HAWAIIAN STUDIES 107 HAWAII: CENTER OF THE PACIFIC (HAP)
Course No. 63165
MW 10:00-11:15
A’o 106
3 credits
MA KA HANA KA ‘IKE
‘A‘OLE PAU KA ‘IKE I KA HALAU HO‘OKahi

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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

An introduction to Hawai‘i and Hawaiian culture in the context of the larger Pacific,
including Hawaiian origins, settlement, language, land, history, society, religion and the
arts. Online course weeks of instruction run from Wednesday to Wednesday.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student learning outcomes for the course include:

1. Compare and contrast cultures and histories of Pacific island peoples in relation to
their languages, religious traditions, artistic expressions, material culture, and
political and economic development.
2. Identify ways in which the environment has shaped Hawaiian and Pacific island
culture.
3. Describe the integration of land in Hawaiian culture and the historic changes in
the relationship between people and land through written and oral
communication.
4. Describe aspects of Hawaiian relationship with other groups of people in and
outside of Hawai‘i. Identify implications of the relationships and develop
proposals for possible ways to affect positive change.
5. Identify, access, and evaluate major Hawaiian studies sources.
COURSE TASKS AND ASSIGNMENTS

1. **Assigned readings and Videos**
   - There will be weekly reading assignments, which will come from two history textbooks and various articles. One of the history books is a required purchase for this class ($35.00 + $5.00 shipping and handling) while the other textbook and articles will be provided via Laulima (no cost). To supplement the assigned readings there are a number of assigned videos that will further broaden our comprehension of the theme of a particular week. These videos are located in the “Resources” link.
   
   ***Successful completion of this course is contingent upon thorough examination of all assigned readings.***

2. **Mastery examinations.**
   - There will be one mid-term examination and one final examination.

3. **Online Discussion/Participation**
   - Since this is an online course, participation is required. Students must participate by posting their comments on the discussion board each week. Students will be prompted to answer a question I will pose at the beginning of the week and will have until the end of the week to post. Our weeks are from Wednesday to Wednesday. Students are also encouraged to respond to postings by your classmates that will promote discussion. Because there may be multiple readings or videos to watch in a given week, students should post comments that reflect a thorough comprehension of all the assigned literature and media for that week. In other words, when posting comments, please attempt to connect all literature and media assigned for that given week to the theme of that week.

ASSESSMENT

Student assessment will be based on the following:

100 pts. for **Mid-term** and **Final exams** (50 pts. per exam)
50 pts. for **participation** (online postings, discussion, commentary)
Total= 150 pts

A = 130-150
B = 100-129
C = 70-99
D = 40-69
F = Below 39

LEARNING RESOURCES

Texts
- Dr. W.D. Alexander, “Brief History of the Hawaiian People.” Hawaiian Kingdom Board of Education, 1891. (No Cost)

Book Chapters, Journal Articles, and News Articles

• Adams, Jonathan, May 3, 2007, “Rising Sea Levels Threaten Small Pacific Island Nations” in International Herald Tribune Asia-Pacific


• Gonschor, Lorenz, 2013, “Ka Hoku o Osiania: Promoting the Hawaiian Kingdom as a Model for Political Transformation in Nineteenth-Century Oceania,” Agents of Transcultuation, 157-182


• Tsai, Michael, January 4, 1995, “Pondering Pidgin,” Honolulu Weekly, 4-6
COURSE EXPECTATIONS

Respect the class as a learning environment by:

- Positive engagement in discussions.
- Use of appropriate language.
- Respecting the opinion and experiences of others.

COURSE SCHEDULE

EACH WEEK IS FROM WEDNESDAY TO WEDNESDAY

Week #1 (Aug. 22 & 24): Introduction to Class

READ: “From the Agent of the Hawaiian Kingdom: Setting the Record Straight on the Larsen Case” (2016), Hawaiian Kingdom Blog; and “South China Sea Tribunal References Larsen v. Hawaiian Kingdom,” (2016), Hawaiian Kingdom Blog.

Week #2 (Aug. 29 & 31): Origins and Migrations

READ: Chapters 1-5, Dr. W.D. Alexander (1891)
WATCH: Light at the Edge of the World-The Wayfinders (46:32 mins)

Week #3 (Sep. 5 & 7): Traditional and Cultural Values-

READ: 1) Chapters 6-14, Dr. W.D. Alexander (1891) 2) “Traditional Hawaiian Metaphors”, Kameʻeleihiwa (1992)

Week #4 (Sep. 12 & 14): Native Languages

WATCH: Pidgin-The Voice of Hawai‘i (4:28 mins)

Week #5 (Sep. 19 & 21): Native Religions


Week #6 (Sep. 26 & 28): Physical Environment

WATCH: That Sinking Feeling-PNG (17:08 mins)
Week #7 (Oct. 3 & 5): Hawaiian Art and Literature – Midterm Exam

**READ:** 1) “Carving a Hawaiian Aesthetic,” Dudoit (1998) 2) “I am This Land and This Land is Me”, Kanahele (2005)

**WATCH:** 1) *Making His Mark: A Visit With Keone Nunes* (26:01 mins) 2) *Jamaica Osorio Performs Kumulipo at the White House* (2:19 mins)

**MIDTERM EXAM: October 5.** Midterm Exam will cover readings and videos from week #1

Week #8 (Oct. 10 & 12): Legal and Political Historical Overview

**READ:** Introduction and Chapter 1 of “Ua Mau Ke Ea…” Sai (2011)

**WATCH:** Chapter 1 video

Week #9 (Oct. 17 & 19): Legal and Political Historical Overview

**READ:** Chapters 2-3 of “Ua Mau Ke Ea…” Sai (2011)

**WATCH:** Chapter 2 and 3 video

Week #10 (Oct. 24 & 26): Legal and Political Historical Overview

**READ:** “Ka Hoku o Osiania: Promoting the Hawaiian Kingdom as a Model for Political Transformation in Nineteenth-Century Oceania” Gonschor (2013)

**WATCH:** Interview with Lorenz Gonschor

Week #11 (Oct. 31 & Nov. 2): Legal and Political Historical Overview

**READ:** Chapters 4-5 in “Ua Mau Ke Ea…” Sai (2011)

**WATCH:** Chapter 5 and 6 video

Week #12 (Nov. 7 & 9): Legal and Political Historical Overview

**READ:** Chapters 6-7 in “Ua Mau Ke Ea…” Sai (2011)

**WATCH:** Chapter 6 and 7 video

Week #13 (Nov. 14 & 16): Legal and Political Historical Overview

**READ:** Chapters 8-9 in “Ua Mau Ke Ea…” Sai (2011)

**WATCH:** Chapter 8 and 9 video

Week #14 (Nov. 21 & 23): Legal and Political Historical Overview

**READ:** Chapters 10-12 in “Ua Mau Ke Ea…”

**WATCH:** Chapter 10 and 12 video

Week #15 (Nov. 28 & 30): The American Occupation

Week #16 (Dec. 5 & 7): Final Exam Review

Final Exam will cover readings and videos from week #8

25 points “extra credit” due December 7 (Reaction Paper)

FINAL EXAM: December 7

****Course Syllabus Subject to Change****