ENGLISH 23 – INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE READING AND WRITING (4 CREDITS | CRN: 62473, 62474)

INSTRUCTOR: Lance Uyeda
OFFICE: Hale Manaleo 104
DROP-IN HOURS: M/W | 2:30-3:30 PM
T | 10:00-11:00 AM and 2:30-3:30 PM
R | 10:00-11:00 AM

I look forward to the individual meetings we will have this semester. See me at the above times/locations for a drop-in appointment, or call/email/speak to me to plan a meeting that fits your schedule. My appointment calendar is online: http://bit.ly/meetinglance.

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EMAIL: LKUYEDA@hawaii.edu (lowercase OK)
EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2014

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 prepares students for college-level reading and writing with practice in the writing process, instruction in grammar and mechanics, emphasis on effective paragraphs and essays, introduction to research techniques, and practice in vocabulary development and reading comprehension. (3 hours lecture, 3 hours laboratory) Pre-Requisite(s): Compass placement in ENG 23, grade of C or better in ENG 18 or ENG 20, or grade of C or better in ENG 19 and reading score of 56-78.

Activities Required at Scheduled Times Other Than Class Times:
1. Consultations with writing tutors online at http://manoa.hawaii.edu/ola/writing or in person at the writing center in the library.
2. At least two conferences with the instructor.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will:
1. Effectively use a multi-step writing process that includes drafting, revising, and editing; respond constructively to written and oral feedback.
2. Write compositions that have a main point and supporting ideas developed with specific, logically organized details.
3. Integrate source material according to academic conventions.
4. Proofread for effective grammar, word choice, punctuation, and spelling.
5. Effectively use entry-level college vocabulary.
6. Comprehend various types of entry-level written and visual college materials.
7. Demonstrate application of varied reading strategies to entry-level college texts.
LEARNING RESOURCES

Required text: In Concert, Kathleen T. McWhorter.
Recommended resources: 1) American Heritage College Dictionary or other college-level dictionary, 2) a thesaurus, 3) http://m-w.com (online dictionary and thesaurus), 4) google.com. Use google.com as a dictionary by searching for define:word. Google will give you a range of definitions and examples of the word that follows the colon.

COURSE CONTENT

Concepts or Topics

- Main point or central thought
- Organizational structure and patterns
- Techniques to strengthen coherence in writing.
- Development of ideas
- Study skills
- Literal comprehension
- Interpretative comprehension
- Critical reading skills
- Connotations and denotations
- General versus specific
- Collaboration
- MLA style
- Rules of mechanics, grammar, punctuation
- Word choice

Skills or Competencies—Students will:

- Distinguish between general and specific items.
- Write direct statements of main idea (topic sentence) and central thought (thesis statement).
- Provide major and minor details to support the main thought.
- Use techniques to ensure coherence in writing: key words, synonyms, pronouns, and transition words.
- Use the linear outline or another form of outlining as part of the writing process.
- Use basic elements in various methods of writing.
- Distinguish among statements of fact, opinion, or both.
- Use appropriate writing style for academic writing.
- Use the steps in writing a research paper.
- Create note cards, a working bibliography, and an outline for a research paper.
- Cite material appropriately and effectively in MLA style.
- Use the writing process techniques.

COURSE TASKS

You must complete all formal writing assignments to pass this course. Work that is late or incomplete will receive partial or no credit.

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Grades Available

- A = 630 or above
- B = 560-629
- C = 490-559
- D = 420-489
- F = 419 or below

CR/NC Option: You must have the official CR/NC form signed by the instructor. You must receive a C or higher to receive credit for the course.

I reserve the right to make adjustments to these point totals as needed to facilitate your achievement of the course learning outcomes this semester.
COURSE POLICIES

In General, please:

1. Read this syllabus and all handouts and assignment sheets carefully.
2. Study writing models provided in the textbook and in class.
3. Come to class ready with questions.
4. Email or call me (lkuyeda@hawaii.edu; 236-9229) if you have a question that you feel cannot be addressed to the class.
5. See me in person.

Helpful Resources:

Please ask for help even if you are not sure you need it. Schedule your required conferences as soon as possible, especially if you are having difficulty. I am available to help you during my office hours, especially, but also throughout the day.

One of the best resources on campus is the TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) office, which provides tutoring and a range of other opportunities to eligible students (see me for details). The contact number for TRiO SSS is 235-7487.

Around eight percent of your semester grade depends on the frequency and quality of your interactions with online or on-campus tutors.

Registration with the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s Online Learning Academy (OLA) is required. OLA tutors are primarily UH Mānoa students who understand how challenging writing can be and who are trained and ready to help you improve. You can reach them at http://manoa.hawaii.edu/ola/writing from 8AM-10PM, Monday to Saturday (hours subject to change).

The Writing Center, located in the WCC Library and Learning Commons, provides in-person consultations during school hours and email feedback as needed. Contact writing center staff by email at wccwrite@hawaii.edu. The center’s current hours are posted at http://www.wcc.hawaii.edu/Writing/.

In-Class:

This class involves daily discussions, group work, and other forms of participation in and out of class. Full participation in all activities will significantly benefit your writing performance and progress.

You may lose up to five points per class period for non-participation in activities or for distracting or rude behavior, which includes but is not limited to: 1) leaving your cell phone ringer on, 2) answering your cell phone, 3) text messaging, 4) surfing the net or checking email, 5) talking while a classmate or the instructor presents information, and 6) making disparaging or inappropriate remarks. If you have one or both hands under the table and spend time in class gazing longingly at your pants, I will assume that you are texting or checking your email and will subtract points accordingly.

Absences/Tardiness:

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There are two reasons why no absences will be excused this semester, except in extreme circumstances. 1) This class will not work
Be on time. You will lose ten points for every three times you arrive late to class.

It is your responsibility to keep up with work you miss. Ask your classmates for copies of their notes, for homework and other assignments, and for what other preparation you need for class.

**Required Conferences:**

You must meet with me in conference at least twice this semester. You can see me individually, in pairs, or in groups of three or four. Non-participation in conferences will be penalized as follows:

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You can maximize the utility of your conference time by meeting with me about your formal writing assignments, but I’m happy to spend as much time as you’d like discussing other questions or concerns.

**Homework:**

A completed assignment will decrease in value by 10% (of its initial point total) for each day it is late (weekends count as one day). A 100 point assignment, for example, will be worth 90 points on the first late day, 80 points on the second late day, and so on. Assignments that are late by seven calendar days or longer will not be accepted.

**Writing Standards:**

The work you turn in for grading should be typed and properly formatted. For all work in this course, please:

- Use 1-inch margins and 12 point Times New Roman font
- Remove extra spacing between your double spaced paragraphs
- Feel free to ask me about how to format/manipulate your word-processed documents.

**Emails/Calls:**

Communicating with students is my top priority. If I have not responded to your message in twenty-four hours, please email me again.

Please email me from one address only. This will help me to sort and manage my emails effectively.

Please check your hawaii.edu account on a regular basis. I will send email announcements to that account only. Instructions on forwarding your hawaii.edu account are here:


Please write grammatically correct emails, using complete words and full sentences (no shorthand, such as “where r u now”). Start with a greeting (Aloha Bob, Dear Mr. Smith, or Hi Lance), and end with a signature (Thank you, Sincerely, or just your name).
If you have any problems or last minute emergencies, email me or leave a voice mail on my office phone.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

According to the Windward Community College Catalog, “Academic dishonesty cannot be condoned by the University. Such dishonesty includes cheating and plagiarism (examples of which are given below) which violate the Student Conduct Code and may result in expulsion from the University.

“Plagiarism includes but is not limited to submitting any document to satisfy an academic requirement that has been copied in whole or part from another individual’s work without identifying that individual; neglecting to identify as a quotation a documented idea that has not been assimilated into the student’s language and style, or paraphrasing a passage so closely that the reader is misled as to the source; submitting the same written or oral material in more than one course without obtaining authorization from the instructors involved.”

**SERVICE LEARNING OPTION**

Service learning offers students an opportunity to practice outside of the classroom what they have learned in their courses. Students who choose the service-learning option complete a hands-on project at an approved community site. Each student must contribute a minimum of twenty hours of service, and each will receive partial course credit commensurate to the scope of his or her project. Service-learning projects may include volunteer activities, community service, and internships. If you are interested in this option, please see me during the first week of class to discuss your eligibility.

**DISABILITIES ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT**

If you have a physical, sensory, health, cognitive, or mental health disability that could limit your ability to fully participate in this class, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Specialist Counselor, Ann Lemke, at 235-7448, at lemke@hawaii.edu, or in Hale ‘Ākoakoa 213.
COURSE POLICIES CONTRACT

I have read and reviewed my English 23 syllabus and course policies. By signing this document, I acknowledge not only that I understand the policies and requirements of this course, but also that I understand the consequences of not following these policies.

Signed: ___________________________  _______________________
          (signature)                        (date)

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          (print name)

QUESTIONNAIRE

Preferred Name __________________________

Preferred E-Mail Address ___________________

Preferred Phone _________________________

1. What do you hope this course will teach you? What are your goals in this class?

2. How can I help you meet these goals?

3. What do you intend to do to meet them?

4. What grade would you be satisfied with in this course? Why?

5. What else would you like me to know about you?