

EN 102-08: Expository Writing: Work and Social Justice

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TTh, 10:00-11:20 a.m.

Location TBD

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Course Description

Instruction and practice in writing short-to-medium length expository essays and in writing from sources. Skills required for research and research writing are emphasized, such as summarizing, paraphrasing, quoting, evaluating, and synthesizing. The course includes instruction and practice in writing a multi-source research paper of substantial length.

In order to provide coherence to discussions and to help students learn to collaborate, we will focus our attention in this particular section of EN 102 on a general topic for research and discussion. One of the key goals of the Marianist philosophy of education is to teach peace, justice, and service. In this course, we will work towards this goal by focusing on the general topic of work and social justice. As we critique conditions of work here in Hawai'i and throughout the world, we will begin to imagine more just forms of work than the ones that dominate our world today. My hope is that this course will both build your skills in expository writing and research and prepare you to contribute to the collective human project of making our world more peaceful and just.

Readings

*No ebooks will be allowed in this class. You are required to purchase, rent, or borrow the **paper editions** of the following four books:

- Barbara Ehrenreich, *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*, 20th anniversary ed. (978-1250808318)
- Ronald Takaki, *Pau Hana: Plantation Life and Labor in Hawai'i: 1835-1920* (978-0824809560)
- Milton Murayama, *All I Asking for Is My Body* (978-0824811723)
- Wayne C. Booth, et al., *The Craft of Research*, 4th ed. (978-0226239736)

*You are also required to bring a paper notebook and pen/pencil to each class.

*In addition, you may be required to rent or purchase several films and/or tv shows.

General Education Learning Outcomes

Writing: The students will build on their experience in EN 101 in order to write from sources, write critically and creatively as a process, and produce a research paper that allows them to be critical and creative voices for social justice.

Information Literacy: Students will define, identify, locate, evaluate, synthesize and present or demonstrate relevant information, especially as it relates to primary and secondary sources in the English Discipline.

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon the successful completion of this course, the student will

1. Locate, evaluate, and integrate sources into a research paper
2. Design and produce a successful research paper using correct citation format
3. Use writing as a critical and creative voice for social justice [Marianist value: Service, Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation]

Requirements

Attendance = 10%

Participation (reading journal, class discussions, discussion leaders, short response papers, peer-review workshops, reading quizzes, etc.) = 40%

Annotated Bibliography = 10%

Final Research Paper = 40%

*English majors should save graded copies of their essays in all English classes, insofar as a subset of these essays will be required for the Senior Seminar portfolio in English 499.

Attendance

If you are sick, you should not attend class. Please inform me of your absence due to illness (in advance, if possible, and with documentation), and I will excuse you from class.

Late arrivals and/or early departures will be counted as unexcused tardies, unless approved by the professor (in advance, if possible, and with documentation). Three unexcused tardies will count as one unexcused absence.

Your attendance record will determine your attendance grade (100 points; 10% of your total grade) as follows:

0-2 unexcused absences = 100 points

3 unexcused absences = 85 points

4 unexcused absences = 80 points

5 unexcused absences = 75 points

6 unexcused absences = 70 points

7 or more unexcused absences (the equivalent of more than three weeks of class) = 0 points

Your attendance record may also impact your participation grade.

Remember, if you are absent for two consecutive weeks or more, the professor may administratively withdraw you from the class.

Policies

No electronic devices (including laptops, tablets, cell phones, ear buds/headphones, etc.) are allowed in class. Please keep your devices silenced and in your bag.

All written assignments must be submitted in hard copy.

Late assignments will earn a 10% deduction for each day they are late.

Plagiarized assignments will earn zero points.

Marianist Characteristics

Chaminade is a Marianist Institution and uses the following characteristics as a guide:

1. Educate for Formation in Faith
2. Integral Quality Education
3. Educate in the Family Spirit
4. Service, Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation
5. Adaptation and Change

Disability Access

If you need individual accommodations to meet course outcomes because of a documented disability, please speak with me to discuss your needs as soon as possible so that we can ensure your full participation in class and fair assessment of your work. Students with special needs who meet criteria for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provisions must provide written documentation of the need for accommodations from the Counseling Center by the end of week three of the class, in order for instructors to plan accordingly. If a student would like to determine if they meet the criteria for accommodations, they should contact the Kokua Ike Coordinator at (808) 739-8305 for further information (ada@chaminade.edu).

Title IX Compliance

Chaminade University of Honolulu recognizes the inherent dignity of all individuals and promotes respect for all people. Sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse will NOT be tolerated at CUH. If you have been the victim of sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, we encourage you to report this matter promptly. As a faculty member, I

am interested in promoting a safe and healthy environment, and should I learn of any sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, I must report the matter to the Title IX Coordinator. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources by visiting Campus Ministry, the Dean of Students Office, the Counseling Center, or the Office for Compliance and Personnel Services.

Student Conduct

Any community must have a set of rules and standards of conduct by which it operates. At Chaminade, these standards are outlined so as to reflect both the Catholic, Marianist values of the institution and to honor and respect students as responsible adults. All alleged violations of the community standards are handled through an established student conduct process, outlined in the Student Handbook, and operated within the guidelines set to honor both students' rights and campus values.

Students should conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the ideals of the University. This includes knowing and respecting the intent of rules, regulations, and/or policies presented in the Student Handbook, and realizing that students are subject to the University's jurisdiction from the time of their admission until their enrollment has been formally terminated. Please refer to the Student Handbook for more details. A copy of the Student Handbook is available on the Chaminade website.

Diversity Statement

Chaminade's Core belief statement states, "Students, both traditional and non-traditional, bring a variety of talents, traditions, cultures and abilities. This diversity brings a special opportunity to the Chaminade community, which can then nurture and guide each student to the fullest realization of potential." Consequently, this course encompasses readings that reflect and examine the diversity of our literary, cultural and environmental heritage. Additionally, the course puts special attention on the problems faced by authors seeking to write from unique personal or cultural perspectives to readers who may not share the same perspectives or cultural background.

Plagiarism Guidelines

Plagiarism is presenting the work of another as your own. The guidelines for plagiarism are in the Academic Catalog. They include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Complete or partial copying directly from a published or unpublished source without proper acknowledgment to the author. Minor changes in wording or syntax are not sufficient to avoid charges of plagiarism. Proper acknowledgement (citation) of the source is always mandatory.
2. Paraphrasing the work of another without proper acknowledgement.
3. Submitting as one's own original work (however freely given or purchased) the original exam, research paper, manuscript, report, computer file, or other assignment that has been prepared by another individual.

Credit Hour Policy

The unit of semester credit is defined as university-level credit that is awarded for the completion of coursework. One credit hour reflects the amount of work represented in the intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement for those learning outcomes. Each credit hour earned at Chaminade University should result in 45 hours of engagement. This equates to one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester, 10 week term, or equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time. Direct instructor engagement and out-of-class work result in total student engagement time of 45 hours for one credit.

The minimum 45 hours of engagement per credit hour can be satisfied in fully online, internship, or other specialized courses through several means, including (a) regular online instruction or interaction with the faculty member and fellow students and (b) academic engagement through extensive reading, research, online discussion, online quizzes or exams; instruction, collaborative group work, internships, laboratory work, practica, studio work, and preparation of papers, presentations, or other forms of assessment. This policy is in accordance with federal regulations and regional accrediting agencies.

Overview of Course Schedule

*Subject to change.

Week 1:

- *The History of Work* (documentary film)

Week 2:

- Henry David Thoreau, “Life Without Principle” (handout)
- William Morris, “Useful Work versus Useless Toil” (handout)

Week 3:

- Barbara Ehrenreich, *Nickel and Dimed*

Week 4:

- Barbara Ehrenreich, *Nickel and Dimed*

Week 5:

- Barbara Ehrenreich, *Nickel and Dimed*

Week 6:

- Barbara Ehrenreich, *Nickel and Dimed*
- *Shift Change* (documentary film)
- No class meeting on Thursday, February 16th.

Week 7:

- Edward Beechert, “Ancient Hawai‘i”
- Ronald Takaki, *Pau Hana*

Week 8:

- Ronald Takaki, *Pau Hana*

Week 9:

- Ronald Takaki, *Pau Hana*
- No class meeting on Thursday, March 9th.

Week 10:

- Ronald Takaki, *Pau Hana*

****Spring Break** (March 20-24)**

Week 11:

- Milton Murayama, *All I Asking for Is My Body*

Week 12:

- Milton Murayama, *All I Asking for Is My Body*

Week 13:

- Milton Murayama, *All I Asking for Is My Body*

Week 14:

- Milton Murayama, *All I Asking for Is My Body*

Week 15:

- TBA

Finals Week:

- Final edition of Final Research Paper due by Friday, May 5th.