

CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY
FALL SEMESTER 2001

COURSE: EN 305, Multicultural Literature
INSTRUCTOR: Prof. Linda M. Iwamoto
TEXTS: Madden and Blake. *Emerging Voices*. (Second Edition).
Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1993.
Also required: A pocket folder (8-1/2" by 11") to be used
exclusively for in and out of class journal writing.

GENERAL CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE:

English 305 explores issues of personal and group identity through a study of modern and contemporary fiction and non-fiction. Students will examine cultural pluralism in American society through writing, discussion, research, and reading of critically recognized works. Some of the objectives we hope to accomplish include:

- developing an awareness of diversity in contemporary American culture including religious, ethnic, regional, linguistic, occupational, gender, and economic, among others
- understanding of the term "culture" and the behavioral implications
- reflecting on and defining individual, local and national identity
- examining the historical and political basis of diversity including public policy regarding immigration and naturalization
- addressing attitudes toward differences, inclusion, exclusion, and the concept of "The Other"
- introducing the works of modern and contemporary "emerging and minority" authors
- gaining insight into the scope of the American experience through class reading and the analysis of one work of fiction or non-fiction
- researching an issue of identity/diversity and presenting that issue to the class
- exploring the value and dilemma of diversity in an effort to create a balance between the sense of community and fragmentation

This class is interdisciplinary, and students are encouraged to make connections with their own academic and personal interests.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE COURSE:

EN 305 will meet MWF from 1:00 p.m. to 1:50 a.m. in E202. Assignments will consist of journal writing (both and out of class), a book analysis (from supplementary reading list) and one written research paper and class presentation.

- attendance and promptness are required.
- students are expected to come to class prepared with assigned work and to contribute to class and group discussion.
- eating in class is not permitted, except for bottled water

GRADES:

Grades will be based on a percentage scale (tentatively) determined as follows:

20% journal writing (to be turned in periodically)
20% book analysis
20% research paper
10% research presentation
10% attendance (and deadlines)
20% take home final

OFFICE HOURS:

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

Location: H206A on MWF 9:00-9:50 and after class and by
appointment.
Phone: 735-4896 (24-hour voice mail)
E-mail: < liwamoto@chaminade.edu > ,
< iwamoto@lava.net > .

***PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS SYLLABUS HANDY FOR REFERENCE
THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER.***