

MY WAY OR THE AMERICAN WAY? DOMINANT WESTERN ACADEMIA'S EFFECTS ON ESTABLISHING A UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER AND FINDING BALANCE THROUGH NATIVE EXPRESSION



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Part I: Leaving American Assumptions at Azerbaijan's University Door

“I celebrate myself, and sing myself,
And what I assume, you shall assume,
For every atom belonging to me
As good belongs to you.”

-Walt Whitman

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University Education: Visions vs. Realities

American Assumptions

- Professor or group of professors to collaborate with for lessons
- Capability to hold office hours and extracurricular activities for profs/students
- Curriculum and texts to use as support and for inspiration
- Technology in classrooms

Azerbaijani Actualities

- No set position within department
- Official schedule was not coordinated until third week of class
- No accessible curriculum or class syllabi; one textbook
- Some classrooms have no black boards

Part II: Satisfying the Demand - The Students Take Charge

“Reasonable people adapt themselves to the world. Unreasonable people attempt to adapt the world to themselves. All progress, therefore, depend on unreasonable people.”

-George Bernard Shaw



Halloween Party, October 2010

Part III: The Writing Lens

“The difficulty of literature is not to write, but to write what you mean.”

-Robert Louis Stevenson


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“Be yourself. Above all, let who you are, what your are, what you believe, shine through every sentence you write, every piece you finish.”

-John Jakes

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Category	Item	Unit Price (\$)	No. of Items	Total Price (\$)
Writing Materials	Lined Paper	1.50	12	18.00
	Pencils (10 pack)	1.89	2	3.78
	Pen (1 Ballpoint)	1.99	24	47.76
	Eraser	2.29	3	6.87
	Correction Pen	2.99	3	8.97
	Notebook	4.19	12	50.28
Audio Equipment	Voice Recorder (Marantz Handheld)	400.00	2	800.00
	Audio Editing Software (ProTools)	69.00	1	69.00
Project Supplies	Portable White Board	12.88	1	12.88
	Dry Erase Markers	2.99	10	29.90
	Folders (12 pack)	3.99	2	7.98
	Tape	3.50	2	7.50
	Stapler & Staples	15.88	1	15.88
Total				1,078.30