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## Critical and Expository Writing Expectations for Hamline GLS Students

We expect all students to be able to express themselves correctly, clearly, and persuasively as graduates of Hamline's GLS program. This expectation applies equally to MFA and MALS students. We have designed a program called *Elements of Style* to provide individually tailored instruction in these expository writing competencies.

Graduate-level critical and expository writing competencies include:

- Reader awareness
- Thesis and argumentation
- Research basics
- Editing for structure, logical sequence, and coherence
- Use of Modern Language Association (MLA) style, including citations
- Mastery of sentence structure, punctuation, grammar, etc.

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## **The *Elements of Style* Referral Program**

Patricia Weaver Francisco, a member of the GLS faculty, is available to both assess a student's need for assistance and to coach students in expository writing skills. Students may self-refer or be referred by a professor. If a professor or advisor determines that you need improvement in the above areas (often most visible in critical writing), you will be asked to contact Patricia by email ([pfrancisco01@hamline.edu](mailto:pfrancisco01@hamline.edu)) or by phone (612-925-4829) **within one week** of the referral. Students may self-refer at any point by contacting Patricia directly.

Patricia will review a sample of your writing and meet with you to determine what aspects of the *Elements of Style* program are most appropriate for you.

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## ***Elements of Style* Program Components**

- Individual coaching with Patricia Francisco (two 1-hour sessions)
- *Writing the Essay* (a 4-credit course, required for MALS students, offered every fall)
- *How to Succeed in Academic Writing: Elements of Style* (a 2-credit on-line course/ independent study version available beginning Spring, 2007)
- If you are unable to achieve the necessary competencies after working with Patricia and completing the recommended options for study, you will meet with Dean Rockcastle and your advisor to determine a course of action.

We have designed the *Elements of Style* referral program to help GLS students master the skills of critical and expository writing needed to be successful in the program. Please contact Patricia Francisco at (612)925-4829 or [pfrancisco01@hamline.edu](mailto:pfrancisco01@hamline.edu) if you have questions about the program options.