# How the Educational Resource Center Can Help You Succeed in Graduate School

The Educational Resource Center (ERC) is your academic support system at BU. Whether you want to improve your time management strategies, restructure a thesis chapter, or practice your language skills with a native speaker, we're here to help. Our team of professionals offer a wide range of programming to assist you in making the most of your graduate experience. Visit our website to learn more about our services and sign up for an appointment.

### **ACADEMIC SKILLS ADVISING**

Do you struggle to keep up with your course load? Do you sit down to write and realize two hours later you have been on YouTube or Netflix the whole time? We believe there's always room to grow, and we encourage you to be proactive about developing stronger academic strategies. During an Academic Skills Advising appointment, you will meet with a professional staff member to discuss your academic challenges and build on your strengths. You'll leave with tangible strategies to use moving forward and a personalized plan for achieving academic success.

## LANGUAGE LINK

For BU students, faculty, staff, and alumni who are learning a new language or looking to maintain and improve their fluency in a language, the ERC offers Language Link—weekly, informal conversation groups facilitated by native speakers. We offer sessions in a wide variety of languages, including English, Spanish, and Chinese. Language Link sessions are available at the novice, intermediate, and advanced levels, and students do not need to be enrolled in a language course in order to participate.

# **WORKSHOPS**

The ERC offers workshops on various academic skills-related topics, including Time Management & Goal Setting, Reading Strategies, and more. To view our schedule of upcoming workshops and to RSVP for a session, visit the calendar on our website. Upon request, ERC staff are also available to lead workshops for student groups and departments.

#### WRITING ASSISTANCE

The ERC writing fellows can help you navigate the writing process, improve the clarity of your argumentation, and hone your self-editing skills. Two types of appointments are available: traditional 45-minute appointments designed to assist with any stage of the writing process and dropin appointments to focus on a single, specific concern, which can last up to 20 minutes.

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