COLLEGE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
COURSE OUTLINE

CIP No. 23.1101
ENG 220 Writing Research Papers

Course Description
Masters skills needed in writing college-level research papers, methods of gathering and evaluating primary and secondary resource materials, and presenting research.

Course prepared by: English Department

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Purpose of Course: Degree Requirement: X

Prerequisite(s): C or better in ENG 102

Signature, Curriculum & Assessment Committee Chairperson: Ruth A. Akotte 10/14/09

Signature, Dean of Academic Affairs: 10/15/09

Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs: 10/15/09

Last Date reviewed or revised: September/2009
II. Course Objectives
   A. General Outcomes

   Students who complete this course will:
   1. Use college-level research and compositional skills for the purpose of exploring and 
      analyzing or documenting a topic of cultural or social importance (LA 1, 2, 3, 5, 6)
   2. Acquire, evaluate, and incorporate various types of research materials (LA 1, 2, 3, 5, 6)
   3. Employ effective research methods (LA 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

   B. Student Learning Outcomes

   Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:
   1. Use college-level research and compositional skills
      a. Discriminate between primary and secondary research
      b. Synthesize original ideas with information gathered from outside sources
      c. Using the writing process formulate a research paper that analyzes or documents 
         a topic and is appropriate to audience and purpose
   2. Incorporate various types of research materials
      a. Evaluate both print and non-print research sources
      b. Utilize a variety of available library resources as well as resources available in the 
         RMI's academic and community settings
   3. Demonstrate valid research methods
      a. Design and prepare a research plan
      b. Use consistent and appropriate methods of citation and documentation of source 
         material
      c. Conscientiously avoid plagiarism

III. Course Content

   Masters skills needed in writing college-level research papers, methods of gathering and 
   evaluating primary and secondary resource materials, and presenting research.

   1. Research as writing process
   2. Library skills
   3. Note-taking and documentation
   4. Non-print research methods
   5. Evaluating sources
   6. Using databases
   7. Conducting interviews and surveys
   8. Survey methods
   9. Building PowerPoint presentations

IV. Methods of Instruction

   1. Lecture
   2. Group work
   3. In-class student presentations
   4. Workshops
V. Equipment and Materials

1. Computer access
2. Internet access
3. Intranet access
4. LCD projector and laptop

VI. Suggested Methods of Evaluation

1. Quizzes
2. Exams
3. Holistically graded short assignments
4. Presentations
5. Portfolio of research process
6. Research notebook
7. Research paper
8. Summaries

Letter grades will be assigned per CMI Grading System.
Course History Summary

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