

Rhetoric and Guided Writing

Instructor: Ching Kang Liu
 Time: Tuesday (13:10-15:00)
 Office hours: Tuesday (10:00-13:00 pm) / appointments made in advance

Textbooks: Butler et al. (1995). *Correct writing* (6th ed.). MA: Heath and Company. (書林) (CW)
 Arnaudet, M. L., & Barrett, M. E. (1990). *Paragraph development* (2nd ed.). NY: Prentice Hall Regents. (文鶴) (PD)

Objectives: The objectives of course are as follows:
 1. to help students establish a rational and methodical approach to English writing;
 2. to drive home the idea of “sentence” and “paragraph” so that students can produce accurate sentences and coherent, well-organized paragraphs and short articles; and
 3. to introduce fundamental concepts and basic skills in English rhetoric and logical arguments to be applied to English writing.

Instruction: The instruction focuses mainly on topics related to grammar and rhetoric issues that require discussion for better solutions. Questions asked by the students or prepared by the instructor will also be discussed in class. Occasionally, top-down theories regarding generally English grammar and meanings will be covered in the instruction.

Assignment: Students will be required to complete assigned homework and then upload it to the e-learning account. Reading materials will be assigned each week and quizzes will be given each week.

Grades: Participation/assignments/quizzes 50%
 Midterm 25%
 Final 25%

A tentative schedule (1):

Wks	Date	Contents	Weekly Quiz (CW)
1	2/21	Orientation	
2	2/28	Holiday	
3	3/6	CW: Unit 14 PD: Unit 5 pp. 95-98	Exercise 57-58
4	3/13	CW: Unit 15 PD: Unit 5 pp. 99-110	Exercise 59-60
5	3/20	CW: Unit 16 PD: Unit 5 pp. 110-115	Exercise 61-62
6	3/27	CW: Unit 17 PD: Unit 6 pp. 117-122	Exercise 63-64
7	4/3	CW: Unit 17 PD: Unit 6 pp. 123-128	Exercise 65-66
8	4/10	CW: Unit 18 PD: Unit 6 pp. 128-134	Exercise67
9	4/17	CW: Unit 19 PD: Unit 6 pp. 134-138	Exercise 68-70
10	4/24	Midterm	
11	5/1	CW: Unit 19 PD: Unit 6 pp. 139-144	Exercise 71-73
12	5/8	CW: Unit 20 PD: Unit 6 pp. 144-150	Exercise 74-76
13	5/15	CW: Unit 20 PD: Unit 7 pp. 151-156	Exercise 77-78
14	5/22	CW: Unit 21 PD: Unit 7 pp. 156-61	Exercise 79-84
15	5/29	CW: Unit 22 PD: Unit 7 pp. 161-66	Exercise 85-88
16	6/5	CW: Unit 22 PD: Unit 8 pp. 167-174	Exercise 89-92
17	6/12	CW: Unit 24 PD: Unit 8 pp. 174-80	Exercise 99-100
18	6/19	Final	