

# **CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU**

## **SPRING SEMESTER 2002**

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**COURSE:** EN 102 Expository Writing (Sections 05 and 06)  
**INSTRUCTOR:** Prof. Linda M. Iwamoto  
**TEXT:** Hairston, Ruszkiewicz, Friend.  
*The Scott, Foresman Handbook for Writers. (Sixth Edition).*  
Longman, 2002.

**Strongly recommended:** A standard (hardcover) college dictionary

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### **GENERAL CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE:**

Expository Writing is a course in the theory and practice of non-fiction analytical writing. The goal of the course is to help you improve, and gain confidence in your ability to think and write clearly and effectively. The course also aims to develop your awareness of writing as a means of increasing your personal, academic and professional growth. This is a course, not just in “learning to write,” but also “writing to learn” – about yourself, others, and the diverse world beyond your experience. Some specific objectives we hope to accomplish include:

- Applying patterns of basic logic and critical thinking
- Recognizing the interconnection of argument and persuasion
- Developing research skills and basic techniques of informational retrieval
- Selecting and presenting evidence accurately in support of a thesis
- Distinguishing between an abstract and a summary
- Using paraphrase and direct quotations appropriately
- Documenting and citing sources accurately
- Applying basic patterns of comparison and contrast
- Using basic types of expository writing to generate ideas
- Understanding levels of language and vocabulary
- Discerning differences between words commonly misused
- Reviewing grammatical usage, particularly pronoun forms, passive voice of the verb, and plural forms
- Increasing editing skills with attention to sentence structure, punctuation and syntax of Standard English usage.

## **REQUIREMENTS OF THE COURSE:**

During the semester you will have practice in writing abstracts, summaries, comparison and contrast, persuasive and definition papers of varying lengths. In addition you will complete a documented 8-page research paper.

Section 05 will meet **MWF from 1:00 to 1:50 p.m. in H 202**; section 06 will meet from **11:00 to 11:50 a.m. in H223**. This course is heavily dependent on class work and collaboration; therefore, attendance and promptness are mandatory; students are expected to come to class prepared with assigned work and to participate in class activity.

## **GRADES:**

Grades will be based on class preparation and work that is consistently well thought-out and submitted on time. Final grades will be determined on the following(tentative) scale:

- 60% Written assignments
- 20% Quizzes /worksheets
- 10% Participation (attendance and deadlines)
- 10% Final exam (scheduled for Mon. May 6, from 3-5 p.m.)

*Note: All writing courses are scheduled at this time and are not based on time the class is offered.*

## **OFFICE HOURS:**

H206A on MWF      10:00 – 11:00  
                         TTR      10:00- 11:00 and by appointment.

You are encouraged to contact me anytime outside of class by phone or e-mail.

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