ANTH 175 Polynesian Surf Culture
3 Credits
Tu-Th 1:30-2:45 p.m. at Alaka‘i 101

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EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2010

WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Windward Community College is committed to excellence in the liberal arts and career development; we support and challenge individuals to develop skills, fulfill their potential, enrich their lives, and become contributing, culturally aware members of our community.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Provides students with an understanding of surf culture in the Pacific Basin. Environmental and cultural factors are assessed in relation to surfing’s development in Polynesia, integration into Hawaiian culture, decline due to Western influence, and revitalization as a modern recreational activity. The modern surfing industry is also assessed through a cultural perspective that analyzes business practices utilized by surfing organizations today.

Activities Required at Scheduled Times Other Than Class Times

None. A day in the taro patches is offered as extra credit—A Saturday TBA

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of environmental and cultural factors affecting the development of surfing in Polynesia.
2. Discuss some reasons for surfing’s cultural integration in pre-contact Hawaii.
3. List important legendary characters relating to surfing and discuss their significance.
4. Display an understanding of surfing’s integration into Hawaiian culture, its decline in urban centers due to Western influence, and its revitalization as a modern recreational activity.
5. Coherently address modern social issues relating to surfing.
COURSE TASKS

Evaluation of the student’s achievement of course objectives will be based upon attendance and class participation, completion of homework assignments, quizzes, and written examinations.

50 points  ATTENDANCE AND COMMUNITY DAY: Active participation involves being present for all class sessions, submission of assignments prior to discussion, active listening, contribution to discussion, and asking pertinent questions. Points will be subtracted for any arrival over 10 minutes passed the agreed meeting time. The community service day will be discussed in class, but is outside of class time.

50 points  HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS: Written summaries/reaction papers to reading assignments and lectures will occur throughout the semester. (5 points per paper)

50 points  SEMESTER PROJECT: The student will conduct a semester project on some aspect of the sport of surfing of interest to the student (50 points). The project includes a minimum 6-page (double-spaced) written report as well as a class presentation on the topic. Details regarding this project will be presented in class.

100 points  EXAMINATIONS: A Mid-Term and Final Examination will be given covering the lecture topics, reading assignments, movies, demonstrations, and internet exercises/resources. 50 points per exam.

ASSESSMENT TASKS AND GRADING

METHOD OF GRADING:
The assignment of points will be according to the following protocol:

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<td>Attendance and Participation</td>
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<td>Homework Assignments (5 @ 10 points each)</td>
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<td>Class Project</td>
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<td>Midterm Examination</td>
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<td>Final Examination</td>
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<td>Total Points:</td>
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Each letter grade with its respective level of achievement is as follows:

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<th>Letter Grade</th>
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<td>A</td>
<td>90% - 100% of cumulative points possible</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>80% - 89% of cumulative points possible</td>
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<td>70% - 79% of cumulative points possible</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>60% - 69% of cumulative points possible</td>
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<td>F</td>
<td>below 60% of cumulative points possible</td>
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<td>I</td>
<td>Incomplete: This temporary grade is given at the instructor’s option when a student has failed to complete a small part of a course because of circumstances beyond the student’s control. All required work must be completed by the last day of instruction of the succeeding semester.</td>
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LEARNING RESOURCES


Additional Information

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS:
The student is responsible for keeping abreast with any changes in the syllabus that are announced in class. All quizzes, exams, and assignments must be completed and submitted to the instructor at the specified time and date unless permission is granted by the instructor.

If a student is unable to take a quiz or exam at the scheduled time, the student is responsible for notifying the instructor of the situation and reason(s). The student is responsible for requesting a make-up quiz or exam. An appropriate scoring penalty may be assigned to this make-up quiz or exam at the instructor’s discretion. The student may be required to fulfill additional requirements as specified by the instructor in order to qualify for a make-up test. Retests are not permitted. Any quiz or exam not taken will be assigned a score of zero.

Success in this course will be enhanced by:
1. Demonstrating a positive, inquiring attitude toward all learning.
2. Setting aside adequate time for studying and working on problems.
3. Taking notes and reading the assigned literature.
4. Seeking the assistance of the instructor(s) as needed.
5. Attending all class sessions and responsibly completing all assignments and/or changes to the course syllabus.
6. Keeping abreast with or ahead of the syllabus.
7. Participating in all class discussions.

OTHER INFORMATION:
A student can determine his/her current grade at any time during the semester by dividing his/her cumulative points by the cumulative points possible, converting this value into a percentage, and referring to the table of letter grades shown above.

Any student wishing to be informed of his/her semester grade in advance of the official mailing of report cards should make such a request by E-mailing the instructor.

DISABILITIES ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT

*If you have a physical, sensory, health, cognitive, or mental health disability that could limit your ability to fully participate in this class, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Specialist Counselor to discuss reasonable accommodations that will help you succeed in this class. Ann Lemke can be reached at 235-7448, lemke@hawaii.edu, or you may stop by Hale ‘Akoakoa 213 for more information.*
WEEK #1
8/24 Introduction to Course
Review Course Outline, Goals, Objectives, and Grading Policies
Questionnaire/Essay (What is Surfing to You?)
Student Introductions
Assigned Reading: Finney (pp. 7-49, pp. 94-96, and Appendix E, pp. 102-105)

8/26 Introduction to Anthropology: terms, concepts, and theories
Semester Project Description and Brainstorm

WEEK #2
8/31 Theories of Polynesian Migration
The Polynesian Triangle
Environmental & Cultural Factors effecting Surfing’s Development
Project Homework (I): Develop a written proposal for the Semester Project

9/2 Hawaiian Oceanographic & Surfing Terminology
Physical evidence of Surfing in Hawai`i Nei
Types of Hawaiian Surfboards, their Construction, and their Consecration
Assigned Reading: Kampion (pp. 1-36)

WEEK #3
9/7 Hawaiian Framework for Weather and Surf Forecasting
Assigned Reading: handouts

9/9 An Introduction to Polynesian Voyaging Practices and Revitalization
Assigned Reading: Handouts

WEEK #4
9/14 Polynesian Myths and Legends: Cultural Concepts and the Role of Surfing
Homework #1: Choose a legend and describe the role of surfing portrayed

9/16 Legendary Surfing Characters in Hawai`i
Project Homework (II): Complete outline for Semester Project

WEEK #5
9/21 Surfing Placenames in Hawai`i: Traditional Surfing “Wahi Pana” &
Hawaiian Archaeological Sites associated with Surfing
Assigned Reading: Finney: Appendices B, C, and D (pp. 97-101)

9/23 The Role of Surfing in Hawaii’s Religion and Cultural Practices
Homework #2: Describe a traditional surfing site in your ahupua`a

WEEK #6
9/28 The Framework of Surfing Heritage in Polynesia—Surfing Gods and Traditions

9/30 The Effects of Western Contact on Surfing:
Early Historic Accounts and Pre-1900’s Surfing
The Decline of Surfing in Historic Times
Homework: Review Polynesian Surfing Origins

WEEK #7
10/5 Midterm review
Homework: STUDY FOR MID-TERM EXAMINATION

10/7 Midterm Examination
Assigned Reading: Kampion (pp. 37-54)

WEEK #8
10/12 The Surfing Revival in Hawaii and Beyond—circa 1900’s
Revitalization and the Birth of Recreation 1910’s-1930’s
Homework #3: Pick a Historical Surfing Figure & do a biography

10/14 The Birth of the Waterman
Assigned Reading: Kampion (pp. 55-111)

WEEK# 9
10/19 The Pioneers: Video - Surfing the 50’s
Assigned Reading: handouts

10/21 The Pioneers, then and now: video - Surfing for Life
Project Homework (III): Complete Project Written Rough Draft

WEEK#10
10/26 The Sixties—Globalization of Surfing: Australia, Aotearoa, Peru
Assigned Readings: Handouts

10/28 The Seventies—Drop, Drop Out, Drop In, Surfing and the Drug Revolution
Homework #4: How did world events and global popular culture affect surfing in the 1960s & 70s?

WEEK# 11
11/2 The Surf Guru: define and characterize
Assigned Reading: Kampion (pp. 148-171)

11/4 History of Surfing Contests– video on Pipe Masters History
Competition: Present Day Organizations & Top 20 through the Years
Homework #5: Who’s your Surf Guru? What qualities do you admire?

WEEK# 12
11/9 The History of surfboard design—Surfboards Galore!
Technological Advances in Surfboard Construction Materials
Assigned Reading: Kampion (pp. 111-147)

11/11 VETERAN’S DAY HOLIDAY
WEEK #13
4/15  The Surf Industry -- Professions, Big Names, Event Sponsorship
      Merchandising & Wholesale Manufacturing
      Retail Sales Strategies, Logo Design, and Accessories

4/17  Ocean Safety and Risk Management Philosophies
      Social Issues in Surfing: Crowds and Etiquette, Sharing Waves with other Sports
      Assigned Reading: Kampion (pp. 172-217)
      Homework:  Finish the Written Semester Project and Prepare for Presentation

WEEK #14  Community Outreach Day, Saturday November 20th; HAKIPUʻU-9:00 a.m.
11/23 Community Outreach Discussion Day—thoughts and feedback

11/25  Thanksgiving, no class

WEEK #15
*ATTENDANCE REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE ON PRESENTATION DAYS*
3 points off your attendance grade for every class you miss during the presentations.

11/23  Final Papers Due & Presentations  -- 4 per day

11/25  Presentations

WEEK# 16
11/30 Presentations

12/2  Presentations

WEEK# 17
12/7  Presentations

12/9  Final Exam Review

WEEK# 18  FINAL EXAM on:

Thursday, December 16  1:30 to 3:20pm

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