

## On-Campus Help for Writers

If you need help with your writing, talk to your teacher first. Then, if you want outside help, contact:

- **Writing Center** — offers half- and one-hour consultations. To set up an appointment, go to [english.hawaii.edu/writingcenter](http://english.hawaii.edu/writingcenter) (open spring and fall semesters only).
- **Learning Assistance Center** — helps students with writing and other academic needs. For more information or to make an appointment, call 956-6114, email [learning@hawaii.edu](mailto:learning@hawaii.edu), or visit [manoa.hawaii.edu/undergrad/learning](http://manoa.hawaii.edu/undergrad/learning).
- **KOKUA Program** — helps students with disability-related academic needs. Call 956-7511, email [kokua@hawaii.edu](mailto:kokua@hawaii.edu), or stop by the Queen Lili'uokalani Center for Student Services, Room 013. Information is also available online at [www.hawaii.edu/kokua](http://www.hawaii.edu/kokua).
- **Mānoa Writing Program Webpage** — contains links to sites on academic writing and grammar. Visit [manoa.hawaii.edu/mwp](http://manoa.hawaii.edu/mwp).



Call, email, or go online for help.

## General Education Focus Requirements\*

W courses are one of the four types of Focus courses that are required for graduation.

### Contemporary Ethical Issues (E)

1 course required

Students read about and discuss contemporary ethical issues and learn how to make responsible ethical judgments.

### Hawaiian, Asian, & Pacific Issues (H)

1 course required

Students learn how the native culture of Hawai'i is similar to and different from cultures of other Pacific Islands or Asian countries.

### Oral Communication (O)

1 course required

Students learn oral communication skills and develop their oral competencies. (Classes limited to 20-30 students.)

### Writing Intensive (W)

5 courses required

(including 2 numbered 300 and above)

Students use writing to enhance learning and use instructor feedback to improve writing skills. (Classes limited to 20 students.)

\* Focus requirements apply to students who entered the UH system in Fall 2001 or later. For complete information on all General Education requirements, consult the *UHM Catalog* or a College Advisor.

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## Mānoa Writing Program



## Writing-Intensive Courses: Information for Students

▶ You are enrolled in a W course, one of over 450 that are offered each semester.

Visit our website: [manoa.hawaii.edu/mwp](http://manoa.hawaii.edu/mwp)

## ► What are Writing-Intensive Courses?

Does "writing-intensive" (W) mean more writing? Usually it does. But that's only half the picture. W courses emphasize writing as a way to help you



Learn through writing just as you learn through reading.

Think critically.

- Generate ideas.
- Remember what you've learned.
- Synthesize & analyze ideas.
- W courses are active-learning courses.

Teachers use different types of writing assignments to get you thinking and learning. You may discover that each W course is a new experience, with new types of writing that require new strategies. Or your W course may build on writing strategies you used in previous courses. Whatever the case, the goals will be the same: to improve thinking skills, enhance learning, and sharpen writing abilities.

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## Write to Learn

Writing a research paper helps you learn about a subject. But that's not the only way to learn through writing.

You can **freewrite** to discover connections, keep a **journal** to develop ideas, write a **minute paper** to focus on an issue, or take **field notes** to



Write to explore.  
Write to think.  
Write to learn.

record observations and insights. The list goes on and on. W classes introduce you to ways of writing that develop new ways of thinking.

## Write to Communicate

After you've spent time thinking-on-paper, it's time to draft your ideas more formally. How you do this depends on your content and your intended reader. Writing a good research paper in history is different from writing a good financial report. In W courses, you



Revise and edit your writing at a UH computer lab.

learn how to present your ideas in the format and style that are appropriate for a particular field. Your teachers will help you. They may a writing sample, one **analyze** -on-one, on **talk with you** drafts, or **write comments** for drafting. **demonstrate techniques** UH has limited your W class to twenty students to make sure that the teacher has time to help everyone.



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