

WRIT 098: “Writing in Community”

Fall 2023 – 2 credits

We believe our ancestors live in our cultural knowledge, traditions, and way of life and being. When we learn to live like a Yup'ik person, our ancestors are guiding us they are proud of us. This is how the language is intertwined with everything we do and say. —Barbara Amos



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Course Description and Goals

This class will help you improve your writing skills, so you can be successful in college, job training, or any other path you might take after high school. We will learn how to:

- introduce a topic and develop it with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience’s knowledge of the topic.
- provide concluding statements that follow from and support the information or explanation presented (such as articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
- organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions.
- use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
- use precise language and subject-specific vocabulary appropriate for the complexity of the topic.
- write complete sentences and coherent, well-developed paragraphs.

Readings

Your instructors will provide course readings, including selections from *Yuuyaraq: The Way of the Human Being* by Harold Napoleon (Alaska Native Knowledge Network, 1996).

Assignments

WRIT 098 is offered credit / no credit. Students must complete all major writing assignments to receive credit:

Fishcamp
Seasons
Celebrations

Hunting
Berries

Attendance

To help motivate you and keep things fair to everyone, students must attend the full on-campus intensive and participate in the subsequent online sessions to receive credit.

Disability Support Services

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, it is the policy of Alaska Pacific University to make reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. If a student with a disability needs reasonable accommodations, the student must notify the Assistant to the Dean of Students in a timely manner. Once the student notifies the Assistant to the Dean of Students, processes and procedures for documenting a disability will be provided to the student upon request. Once the student provides the required documentation to the Assistant to the Dean of Students, the interactive process for developing reasonable accommodations will begin; this process involves the Assistant to the Dean of Students meeting or talking with the student about his or her needs prior to providing the student with a reasonable accommodation approval or denial letter. Students will be notified, in writing, by the Assistant to the Dean of Students when the request for reasonable accommodations is approved or denied. It is the student's responsibility to present the approval letter, documenting the approved reasonable accommodations with respect to the University course, to the faculty member. To receive reasonable accommodations with respect to a University course, a student must follow the process described above. Faculty members are not expected to make reasonable accommodations for students who have not been officially approved for reasonable accommodations by the Assistant to the Dean of Students. The Assistant to the Dean of Students will not discuss reasonable accommodations for any student with a faculty member, without prior written consent from that student. For more information please contact Kaili Martin, Assistant to the Dean of Students (kamartin@alaskapacific.edu; 907-564-8287).

Honor Policy

APU is a community of learners in which all enjoy freedoms and privileges based upon mutual trust and respect as well as a clear sense of responsibility. Students are expected to do all work assigned, to do it honestly and with integrity. We assume your personal integrity and honesty, and that you will adhere to APU's Honor Policy as defined in the Catalog and Student Handbook (https://www.alaskapacific.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-2021-Student-Handbook_final.pdf). In particular, use of an AI text generator when assignment instructions do not explicitly allow it, or incorporating AI-generated writing without proper attribution, puts students at risk under terms of the APU academic integrity policy and its sanctions.

If You Need Help

APU is committed to providing a learning and residential environment that supports the intellectual and personal development, safety, and welfare of all students and employees. Many of resources exist on campus to help you succeed here:

- Academic Support Center (ASC) in the Atwood Center: 564-8280. The purpose of the ASC is to provide Alaska Pacific University students and employees with the tools and resources necessary to promote student success including computer access, printing services, and tutors. Hours of operation are posted before each semester and updated for vacations and holidays. You can also email them at academicsupportcenter@alaskapacific.edu.
- Counseling & Wellness Center in the Atwood Center: 744-4488 and 744-1953. The Counseling and Wellness Center is a place where students can find someone to talk with. School, relationships, work, family, and daily life concerns, all the way to the most major issues in life are appropriate for counseling. To make an appointment, call, text, or stop by the office. Sessions are arranged with APU graduate students in the Master of Science Counseling Psychology program who are completing their supervised training. The service is free for all APU students. All services offered through the Counseling and Wellness Center are confidential. The Counseling and Wellness Center can also provide referrals to outside resources. The Counseling and Wellness Center organizes educational activities at APU designed to promote campus wellness, including movie nights, speakers, and presentations. Additional resources are listed in the Student Handbook, including:
 - Abused Women's Aid in Crises, Inc.: (907) 272-0100
 - Alaska Women's Resource Center: (907) 276-0528
 - Emergency Services V/TTY: (907) 563-3200
 - Standing Together Against Rape (S.T.A.R.) 24-hour Crisis Line: (907) 276-7273
 - Identity Help Line: (907) 258-4777
 - National Suicide Prevention Line: 1-800-273-8255
 - Crisis Text line: Text HELLO to 741-741
- ANTHC Walk-In Clinic: stop by Advising in Grant Hall for information on medical care provided to APU students.