs) "working drafts" for grammatical editing for all Finance and Administration (F&A) training, including additional training requested by the AVPFA and FAST program team.
- Assist in development and evaluation of program participant evaluation or feedback tools to measure the impact of the program training.
- Serve in administrative role to help track progress of completions for multiple WBT assignments for business officer employees across campus.
- Critical review of FAST website, related pages and other communication methods for errors, tone and content
- Utilize scheduling assistant feature in outlook to set up necessary meeting for the FAST program.
- Troubleshoot data challenges in Excel, Tableau, and the LMS reporting features.
- Participate in weekly FAST Program staff meetings and one on one meetings.
- All other duties as assigned.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Office for Student Success.

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**Aurora Webinar: How Aurora can help you prepare for a job search in 2022 (01/19)**
Join Beyond the Professoriate for an introduction to Aurora, the professional development e-learning platform for PhDs and postdocs now available at the University of Kentucky.

Through self-paced courses and live webinars in Aurora, you’ll learn how to launch a successful job search after your PhD or Postdoc. Aurora has resources for graduate students interested in academic or nonacademic careers.

After attending this presentation, you’ll be able to:

- Describe the challenges PhDs face in their job search.
- Identify the resources in Aurora that can help you.
- Apply tips and strategies to confidently begin your career exploration and job search.

Call for Submissions: UK COVID-19 Symposium (02/18)

Date(s)/time(s): Friday, February 18, 2022, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EST
Location: Gatton Social Staircase
Contact Person: Mia Morales (mmo348@uky.edu)
Submission Deadline: Monday, January 31, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. EST

Together, the Center for Equality and Social Justice (CESJ) and UK Biomedical Research Community are hosting a symposium called "The Social and the Science: Psychosocial and Biomedical Research on COVID-19" and want to give UK students an opportunity to present their research on the COVID-19 pandemic. This call for submissions is for a poster session that is occurring during the lunchtime of the COVID-19 symposium. Attendees of the COVID-19 symposium will walk through the poster session to learn about UK students’ research on COVID-19. Any student research related to COVID-19 is welcome. Once a submission form is complete, CESJ will reach out to the presenter to arrange for poster development and printing.
5th Annual Sister Circle Forum: EmpowHER (02/25)

The University of Kentucky’s Martin Luther King (MLK) Center & Center for Graduate & Professional Diversity Initiatives (CGPDI) are excited to cordially invite you to save the date for our 5th annual Sister Circle Forum: EmpowHER. The forum is a full-day conference experience designed to create a space of belonging, growth, and community for students, faculty, staff, and community members who identify as women of color through interactive workshops, poster presentations, and a dynamic keynote address, conference attendees will. The 2022 Sister Circle forum will take place at the University of Kentucky on Friday, February 25, 2022.

If you have any questions related to the Sister Circle Forum you can contact Jasmine Prince, Associate Director of the MLK Center at jasmine.prince@uky.edu. For questions related specifically related to Sister Circle Forum Program Proposals you can contact Letitia Tajuba, Assistant Director of Outreach & Recruitment for CGPDI at letitia.tajuba@uky.edu.

GCC's PhD & Master's Virtual Career Expo (03/09)
The University of Louisville’s (UofL) Graduate Student Council (GSC) invites all graduate students from the University of Kentucky to attend the 15th annual Graduate Student Regional Research Conference (GSRRC) at the University of Louisville on March 24-25, 2022.

This conference features graduate student research and creative activities from across the region through oral talks, poster presentations, and the three-minute thesis competition. In addition, there are workshops for students focused on research and professional development. The call for abstracts is open for presenters at this link with a deadline of February 25, 2022, at 11:59pm EST. Conference registration will also open for presenters and attendees.

To ensure our conference remains accessible for all, there is no fee for anyone to attend or present. Please feel free to contact GSC President, Beverly Granger (beverly.granger@louisville.edu), or the Director of Professional Development, Nancy Ngo (nancy.ngo@louisville.edu), with any questions.

For more details, visit https://louisville.edu/graduate/gsc/research-conference
The results of the examination must be reported by the DGS to The Graduate School within 10 days of its conclusion. A majority vote is required to pass this examination. If the result is failure, the advisory committee determines the conditions to be met before another examination may be given. The minimum time between examinations is four months. A second examination must be taken within one year after taking the first examination; a third examination is not permitted. If a student fails the qualifying examination on the first attempt, the Advisory Committee should not be changed prior to reexamination without approval of the Dean of the Graduate School. Students are admitted to candidacy for the doctoral degree after they have successfully completed the Qualifying Examination; the date is noted on the transcript.

Do You Know?: UHS vs. SHP

Two Part Student Health Care Tips for 2021-2022

UK students have access to a two-part health care system:
1. University Health Service (UHS) through the mandatory Health Fee
2. UK Student Health Plan offered by Academic HealthPlans

Unlimited office visits for:
- Injury or illness
- Allergy injections
- Well-patient physical exams
- Women’s care (gynecology)
- Observation room care
- Behavioral Health office visits

Health education and wellness services:
- Nutrition counseling
- Tobacco treatment counseling
- Sexual health education sessions

Why should you choose UHS?
- Least expensive option for medical care
- Same-day or next-day appointments
- UHS doctors understand the unique health needs of students and can coordinate with other campus resources

UK Student Health Plan (UK SHP)

- This health plan is a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO). A primary care provider must be chosen to access the plan; eligibility is determined by the UK SHP Office.
- Other UK students and dependents (spouses/children) of insured students are eligible to purchase UK SHP. See eligibility guidelines and enrollment at shp.uky.edu

Understanding UK SHP:
- This health plan provides access to University Health Service (UHS) for students who meet eligibility requirements. UHS is the primary health care provider for University students.

REMINDER FOR 767 STUDENTS: Post-qualifying students who are enrolled in 2 credit hours of 767 are not automatically charged the Student Health Fee, which provides access to University Health Service. To have this access, post-qualifying students must contact Student Account Services and ask to have the fee added to their account.

Responsible Conduct of Research

Did you know that all graduate students are required to take the on-line Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) course? You may have gotten emails from the Vice President for Research or RCR reminding you about this training. If you are new to the university, you may not have seen these yet, but they will be coming, and they do apply to you!

All active faculty, all employees paid on grants or on research protocols, and all current graduate students are required to take the basic courses and then an annual refresher course. The sections of the basic course include: Mentoring, Peer Review, Good Laboratory Practices, Sharing Data, and Responsible Conduct of Research.
Review, Research Misconduct, Conflicts of Interest, Data Management and Reproducibility of Research Results. These are general topics that apply to all areas of research and creative activities at the university.

An introductory video about the courses, why they are required and how the system works can be found at: [https://rwebmedia.ad.uky.edu/ORI/RCR/story.html](https://rwebmedia.ad.uky.edu/ORI/RCR/story.html). The RCR Page to get started with your training is: [https://www.research.uky.edu/responsible-conduct-research](https://www.research.uky.edu/responsible-conduct-research)

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**Graduate Student Success Pathways**

**Graduate Student Success Pathways** is a new initiative designed for students in all stages of graduate study to optimize their educational experience by taking full advantage of the spectrum of professional enhancement and wellness assistance available to them.

To help you along your path, we have created an online portal with resources, initiatives, and actionable steps you can take in each of these four dimensions, at any stage of study, to optimize your graduate experience. Click [here](https://www.research.uky.edu/responsible-conduct-research) to get started!

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**Thomas D. Clark Graduate Study**
The Thomas D. Clark Graduate Study is a dedicated study space exclusively for graduate students (master's and PhD/EdD) and postdoctoral fellows/scholars! The study includes six desktop computers, sixteen study bays, and twelve private study "pods" with outlets for your personal devices, along with eight lounge chairs for reading, a large table for group work, and a stunning view looking west over the campus. Visit the Clark Study on the fifth floor of William T. Young Library, in the west wing. The Clark Study is accessible via UK ID card tap. All graduate students' and postdocs' IDs should be programmed to grant access. If your ID does not work or you have any trouble accessing the study, please contact Melissa Barlow with UK Libraries for assistance.

Key Dates for Spring 2022

January

- **Monday, January 10** – First day of classes.
- **Monday, January 10 - Friday, January 14** – Late registration for returning students who did not priority register and new applicants cleared late for admission.
- **Friday, January 14** – Last day to add a class for the 2022 Spring Semester.
- **Friday, January 14** – Last day to officially withdraw from the University or reduce course load and receive an 80% refund.
- **Friday, January 14** – Last day for students in the Employee Educational Program who registered and/or changed schedules after December 8 to submit EEP form to
Human Resource Services to confirm 2022 Spring Semester registration and tuition waiver.

- **Monday, January 17** – Martin Luther King Birthday - Academic Holiday
- **Saturday, January 22** – Payment deadline of registration fees and/or housing and dining fees, or a late payment fee of 1.5 percent of the amount past due will be assessed.
- **Friday, January 28** – Last day to drop a course without it appearing on the student’s transcript.
- **Friday, January 28** – Last day to change grading option (pass/fail to letter grade or letter grade to pass/fail; credit to audit or audit to credit).

*Find more key dates for the rest of the semester on the [Registrar’s website](#).*

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**Essential Campus Resources**

Below are links to some essential campus resources for graduate and professional students and postdocs:

- [Academic Ombud](#)
- [Admissions Officers](#)
- [Big Blue Pantry](#)
- [Center for Graduate and Professional Diversity Initiatives (CGPDI)](#)
- [Center for Support and Intervention](#)
- [Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (CELT)](#)
- [Counseling Center](#)
- [Disability Resource Center](#)
- [Graduate Student Congress](#)
- [International Student & Scholar Services](#)
- [Main UK COVID-19 Page](#)
- [Office of Diversity and Inclusion](#)
- [Office of Graduate Student Professional Enhancement](#)
- [Office of Institutional Equity & Equal Opportunity](#)
- [Office of Postdoctoral Affairs](#)
- [Office of Student Conduct](#)
- [Stuckert Career Center](#)
- [Student Government Association](#)
- [Student Organizations & Activities](#)
- [UK Healthcare COVID-19](#)
- [UK Libraries Graduate Student Survival Kit](#)
- [University Health Services (UHS)](#)
- [Veterans Resource Center](#)
- [VIP Center](#)
- [Wildcat Wardrobe](#)