HAWEIAN STUDIES 255:
INTRODUCTION TO THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM
Spring 2017 CRN #64180
3 credits (online)
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

This course covers the origins and features of the Hawaiian state. Starting with Hawai‘i’s roots as a navigator society, this course explores the island kingdoms of Kaua‘i, O‘ahu, Maui and Hawai‘i island. Detailed interaction between Hawaiians and navigators from other countries around the world such as Cook and Vancouver open up an investigation through the reign of Kamehameha I and his powerful wife Ka‘ahumanu. The decision to construct a constitutional monarchy, achieve state recognition and develop a modern nation-state are examined further through the eighty-eight year period of Kingdom of Hawai‘i statecraft. Using tools from history, linguistics, social sciences and law, students will engage the transition of Hawaiian political systems as they emerged across specific periods with an eye towards developing theoretical frameworks for understanding why Hawaiian political systems progressed as they did.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student learning outcomes for the course are:

1. The student will be able to identify and analyze key narratives, historical figures and events in the discovery and settlement of the Hawaiian Islands.
2. The student will be able to identify and analyze key historical figures and events in the formation and development of the Hawaiian nation and state through the 19th century.
3. The student will be able to describe and analyze the historical interaction between Hawaiian and European values, ideas and technology as they relate to political systems.
COURSE TASKS AND ASSIGNMENTS

METHODOLOGY:
Students will be expected to complete the required readings. Grading is based on (20%) class participation and attendance, (40%) mid-term exam, and (40%) final exam. The class will be conducted in a seminar format and participation is required.

LEARNING RESOURCES

Texts


- David Keanu Sai, Larsen Case: Lance Larsen vs. Hawaiian Kingdom, Hochi, Honolulu (2003), accessible on Laulima

Articles

- Programme for Patriotic Exercises in the Public Schools, Territory of Hawai’i Department of Public Instruction, 2-14 (1906), accessible on Laulima.

- “Hawai‘i’s Lesson to Headstrong California,” William Inglis, Harper’s Weekly, 226-228 (1907), accessible on Laulima.


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

Week #1 (Jan. 11 - 18)—Introduction to the course and expectations

Week #2 (Jan. 18 – 25)—The Hawaiian Kingdom
- WATCH VIDEO: “1893 Executive Agreements & Profound Impacts Today”

Week #3 (Jan. 25 – Feb. 1)—Evolution of Absolute Authority (Part I)
- READ: Pages 9-37, Ua Mau Ke Ea: Sovereignty Endures, Dr. Keanu Sai (2011)
- WATCH VIDEO: Chapters 1-3, DVD—Ua Mau Ke Ea: Sovereignty Endures

Week #4 (Feb. 1 - 8)—Government Reform (Part II)
- READ: Pages 45-65, UA MAU KE EA: Sovereignty Endures, Dr. Keanu Sai (2011)
- WATCH VIDEO: Chapters 4-6, DVD—Ua Mau Ke Ea: Sovereignty Endures

Week #5 (Feb. 8 - 15)—Hawaiian Diplomacy in the 19th century
- READ: “Ka Hoku o Osiania: Promoting the Hawaiian Kingdom as a Model for Political Transformation in Nineteenth-Century Oceania” Gonschor (2013)
- WATCH VIDEO: Interview with Lorenz Gonschor

Week #6 (Feb. 15 - 22)—United States Seizure of the Hawaiian Islands (Part III)
- READ: Pages 73-95, UA MAU KE EA: Sovereignty Endures, Dr. Keanu Sai (2011)
- WATCH VIDEO: Chapters 7-9, DVD—Ua Mau Ke Ea: Sovereignty Endures; “New Research in Hawaiian History: Christianity”

Week #7 (Feb. 22 – Mar. 1)—Occupation of the Hawaiian Kingdom (Part IV)
- READ: Pages 103-127, UA MAU KE EA: Sovereignty Endures, Dr. Keanu Sai (2011); Territory of Hawai‘i Department of Public Instruction, Programme for Patriotic Exercises in the Public Schools, 2-14 (1906); “Hawai‘i’s Lesson to Headstrong California,” William Inglis, Harper’s Weekly, 226-228 (1907)
- WATCH VIDEO: Chapters 10-12, DVD—Ua Mau Ke Ea: Sovereignty Endures

Week #8 (Mar. 1 – 2)—MIDTERM EXAM
- (Mar. 2 - 8)—International Law: Presumption of Continuity
Week #9 (Mar. 8 – 15) — Acting Government Established by Doctrine of Necessity

Week #10 (Mar. 15 – 22) — International Proceedings
  • WATCH VIDEO: “Larsen v. Hawaiian Kingdom, Permanent Court of Arbitration”

Week #11 (Mar. 22 – 29) — NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK

Week #12 (Mar. 29 – Apr. 5) — Hawaiian Nationality

Week #13 (Apr. 5 – 12) — Hawaiians in Control or Colonialism

Week #14 (Apr. 12 – 19) — Comparing Ka Lahui and the Acting Government

Week #15 (Apr. 19 – 26) — What is “Hawaiian”

Week #16 (Apr. 26 – May 3) — Hawaiian National Consciousness

*****FINAL EXAM MAY 3*****

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