



## College of Arts and Sciences

Department of General Education

### CUH 100: Introduction to a Liberal Arts Education: Becoming a Scholar

Henry Hall 223, Mondays, 1:30pm – 2:20pm | Credits: 1 | Section: 05-1 | Term: Fall 2026

#### Instructor Information

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| Virtual Office Hours | By appointment only                                                          |

#### Communication

All written communication between the instructor and student must take place through official Chaminade University email addresses or through our Canvas course site. Please allow up to 24 hours for a response.

#### College & Department

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| College  | College of Arts and Sciences |
| Location | Henry Hall                   |
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#### Course Description & Materials

##### Catalog Description

CUH 100 will introduce first-year students to the Liberal Arts educational tradition at Chaminade University. Students will explore foundational questions related to identity, community, and society in the context of our Catholic Marianist and Native Hawaiian-serving mission. Through a collaborative, project-based curriculum, students will examine what it means to become a scholar at an institution of higher education specifically committed to serving the common good.

## Course Snapshot

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| <b>Modality</b>                   | Face-to-Face                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Section Meeting Location</b>   | Henry Hall 223                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Section Meeting Days/Times</b> | Mondays, 1:30pm – 2:20pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Time Commitment</b>            | This is a one-credit hour course requiring 45 clock hours of student engagement, per the official CUH Credit Hour Policy. Over the 15 weeks of this course, students will spend approximately 12.5 hours in class, 20 hours completing reading, viewing, and/or listening assignments, 2.5 hours participating in a community service project, and 10 hours creating the final project. |
| <b>Required Materials</b>         | All required materials will be provided.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Canvas</b>                     | Course materials, announcements, and grades are posted to Canvas ( <a href="https://chaminade.instructure.com">chaminade.instructure.com</a> ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## Learning Outcomes

### General Education Learning Outcomes (GELOs)

Upon completion of the general education program, a student will be able to:

1. Articulate writing strategies, produce written texts, and engage diverse audiences, so as to participate creatively, collaboratively, and critically in their local communities.
2. Effectively develop and deliver informative and persuasive oral communications, engaging in dialogue and discussions to support the conveyance of meaning and connection with the audience.
3. Analyze, interpret, and communicate quantitative data using number sense to drive decision making.
4. Examine and evaluate diverse evidence, concepts, assumptions, and viewpoints.
5. Define, identify, locate, evaluate, synthesize, and present or demonstrate relevant information.
6. Apply Marianist values and integrate a global awareness through a project-based learning approach.

### Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

Upon completion of CUH 100, the student will be able to:

1. Articulate the importance of a liberal arts education.
2. Describe the Catholic, Marianist, and Native Hawaiian-serving mission of Chaminade University.
3. Create a final project consisting of an autobiographical “snapshot narrative.”

### Marianist Values

An education in the Marianist Tradition is marked by five principles. Reflect on how this course relates to one or more:

1. Education for formation in faith.
2. Provide an integral, quality education.
3. Educate in family spirit.
4. Educate for service, justice and peace, and integrity of creation.
5. Educate for adaptation and change.

## Native Hawaiian Values

Education is central to both Marianist and Native Hawaiian culture — both seek transformative, value-centered learning that serves the marginalized. This is reflected in the ‘Ōlelo No‘eau (Hawaiian proverbs) below:

1. **Educate for Formation in Faith (Mana):** E ola au i ke akua (‘Ōlelo No‘eau 364) — May I live by God.
2. **Provide an Integral, Quality Education (Na‘auao):** Lawe i ka ma‘alea a kū‘ono‘ono (‘Ōlelo No‘eau 1957) — Acquire skill and make it deep.
3. **Educate in Family Spirit (‘Ohana):** ‘Ike aku, ‘ike mai, kōkua aku kōkua mai (‘Ōlelo No‘eau 1200) — Recognize others, be recognized, help others, be helped.
4. **Educate for Service, Justice and Peace (Aloha):** Ka lama kū o ka no‘eau (‘Ōlelo No‘eau 1430) — Education is the standing torch of wisdom.
5. **Educate for Adaptation and Change (Aina):** ‘A‘ohe pau ka ‘ike i ka hālau ho‘okahi (‘Ōlelo No‘eau 203) — All knowledge is not taught in the same school.

## Alignment of Course Learning Outcomes

|                                     | CLO 1 | CLO 2 | CLO 3      |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|
| Marianist Values                    | 2, 4  | 1, 3  | 5          |
| General Education Learning Outcomes | 6     | 6     | 1, 2, 5, 6 |
| Native Hawaiian Values              | 2, 4  | 1, 3  | 5          |

## Attendance & In-Class Participation

### Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend all class meetings (both small section and large cohort) and participate in class discussions and activities. More than one unexcused absence will negatively impact your grade. Keep in mind that attendance and participation count toward 40% of your total grade.

#### Quick Reference — Absence Thresholds:

|                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Excused Absence</b>                | In order for an absence to be considered for excusal, please provide documentation of illness, family emergency, or University-sponsored activity.                                                                           |
| <b>Unexcused Absence</b>              | Any absence not pre-approved or documented will be unexcused.                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Warning Threshold</b>              | More than one unexcused absence — instructor may notify student.                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Grade Penalty</b>                  | More than one unexcused absence will begin to impact your attendance and participation grade, which counts for 40% of your total grade.                                                                                      |
| <b>Administrative Withdrawal</b>      | If you miss two consecutive weeks of class meetings, you may be administratively withdrawn from the course.                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Late Arrival / Early Departure</b> | Arriving more than 15 minutes late to class will count as one (1) tardy. Three (3) tardies will amount to one (1) unexcused absence. Departing class 15 minutes (or more) early or will amount to one (1) unexcused absence. |

## In-Class Participation Expectations

Active, respectful engagement is essential. Students are expected to come prepared and contribute meaningfully to discussions, activities, and collaborative work.

### Students are expected to:

- Come prepared — complete readings and activities before each session.
- Participate actively in discussions and group work, demonstrating critical thinking.
- Engage respectfully and honor diverse perspectives.
- Use personal devices for course purposes only unless otherwise directed.
- Submit work by established deadlines to support course pacing.

## Course Requirements

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| Attendance and Participation       | 40% |
| Follow-Up Assignments              | 40% |
| Final Project (Snapshot Narrative) | 20% |

## Course Policies

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| Late Work        | Late work may result in a grade deduction.                                                                          |
| Make-Up Work     | Please contact your instructor to arrange for make-up work.                                                         |
| Syllabus Changes | The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus. Changes will be announced in class and posted to Canvas. |

## Final Grades

Final grades are submitted to Self-Service ([selfservice.chaminade.edu](http://selfservice.chaminade.edu)):

| Grade | Range         |
|-------|---------------|
| A     | 90% and above |
| B     | 80–89%        |
| C     | 70–79%        |
| D     | 60–69%        |
| F     | 59% and below |

## Important Information

### Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is an essential aspect of all learning, scholarship, and research. It is one of the values regarded most highly by academic communities throughout the world. Violations of the principle of academic honesty are extremely serious and will not be tolerated. Students are responsible for promoting academic honesty at Chaminade by not participating

in any act of dishonesty and by reporting any incidence of academic dishonesty to an instructor or to a University official. Academic dishonesty may include theft of records or examinations, alteration of grades, plagiarism, **and unauthorized and/or undisclosed AI usage**, in addition to more obvious dishonesty. See catalog section *Student Use of Artificial Intelligence in Academic Work* for further information.

Questions of academic dishonesty in a particular class are first reviewed by the instructor, who must make a report with recommendations to the Director of the Academic College. Punishment for academic dishonesty will be determined by the instructor, Director, and the Dean of Academic College and may include an “F” grade for the work in question, an “F” grade for the course, academic notice, or dismissal from the University.

### AI (Artificial Intelligence) Statement

Chaminade University recognizes the increasing role of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies in academic and professional environments. AI encompasses, but is not limited to, generative AI platforms, automated writing or content generation software, coding assistants, and similar tools. Students must ensure all submitted work genuinely reflects their knowledge and effort. Using AI to produce or significantly complete graded assignments, exams or other academic tasks – defined as use that substitutes for or substantially replaces a student’s own analysis, reasoning or written expression – without explicit instructor approval is considered academic misconduct and will be dealt with according to the University’s Academic Honesty Policy.

If an instructor has reasonable grounds to question whether submitted work genuinely reflects a student’s own knowledge, authorship, or mastery of course material — or whether it meets the course’s expectations for AI use — the instructor may require the student to provide additional or alternative evidence of authorship and content mastery. Such evidence may include drafts, notes, revision history, source materials, process explanations, oral discussion, in class work, or completion of an alternative assessment. A student’s refusal or inability to provide such evidence may be considered, along with other available information, in evaluating whether the work meets course requirements and stated learning outcomes. Instructors will not rely solely on AI detection software or other automated tools in making grading or academic integrity determinations. Such determinations will be based on the totality of the available information and handled in accordance with applicable University policies and procedures. See the catalog section *Student Use of Artificial Intelligence in Academic Work* for further information.

### Title IX and Nondiscrimination

Chaminade University of Honolulu is committed to providing a learning, working and living environment that promotes the dignity of all people, inclusivity and mutual respect and is free of all forms of sex discrimination and gender-based violence, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, gender-based harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. As a member of the University faculty, I am required to immediately report any incident of sex discrimination or gender-based violence to the campus Title IX Coordinator. For pregnant and parenting students, I am also obligated to provide you with similar resources for support and protections available to you. My goal is to make sure that you are aware of the range of options available to you and have access to the resources and support you need.

Contact information and reporting options: [chaminade.edu/titleix/nondiscrimination/](https://chaminade.edu/titleix/nondiscrimination/). File a report via the [Campus Incident Report Form](#).

## Nondiscrimination Policy and Notice of Nondiscrimination

The university is committed to comply with all State and Federal statutes, rules, and regulations which prohibit discrimination. The university is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, gender identity and expression, age, religion, color, national origin (including shared ancestry and ethnic characteristics), ancestry, citizenship, disability, genetic information, marital status, breastfeeding, arrest and court record (except as permissible under State law), sexual orientation, or status as a covered veteran. Inquiries about Title IX or general Civil Rights concerns may be referred to the University's Title IX Coordinator, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, or both and contact information may be found [HERE](#). *On-campus Confidential Resources may also be found here at [CAMPUS CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES](#).*

The University's Nondiscrimination Policy and Grievance Procedures can be located on the University webpage at: <https://chaminade.edu/compliance/title-ix-nondiscrimination-policies-procedures/>.

To report information about conduct that may constitute sex discrimination or make a complaint of sex discrimination under Title IX, please refer to the [Campus Incident Report form](#). Chaminade University of Honolulu prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates.

The NOTICE of NONDISCRIMINATION can be found here: [Notice of Nondiscrimination](#).

## Student with Disabilities Statement- Kōkua 'Ike

Accessibility Services recognizes disability as a valued aspect of diversity and ensures equal access to the educational environment in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended; and the principles and professional standards of the Association on Higher Education and Disability. Access is supported through reasonable accommodations and referrals to campus and community resources.

Appointments with the Accessibility Services Coordinator are available through Stellic at <https://chaminade.stellic.com> and may be held virtually or in person. Drop-in appointments are also welcome.

Students seeking support must meet with the Accessibility Services Coordinator as early as possible, even if they are unsure whether they have appropriate documentation of their disability or its impacts. The Accessibility Services Coordinator prioritizes listening to students' experiences and will discuss any documentation needs during the initial intake meeting. Students may seek support at any time.

Learn more at <https://chaminade.edu/ada-accommodations>

## Assessment of Student Work

Chaminade University may use student work anonymously to assess achievement of course, program, and institutional learning outcomes as part of ongoing quality improvement efforts.

## Campus Resources & Support Services

The following resources are available to all Chaminade students. Reach out early — these services exist to support your success.

| Resource                                             | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Contact / Website                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Accessibility Services (Kōkua 'Ike)</b>           | Accommodations under Section 504 and ADA. Contact early — appointments via Stellic, virtual or in person.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <a href="mailto:ada@chaminade.edu">ada@chaminade.edu</a><br><a href="https://chaminade.edu/ada-accommodations">chaminade.edu/ada-accommodations</a> |
| <b>Tutoring &amp; Academic Coaching (Kōkua 'Ike)</b> | Tutoring and Academic Coaching Services support students' progression toward their academic, personal, and professional goals with clarity and intention. Services include individualized support in English, math, nursing, sciences, and social sciences, as well as guidance in developing goals and study strategies. | <a href="https://chaminade.edu/tutoring-academic-coaching-services">chaminade.edu/tutoring-academic-coaching-services</a>                           |
| <b>Career Services</b>                               | Career Services supports students throughout their career journeys. Services include individualized job search strategy coaching, resume reviews, job interview coaching, and access to career-related resources and opportunities.                                                                                       | <a href="https://chaminade.edu/career-services">chaminade.edu/career-services</a>                                                                   |
| <b>Basic Needs Resources</b>                         | Support for food insecurity, housing instability, and other basic needs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <a href="https://chaminade.edu/basic-needs/">chaminade.edu/basic-needs/</a>                                                                         |
| <b>Title IX / Nondiscrimination</b>                  | Reporting and support for sex discrimination and gender-based violence. Campus Incident Report Form available online.                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <a href="https://chaminade.edu/titleix/resources-and-support/">chaminade.edu/titleix/resources-and-support/</a>                                     |
| <b>Hazing Prevention</b>                             | Confidential support, crisis intervention, and reporting for any type of abuse including hazing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="https://hazingpreventionnetwork.org/athlete-helpline/">hazingpreventionnetwork.org/athlete-helpline/</a>                                   |
| <b>Campus Safety / SafeSwords</b>                    | Security escort service for anyone who feels unsafe walking alone on campus at any time of day. Call security and a professional will escort you to your destination.                                                                                                                                                     | <a href="https://chaminade.edu/student-life/security/campus-safeswords-program/">chaminade.edu/student-life/security/campus-safeswords-program/</a> |
| <b>CUH Alert Emergency Notification</b>              | Emergency text system. Register your cell number via the Chaminade portal and confirm the text to complete enrollment.                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <a href="https://chaminade.edu">chaminade.edu</a>                                                                                                   |

## Weekly Course Schedule

\*The instructor reserves the right to modify this schedule. Changes will be announced in class and posted to Canvas.

\*A detailed schedule will be made available weekly via Canvas.

| Wk of                    | Theme                                                                  | Location                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| 8/17-8/21<br>(Week 1)    | Introduction to CUH 100                                                | Meet in section: Monday, August 17, 1:30pm, Henry Hall 223                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 8/24-8/28<br>(Week 2)    | Introduction to CUH 100                                                | Meet in section: Monday, August 24, 1:30pm, Henry Hall 223                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 8/31-9/4<br>(Week 3)     | Introduction to CUH 100                                                | Meet in section: Monday, August 31, 1:30pm, Henry Hall 223                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 9/7-9/11<br>(Week 4)     | <b>No class</b>                                                        | <b>n/a</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 9/14-9/18<br>(Week 5)    | Who Are We?: On Identity and Perspectives                              | <b>Two meetings this week:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meet in the Ching Conference Center on Monday, September 14, 12:30pm (Guest speaker #1: Kristiana Kahakauwila).</li> <li>2. Meet in section: Monday, September 14, 1:30pm, Henry Hall 223</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 9/21-9/25<br>(Week 6)    | Where Are We?: On Place-Based Education                                | Meet in section: Monday, September 21, 1:30pm, Henry Hall 223                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 9/28-10/2<br>(Week 7)    | Where Are We?: On Place-Based Education                                | Meet in the Ching Conference Center on Wednesday, September 30, 12:30pm (Guest Speaker #2: Lee Tonouchi).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 10/5-10/9<br>(Week 8)    | Where Are We?: On Place-Based Education                                | Meet in section: Monday, October 5, 1:30pm, Henry Hall 223                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 10/13-10/16<br>(Week 9)  | Fall Wellness Week                                                     | - Community Service Event (TBA)<br><br>- <b>Attend one of the following</b> two Guest Speaker #3 events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Option 1: Friday, October 16, 10:00am, Ching Conference Center: "AI and the Human Person" (presentation and panel discussion).</li> <li>▪ Option 2: Sunday, October 18, 4:00pm, Mystical Rose Oratory: "Timely Technology, Timeless Questions: AI and the Human Person" (lecture).</li> </ul> |
| 10/19-10/23<br>(Week 10) | How to Live Together in This World?: On Education in the Family Spirit | Meet in section: Monday, October 19, 1:30pm, Henry Hall 223                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10/26-10/30<br>(Week 11) | How to Live Together in This World?: On Education in the Family Spirit | Meet in section: Monday, October 26, 1:30pm, Henry Hall 223                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11/2-11/6<br>(Week 12)   | When Are We Going to Do Something?: On Human Agency and Social Change  | Meet in section: Monday, November 2, 1:30pm, Henry Hall 223                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11/9-11/13<br>(Week 13)  | When Are We Going to Do Something?: On Human Agency and Social Change  | Meet in the Ching Conference Center on TBD, 12:30pm (Guest Speaker #4: TBA).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



| Wk of                       | Theme                                                                 | Location                                                                       |
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| 11/16-11/20<br>(Week 14)    | When Are We Going to Do Something?: On Human Agency and Social Change | Meet in section: Monday, November 16, 1:30pm, Henry Hall 223                   |
| 11/23-11/25<br>(Week 15)    | <i>No class</i>                                                       | <i>n/a</i>                                                                     |
| 11/30-12/4<br>(Week 16)     | Final Project (Snapshot Narrative)                                    | Meet in section: Monday, November 30, 1:30pm, Henry Hall 223                   |
| 12/7-12/10<br>(Finals Week) | <i>No class</i>                                                       | Submit Final Project (Snapshot Narrative) by 11:59pm on Thursday, December 10. |