

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI`I - WEST O`AHU LEARNING OUTCOMES

The Learning Outcomes listed below are an integral part of all divisions and specializations at the University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Graduates of UH West O'ahu should be able to:

- W1 Identify the audiences and purposes of various kinds of communication within the students' academic fields and select appropriate style, content, references, and media.
- W2 Develop themes, theses, or hypotheses for various kinds of communication within the students' academic fields.
- W3 Construct detailed outlines or proposals for various kinds of communication within the students' academic fields.
- W4 Write, document, and support an argument within an academic field, presenting sound evidence in an orderly and logical chain of reasoning, and using appropriate data and examples.
- W5 Revise and edit their own and others' writing, demonstrating proficiency in the use of organizational, rhetorical, grammatical, and mechanical skills appropriate to a specific task.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

Graduates of UH West O'ahu should be able to:

- O1 Demonstrate command of vocabulary and language appropriate to the content and audience of the students' academic fields.
- O2 Give presentations that recognize and respect the diversity of communication styles across ethnic groups, cultures, and social roles.
- O3 Function effectively in group discussions in the students' academic fields, being able to contribute constructively, listen sensitively, express understanding of others' viewpoints, and facilitate group inclusiveness.
- O4 Demonstrate knowledge and application of listening skills.
- O5 Analyze and critically evaluate the oral communication of others.

QUANTITATIVE OR QUALITATIVE REASONING

Graduates of UH West O'ahu should be able to:

- Q1 Explain the complexity and relevance of qualitative or quantitative data in theoretical and practical situations.
- Q2 Collect, organize, communicate, and draw conclusions and interpretations based on gathered evidence.
- Q3 Assess the validity of arguments and conclusions derived from evidence.
- Q4 Recognize that quantitative or qualitative evidence must be interpreted in a social context.
- Q5 Demonstrate problem solving through oral and written communication.

RESEARCH SKILLS

Graduates of UH West O'ahu should be able to:

- R1 Research topics in the students' academic fields, presenting results through written and oral communication.
- R2 Explain research terms and concepts common to the students' academic fields.
- R3 Explain the purposes, advantages, and disadvantages of various research designs within the students' academic fields.
- R4 Explain what constitutes plagiarism and the ethical and legal elements of research.
- R5 Use both appropriate electronic databases and traditional sources to research, prepare, analyze, and organize information.
- R6 Apply methods of citation and documentation appropriate to the students' academic fields.

CROSS-CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE

Graduates of UH West O'ahu should be able to:

- CC1 Demonstrate basic knowledge of cultures other than their own.
- CC2 Explain the complexities of Hawaiian and Pacific societies and cultures both in traditional and contemporary eras.
- CC3 Explain some of the historical forces, national and international, that have created the present world order.
- CC4 Evaluate specific cross-cultural and multicultural contributions to the students' academic fields.
- CC5 Articulate the advantages of cross-cultural analysis to enhanced learning within a liberal arts and professional studies context.

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