

Rhetoric and Guided Writing

Instructor: Ching Kang Liu
 Time: Tuesday (13:10-15:00)
 Office hours: Monday (3:30 – 4:30 pm); Tuesday (3:30 – 4:30 pm)

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

Objectives: 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.
 3. To introduce fundamental concepts and basic skills in English rhetoric and logical arguments to be applied to English writing.

Instruction: The instruction will be mainly discussions on the basis of questions asked by the students or prepared by the instructor. Occasionally, top-down theories regarding generally English grammar and meanings will be involved in the instruction.

Assignment: Students will be required to produce **a common course material through the website** (to be arranged according to how much the new web server can provide). Information is to be added to the assigned area and each student will be assigned to contribute some tasks to make the whole “chapter” complete.
Quizzes are required every week and students should finish reading the assigned materials in the tentative schedule before coming to class.

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

A tentative schedule (2):

Wks	Date	Contents	Weekly Quiz (CW)
1	02/19	Exams for homework	(Exam for homework)
2	02/26	CW: Unit 14 PD: Unit 5 pp. 95-98	Exercises 57-58 (Hsu)
3	03/04	CW: Unit 15 PD: Unit 5 pp. 99-110	Exercises 59-60 (Hsu)
4	03/11	CW: Unit 16 PD: Unit 5 pp. 110-15	Exercises 61-62 (Hsu)
5	03/18	CW: Unit 17 PD: Unit 5 pp. 117-22	Exercises 63-64 (Hsu)
6	04/25	CW: Unit 17 PD: Unit 6 pp. 123-28	Exercises 65-66 (Liu)
7	04/01	CW: Unit 18 PD: Unit 6 pp. 128-34	Exercises 67 (Liu)
8	04/08	CW: Unit 19 PD: Unit 6 pp. 134-38	Exercises 68-70 (Liu)
9	04/15	CW: Unit 19 PD: Unit 6 pp. 139-44	Exercises 71-73 (Liu)
10	04/22	Midterm	
11	04/29	CW: Unit 20 PD: Unit 6 pp. 144-50	Exercises 74-76 (Ren)
12	05/06	CW: Unit 20 PD: Unit 6 pp. 151-56	Exercises 77-78 (Ren)
13	05/13	CW: Unit 21 PD: Unit 7 pp. 156-61	Exercises 79-84 (Ren)
14	05/20	CW: Unit 22 PD: Unit 7 pp. 161-66	Exercises 85-88 (Ren)
15	05/27	CW: Unit 22 PD: Unit 7 pp. 167-74	Exercises 89-92 (Liu)
16	06/03	CW: Unit 24 PD: Unit 8 pp. 174-80	Exercises 98-100 (Hsu)
17	06/10	Review	
18	06/17	Final	