WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Windward Community College offers innovative programs in the arts and sciences and opportunities to gain knowledge and understanding of Hawai‘i and its unique heritage. With a special commitment to support the access and educational needs of Native Hawaiians, we provide O‘ahu’s Ko‘olau region and beyond with liberal arts, career and lifelong learning in a supportive and challenging environment — inspiring students to excellence.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

This course provides an overview of statewide issues and organizations involved with ocean and freshwater activities, including management, education, research and business. It also provides an orientation to the Marine Option Program (MOP) and reviews the requirements of the MOP certificate. The course explores opportunities for internships, projects and careers related to water environments. The course will present guidelines on proposal writing, project implementation, data collection and interpretation, and final report preparation and presentation.

Activities Required at Scheduled Times Other Than Class Times
Class meets synchronously every other Wednesday 1:00pm - 2:15pm, on Oct 20, Nov 3 & 17, Dec 1. Alternating weeks have asynchronous assignments with no scheduled meeting times.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

The learning outcomes for this course are:

1. Develop a curriculum/program to facilitate the completion of a Marine Option Program (MOP) Certificate at WCC and other MOP campuses.
2. Describe the ocean and freshwater related activities that are being undertaken statewide and on other UH campuses.
3. Find information about statewide/nationwide/international projects, organizations, and career opportunities relating to marine and freshwater systems.
4. Find information about internship and scholarship opportunities relating to water environments.
5. Identify an appropriate MOP project topic.
6. Identify appropriate mentors and experts in the project area.
7. Complete a written MOP project proposal.
COURSE CONTENT

Concepts or Topics

• Overview of the Marine Option Program (MOP)
• MOP certificate requirements
• Campus-by-campus MOP activities
• The Quantitative Underwater Ecological Survey Techniques Workshop (QUEST)
• Underwater archaeology
• Other MOP system projects and activities
• The University of Hawai'i Diving Safety Program
• Marine sciences at the University of Hawai'i
• Ocean-related organizations
• Accessing library resources
• Preparing a MOP skill project proposal
• Making an oral presentation
• Using PowerPoint

Skills or Competencies

• List the MOP certificate requirements
• Identify the WCC MOP faculty, the WCC MOP coordinators, and the UH system MOP coordinator.
• List all of the MOP campuses and describe some of the activities each of these campuses engages in.
• Identify various governmental and private-sector organizations involved with the ocean, providing examples of some of the activities these agencies are involved with.
• Describe the requirements for QUEST.
• Describe the general requirements for becoming a UH-certified SCUBA diver.
• Use information retrieval technologies to access literature sources relevant to a MOP project idea.
• Select a topic for a MOP skill project and complete a project proposal for this topic.
• Use PowerPoint to create a short presentation describing your proposed MOP project.
• Make an oral presentation describing your proposed project.

COURSE TASKS ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

Evaluation of the student's achievement of course objectives will be based upon completion of various assignments, including: an essay describing an ocean-related organization, a completed MOP application, a written project proposal (completed in parts – see below), and an oral discussion of written project proposal with instructor.

Active class participation. Active participation involves completing online assignments for class sessions, submission of assignments and asking pertinent questions during synchronous meeting days.

Essay on a marine-related organization. Involves researching about a marine-related organization with significant importance to Hawai'i and composing a short (2-3 typed pages) description about it (more information will be passed out on this activity later).
Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

A......90% or above in total points;
B......80-89.9% of total points;
C......65-79.9% of total points;
D......55-64.9% of total points;
F......Below 55% of total points, or informal or incomplete official withdrawal from course, or missing more than three of the scheduled class sessions, or missing the final exam session;
N......Not given except under extremely rare circumstances (e.g., documented serious illness or emergency that prevents the student from officially withdrawing from the course); never used as an alternative for an “F” grade;
I......Incomplete; given at the instructor’s option when the student is unable to
complete only a small part of the course because of circumstances beyond his or her control. It is the student’s responsibility to make up incomplete work. Failure to satisfactorily make up incomplete work within the appropriate time period will result in a grade change for "I" to the contingency grade identified by the instructor;

CR...65% or above in total points;
NC...Below 65% of total points (this grade only available under the CR/NC option);
W.....Official withdrawal from the course.

All written assignments must be received by their respective due dates for full credit eligibility. Receipt of an assignment after its due date will result in an automatic 10% point penalty (10% of total possible points) subtracted from the total points the student received on the assignment, provided the assignment is submitted within one week of the due date. Any assignment received more than one week after its due date will not be accepted and the student will not receive any points for that assignment.

LEARNING RESOURCES

Handouts will be made available in class sessions and through the OCN 101 Laulima site.

Useful Websites
OCN 101 Lualima Site: https://laulima.hawaii.edu/portal
WCC Marine Option Homepage: http://www.wcc.hawaii.edu/MOP/
UHM Marine Option Homepage: http://www.hawaii.edu/mop/
UH Diving Safety Program: http://www.hawaii.edu/ehso/diving/

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 ʻAkoakoa 213 for more information.

TITLE IX STATEMENT

Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance. Specifically, Title IX prohibits sex discrimination; sexual harassment and gender-based harassment, including harassment based on actual or perceived sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; sexual assault; sexual exploitation; domestic violence; dating violence; and stalking. For more information regarding your rights under Title IX, please visit: https://windward.hawaii.edu/Title_IX/.