Course Syllabus
Fall 2012

COURSE NUMBER/TITLE: I.S. 103 Introduction to College (CRN: 61463)
CREDIT HOURS: 3 Elective Credits
TIME: Tuesday/Thursday 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Hale Akoakoa #113
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Windward Community College Mission Statement:
Windward Community College offers innovative programs in the arts and sciences and opportunities to gain knowledge and understanding of Hawai‘i and its unique heritage. With a special commitment to support the access and educational needs of Native Hawaiians, we provide O‘ahu’s Ko‘olau region and beyond with liberal arts, career and lifelong learning in a supportive and challenging environment — inspiring students to excellence.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:
This course is designed to orient first-time students to a college setting. Students will learn (1) of the tools, techniques, methods, procedures, processes, skills, resources, and attitudes for success; (2) to gain insight into the programs and services of a post-secondary institution of higher education and (3) to design and implement a personal, comprehensive, post-secondary academic plan.

STUDENT OUTCOMES:
At the completion of this course, you should be able to:
1. Identify short and long-term goals and prepare an educational plan to meet those goals.
2. Develop and use college-level note taking, critical reading, test taking, memory and concentrating techniques.
3. Develop and use time-management, personal organization, stress management and study skills.
4. Communicate effectively in writing and in speech.

COURSE CONTENT:

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COURSE TASKS:
Through tests, classroom participation, and special assignments, the student will demonstrate understanding of the chapter topics by completing all of the following:

- <10 points per 10 chapter quizzes: **Hint: Do quiz while reading the chapter. No late quizzes will be accepted.**
- <20 points per 10 chapter tests: **No late tests accepted.**

**4 Reactionary papers:**
- <15 points #1 Most successful/influential person in your life (Due 09-13-12)
- <15 points #2 Demonstrate learning theory with a real-life personal example (Due 10-18-12)
- <20 points #3 Controversial topic determined by instructor (Due 11-01-12)
- <20 points #4 Your experience/thoughts on Teaming (Due 11-29-12)

All reaction papers will be no more than two pages double spaced typed. Electronic reaction papers will be allowed after the first reaction paper (hard copy) has been turned in. Due dates will be posted. Please use WCC’s writing labs and various computer labs available to you throughout the campus if you need assistance in getting you work done.

Extra credit work will be provided throughout the semester.

**Examples:** Proof of voting in the General Election, attending WCC Transition Seminars, Participation in a WCC Student Activities event, etc. Memo type reaction paper required (one page only). Variable points

**Final Presentation:** Student will present a personal, researched, post-WCC academic plan. Use the comprehensive college plan worksheet provided. Discuss each choice in a Power Point presentation.

- <5 points: **Proposal due 11-15-12**  <70 points: **Presentation due 12-11-12**

**Final Exam:** <55 points: There will be an oral final exam with instructor. Student is to arrange time with instructor. Questions will reflect both text information and group activities.

METHODS OF GRADING:
- 450-500 pts.  A
- 400-449 pts.  B
- 350-399 pts.  C
- 300-349 pts.  D
- Below 300 pts.  F

As part of this class, the instructor will also discuss grading options and strategies a student may want to use if for any circumstances they are unable to complete a college course. In this course, there will be no options for an “I” grade.

MODE OF INSTRUCTION:
Lecture based with guest speakers, video projections, and student project presentations

REQUIRED TEST:
**Becoming a Master Student, by David B. Ellis**  14th Edition
Interdisciplinary Studies I.S. 103

Student Responsibilities

Your first year of attending college is a gigantic step in your personal journey. It is a life changing experience for many students and it may set in motion your career goals. Colleges today do not provide “en loco parentis” to their students but if you need assistance or just want to talk story, feel free to drop by during my office hours. I’ve been in education for over 30 years and I have met a wide spectrum of students. Here are some of the best advices I can share with you;

Attendance:
Simply, if you don’t attend classes, you miss critical information. Missing classes will become habitual and the consequences are usually negative. I do not give points for attending class. It is your responsibility to be here. If you are absent due to a medical reason, get a physician’s note and I will work out something with you if you missed an assignment.

Participation:
Be prepared to respond to all assignments either verbally or in written form at each class session. All work must be done on time. When in class, ask questions if you are not clear on our class objectives. Asking questions often stimulates the interest of other students to ask additional questions.

Quality of Work:
Think school as employment, the employer expects you to be at work on time and to what is required. Do your best and give it your best effort. Your quality of work is rewarded by a grade. Simply, “You get back only what you put in!”

Team Work:
In this class, you will be teamed up with individuals you may not know. We will go through the steps of teaming and you will also work together to meet certain objectives. Teaming is critical in developing shared responsibilities, cooperation, respecting others, and creating synergy.

Andragogical Learning:
During the course of the semester we will disengage in the traditional pedagogical (Greek for child-leading) learning to andragogical learning (Greek for man-leading). I will discuss this further during one of our lecture/activity.