Webinar Topics

The English Language Transition Program at the University of Wisconsin River Falls offers a series of webinars focused on clarifying the conventions of academic English and the culture of American higher education. Contact Rhonda Petree at Rhonda.petree@uwrf.edu to schedule one of the following webinars and help your students be more informed!

**AMERICAN ACADEMIC CULTURE AND LANGUAGE**

Do you know who the following people are on American campuses: The Department Chair, an Advisor, the Dean, the Provost, or the Chancellor? Do you know what a major or minor is? Do you know how universities are organized by Program, Department, and College? Have you heard about Residence Life, Residence Assistants, or Meal Plans? Knowing who these people are and how universities are organized is essential knowledge for a successful American university experience. To learn more about these topics and others attend this webinar on *American Academic Culture and Language*.

**INFORMAL VS. FORMAL ENGLISH: MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE**

Do you watch a lot of American TV or movies? Are you familiar with pop culture and have strong English language skills? If yes, that is GREAT! However, are you confident using your English language skills in more formal situations? Would you be comfortable talking to a professor about an assignment? Do you know how to politely disagree with someone? Can you contribute to academic conversations or ask for clarification during a lecture? To learn about the differences between informal and formal English and how to use language successfully in university settings attend this webinar on *Informal vs. Formal English: Making the Right Choice*.

**EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH AMERICAN PROFESSORS AND UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS**

Do you know how to make polite requests in email messages? Do you know how to use modal verbs and the continuous tenses when asking for information? Would you like to know how to address an American professor or university official? Do you want to avoid sounding rude or abrupt? If so, attend this webinar on *Effective Communication with American Professors and University Officials*.

**HOW TO WORK IN SMALL GROUP IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY CLASSES**

Do you have the language skills to work collaboratively and productively in small groups? Students at American universities often work together to develop ideas, problem-solve, and complete projects and assignments. In this webinar, we will help you understand assignments, and teach you how to communicate effectively with other students during group work. To learn more about this topic attend this webinar on *How to Work in Small Group in American University Classes*.