



UNIVERSITY of HAWAII®  
**WINDWARD**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MUS 277, Mele, Mo'ōlelo, and Motion

3 Credits (CRN 61395)

ASYNCHRONOUS

OPTIONAL CLASS TIME: T – TH FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Kawaikapuoklani Hewett

**Zoom Virtual Office:** By appointment only (email me to schedule)

**EMAIL:** [kkh66@hawaii.edu](mailto:kkh66@hawaii.edu) ; email is the fastest way to reach me; I will usually respond to emails sent Sundays through Thursdays within 24 hours, and on Mondays if the email is sent on Fridays or Saturdays.

**TELEPHONE:** (808)236-9286

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** SPRING 2022,  
JAN. 10, 2022 – MAY 13, 2022

## 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 the Ko'olau region of O'ahu and beyond with liberal arts, career and lifelong learning in a supportive and challenging environment — inspiring students to excellence.*

### CATALOG DESCRIPTION

This is a music class that focuses on Hawaiian songs, the stories that accompany those songs, and how the motions of the hula interact with both the lyrics and the stories. May be repeated up to 6 credits.

**Activities Required at Scheduled Times Other Than Class Times:** TBA

### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Explain the connection between Hawaiian music lyrics, the stories and the hula motions.
2. Discuss meaning of Hawaiian lyrics and poetry.
3. Demonstrate motions and steps that would be appropriate for the chosen mele.
4. Demonstrate correct pronunciation of Hawaiian music lyrics.

## COURSE TASKS

**Assignments-** The assignments that you are given to complete outside of class are given to support you within the class. You should keep up with the weekly assignments. The assignments are critical to the overall understanding that you will get from the class. The assignments are designed to give you a holistic understanding of Hawaiian music.

**Presentation/Performance-** You will be required to present video when request pertinent to subject matter. These video will be posted to the Laulima pPogram

## ASSESSMENT TASKS AND GRADING

Assignments- 50%

Mid Term Summary Paper – 25%

Final Summary Paper – 25%

## COURSE SCHEDULE

**The below schedule is subject to change:**

### Week 1

Introduce course study and objectives, mele, mo‘o‘ōlelo and motion.

Explanation of assignments. 1. Reflection papers 2. Video 3. Summaries

Explanation of grading.

Lecture: understanding the different components of mele. The ‘ōlelo/the words, the mo‘o ‘ōlelo/story and the kaona/hidden meaning.

### Week 2

Mele 1 – Ola i ka hā/Life in the breath.

Aia i hea ka hā o ka mele/Where is the breath/life force of the mele?

Lecture presentation on the ‘ōlelo and the mo‘o‘ōlelo of the mele.

Introduction of the basic gestures. Ke kuhi a ka lima.

### Week 3

Mele – Ola i ka hā/Life in the breath

Lecture continuation.

Introduction of the basic gestures. Ke kuhi a ka lima.

**Week 4**

Mele 2 – He waiwai nui ka ‘ike o nā kūpuna e/the knowledge of kūpuna is of great wealth  
Aia i hea ka waiwai o ka mele/Where is the value/wealth of the mele?

Lecture presentation on the mo‘o‘ōlelo of the mele.

Introduction of the basic gestures. Ke kuhi a ka lima.

**Week 5**

Mele – He waiwai nui ka ‘ike o nā kūpuna e.

Lecture continuation.

Introduction of the basic gestures. Ke kuhi a ka lima.

**Week 6**

Mele 3– O kāne iā wai ‘ololī o ka wahine iā wai ‘ololā/the narrow waters to kāne the broad waters to wahine.

Aia i hea ka pono o ka mele/Where is the order of the mele?

Lecture presentation on the mo‘o‘ōlelo of the mele.

Introduction of the basic gestures. Ke kuhi a ka lima.

**Week 7**

Mele – O kāne iā wai ‘ololī o ka wahine iā wai ‘ololā.

Lecture continuation.

Continuation of the basic gestures. Ke kuhi a ka lima.

**Week 8**

Mele 4 – Kupu ana kupu ana kupu ana e/sprouting, growing, increasing.

Aia i hea ke kupu o ka mele/Where is the growth of the mele?

Lecture presentation on the mo‘o‘ōlelo of the mele

Introduction of the basic gestures. Ke kuhi a ka lima.

**Week 9**

Mele -Kupu ana kupu ana kupu ana e.

Lecture continuation.

Continuation of the basic gestures. Ke kuhi a ka lima.

**Week 10**

Mele 5 – I He‘e‘ia/at He‘e‘ia

Aia i hea ka mo‘okū‘auhau o ka mele/Where is the genealogy of the mele?

Lecture presentation on the mo‘o‘ōlelo of the mele.

Introduction of the basic gestures. Ke kuhi a ka lima.

**Week 11**

Mele – I He‘e‘ia

Lecture continuation.

Continuation of the basic gestures. Ke kuhi a ka lima.

**Week 12**

Mele 6 – Ka wai lehua ‘a‘ala ka honua/Lehua waters that bring fragrance to the earth.

Aia i hea ka nani o ka mele/Where is the beauty of the mele?

Lecture presentation on the mo‘o‘ōlelo of the mele.

Introduction of basic steps. Ka hele a ka wāwae.

Introduction of the basic gestures. Ke kuhi a ka lima.

**Week 13**

Mele – Ka wai lehua ‘a‘ala ka honua.

Lecture continuation.

Continuation of basic steps. Ka hele a ka wāwae.

Continuation of the basic gestures. Ke kuhi a ka lima.

**Week 14**

Mele 7 – Ka pilina/The relationship.

Aia i hea ka pilina o ka mele/Where is the connections of the mele?

Lecture presentation on the mo‘o‘ōlelo of the mele.

Introduction of basic steps. Ka hele a ka wāwae.

Introduction of the basic gestures. Ke kuhi a ka lima.

**Week 15**

Mele – Ka pilina.

Lecture continuation.

Continuation of basic steps. Ka hele a ka wāwae.

Continuation of the basic gestures. Ke kuhi a ka lima.

**Week 16**

Mele 8– Poli‘ahu

Aia i hea ka hohonu o ka mele/Where is the depth of the mele?

Lecture presentation on the mo‘o‘ōlelo of the mele.

Introduction of basic steps. Ka hele a ka wāwae.

Introduction of the basic gestures. Ke kuhi a ka lima.

## LEARNING RESOURCES

Hawaiian Dictionary, Revised and enlarged edition by Mary Kawena Puku‘i and Samuel Elbert. (can also be found at [wehewehe.org](http://wehewehe.org))

Weekly handouts in Laulima.

## DISABILITIES ACCOMMODATIONS

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 Accessibility Counselor to discuss reasonable accommodations that will help you succeed in this class. Roy Inouye can be reached at (808) 235-7448, [royinouy@hawaii.edu](mailto:royinouy@hawaii.edu), or you may stop by Hale Kāko‘o 106 for more information.

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If you or someone you know is experiencing any of these, WCC has staff and resources to support and assist you. To report an incident of sex discrimination or gender-based violence, as well as receive information and support, please contact one of the following:

Jojo Miller, Confidential Advocate  
 Phone: (808) 348-0663  
 Email: [advocate@hawaii.edu](mailto:advocate@hawaii.edu)  
 Office: Hale Kāko‘o 110

Desrae Kahale, Mental Health Counselor & Confidential Resource  
 Phone: (808) 235-7393  
 Email: [dkahale3@hawaii.edu](mailto:dkahale3@hawaii.edu)  
 Office: Hale Kāko‘o 101

Karla K. Silva-Park, Title IX Coordinator  
 Phone: (808) 235-7468  
 Email: [karlas@hawaii.edu](mailto:karlas@hawaii.edu)  
 Office: Hale ‘Ākoakoa 220

As a member of the University faculty, I am required to immediately report any incident of sex discrimination or gender-based violence to the campus Title IX Coordinator. Although the Title IX Coordinator and I cannot guarantee confidentiality, you will still have options about how your case will be handled. My goal is to make sure you are aware of the range of options available to you and have access to the resources and support you need.

For more information regarding sex discrimination and gender-based violence, the University’s Title IX resources and the University’s Policy, Interim EP 1.204, go to [manoa.hawaii.edu/titleix/](http://manoa.hawaii.edu/titleix/)

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Students will receive a failing grade for plagiarized assignments.

All cases of academic dishonesty are referred to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

## ALTERNATE CONTACT INFORMATION

If you are unable to contact the instructor, have questions that your instructor cannot answer, or for any other issues, please contact the Academic Affairs Office:

Location: Alakai 121

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Email: [wccaa@hawaii.edu](mailto:wccaa@hawaii.edu)

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