



UNIVERSITY of HAWAI'I  
WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ke Kulanui Kaiāulu o ke Ko'olau

GEO-101 The Natural Environment

Fall 2024

3 Credits (CRN 64196)

Online Asynchronous

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**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.*

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Fall 2024

**Clickable Link for Zoom Personal Meeting Room:** <https://hawaii.zoom.us/j/3387093879>

**NOTE:** If you have any questions about this course, please call my cellphone or e-mail me using my UH e-mail. Always include “**GEO 101**” in the subject field of your e-mail, so that I will notice it immediately. We can also have zoom sessions in my Zoom Personal Meeting Room, which will allow us to share Lulima and online course information.

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**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: Alaka'i 121
- Phone: (808) 235-7422

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**CATALOG DESCRIPTION**

Survey of the natural environment; distribution and interrelationships of climates, vegetation, soil and land forms.

**Activities Required at Scheduled Times Other than Class Times**

This is an online course, thus has no scheduled times.

**NOTE:** The **Midterms & Final Exam** will be taken at home through Lualima. Midterms and the Final will be open book timed exams. You can take each exam **ONLY** once.

## Participation Verification

Campuses are required by federal regulations to verify the participation of students in their classes. In accordance with Executive Policy 7.209, all students in the University of Hawai'i system are required to establish "participation" to ensure that they are not dropped from their class(es). Students who fail to participate by the late registration period for a class will be administratively dropped from that class. Students may also be dropped from dependent prerequisite and/or corequisite classes if both courses do not establish participation.

## STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

As a result of taking this course, students can expect to attain the following outcomes:

1. Describe the components (inputs), processes (actions) and resulting spatial patterns (outputs) of the physical environment (atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere and biosphere) as a **system**.
2. Apply the **scientific method**, and **theories** and **concepts** of geography to explain a physical environment.
3. Explain critically the **interaction** of humans and the physical environment.
4. Illustrate how his/her views of the physical environment have (or have not) changed.

## UH E-MAIL

Occasionally, a rush message announcement is disseminated via the UH e-mail. Please check your UH e-mail often. Do not worry about misplacing any emails, as any course content you receive by email will also be on our Lualima site (usually posted as an announcement).

## REQUIREMENTS COURSE SATISFIES

**At WCC:** Meets AA degree physical science requirement of the Natural Science requirements (**DP**). Note: GEO 101Lab meets science laboratory course requirement (**DY**).  
Also fulfills marine related elective requirement for the Marine Option Program Academic Subject Certificate (**MOP**)

This class section is **S-focused**, meaning that content will focus primarily on sustainability from within a given academic discipline

and/or the course will examine an issue or topic using sustainability as a lens (**SF**). For more information please visit: <https://windward.hawaii.edu/sustainability-curriculum-committee/>.

**At UHM:** Meets Natural Science general education requirements (**DP**). Note: GEO 101Lab meets science laboratory course requirement (**DY**).

## RECOMMENDED BASIC SKILLS LEVEL

Ability to read and write at a college level; math at college level

## LEARNING RESOURCES – ZERO COST (Free) Textbook

**1. Required Textbook:** [Geography 101 Book](#) (Online Textbook) by Dennis Nullet

Available from the Textbook Tab in the Lulima site

**2. Required Lecture Notes (Think of this like a second online textbook):**

Available from the [Lecture Notes](#) Tab in the class Lulima site

## COURSE TASKS

This class examines the Earth's Natural Environment. The structure and processes of major environments are discussed.

### Assignments:

It is assumed that you read and understand all the assigned parts of the online **textbook** and **lecture notes**. Think of the online **lecture notes** as a second online resource.

There will be **weekly quizzes** on the materials covered in the textbook **and** lecture notes. These quizzes count toward your final grade. The quizzes will be available through the [Assignments, Tests and Surveys](#) tab of Lulima.

There will also be **weekly discussions** posts students must complete for the participation points. These discussion posts count towards your final grade. The discussion posts will be available through the [Discussions and Private Messages](#) tab of Lulima.

**Participation in weekly discussion posts is mandatory.** Weekly discussion posts are scored for participation points.

Any changes in the content/material/schedule/procedure related to the class will be announced on Lulima in a timely fashion.

## ASSESSMENT TASKS AND GRADING

### Student Evaluation:

1. There will be **Total 300** points for the evaluation as follows:

- **Three Exams** (60 points each)      x 3      =      180 points
- **Chapter Quizzes** (5 points each)      x 12      =      60 points
- **Participation** (5 points each week)      x 12      =      60 points

Reviews for Exams are available in the [Exam Questions Review by Chapter](#) tab of Laulima. Also, students should use the Laulima Review function for **Weekly Quizzes**.

**Requirement 1:** You must achieve **60%** or better of the total of exams, quizzes and attendance/participation points to pass the course.

You must complete the **Exams** during the designated weeks of the semester.

**Midterm Exams and Final** are non-proctored open book and taken at home through Laulima.

**Requirement 2:** No more than **50%** missing weekly discussion entries

**Participation** (via Discussion) will be used to evaluate each student's achievement of course objectives listed above. Students missing discussion regularly (i.e. more than **50%** of possible number of entries), cannot be assessed for these objectives and likely **drop one letter grade**. Each week, students will be required to do **two (2) posts** as part of their discussions (to earn the 5 possible points each week).

Please refrain from subjects that are not appropriate in public discussion.

### 3. Extra Credit Exam (Extra 15 points)

There is an extra credit final exam that is worth up to 15 points extra credit. Think of it as an extra credit practice final exam.

### Grading uses the standard scale:

1. **A:** 90.0-100.0%, **B:** 80.0-89.9%; **C:** 70.0-79.9%, **D:** 60.0-69.9%, **F:** 0-59.9%.
2. For Cr/NC options, Incomplete ("I" grade), and "W" grade, see the WCC College Catalog.
3. There is no "N" grade in this class.

### NOTE:

1. There is **NO** extra credit work other than the **Extra Credit Exam** (unless announced via UH e-mail).
2. There are **NO make-ups for missed** quizzes or missed Weekly Discussions.

## GEOG 101: Chapters, Lecture Notes, Quizzes and Exam Schedules.

Lecture Notes may not follow their numbered order. Everything presented in previously assigned Lecture Notes may be on all future exams (the information is cumulative).

Tasks	Material Covered	Date
<b>Weekly Quiz</b> (Ch 1–12)	Multiple choice questions for Online Textbook and Lecture Notes (PDF)	Weekly (1 <sup>st</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> weeks) Thru <b>Laulima</b> ( <b>NOT</b> proctored: Open Book; Note: they have a <b>time limit</b> once started)
<b>Midterm 1</b> (Exam #1)	Multiple choice questions for Textbook: Chapters <b>1–4</b> ; Lecture Notes <b>01–10</b> ; Also study <b>Key Concepts &amp; Terms</b>	6–7 <sup>th</sup> week Thru <b>Laulima</b> ( <b>NOT</b> proctored: Open Book; Note: Exams have a <b>time limit</b> once started)
<b>Midterm 2</b> (Exam #2)	Multiple choice questions for Textbook: Chapters <b>5–8</b> Lecture Notes <b>09–16</b> ; Also study <b>Key Concepts &amp; Terms</b>	10–11 <sup>th</sup> week Thru <b>Laulima</b> ( <b>NOT</b> proctored: Open Book; Note: Exams have a <b>time limit</b> once started)
<b>Final Exam</b> (Exam #3)	Multiple choice questions for Textbook: Chapters <b>9–12</b> ; Lecture Notes <b>17–24</b> ; Also study <b>Key Concepts &amp; Terms</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> –16 <sup>th</sup> week Thru <b>Laulima</b> ( <b>NOT</b> proctored: Open Book; Note: Exams have a <b>time limit</b> once started)
<b>Extra Credit Exam</b> ( <b>Optional</b> )	Multiple choice questions about the natural environment. Think of this as an practice final exam that can count for extra credit points.	15 <sup>th</sup> –16 <sup>th</sup> week on <b>Laulima</b> ( <b>NOT</b> proctored: Open Book; Note: Exams have a <b>time limit</b> once started)
<b>Discussion</b>	Discussion on the topic of the week	<b>Reasonable</b> entries** ( <b>2 entries per week</b> ; see <b>Discussion</b> in Syllabus)

\*\*：“Reasonable entries” for discussion posts means that single-line comments such as “That’s great!” **will not count**. Use your common sense, please.

## Weekly Quiz: Covered Materials & Week Due

Quiz #	Week Due	Chapters	Lecture Notes
#1 (Ch01)	2	1	01, 02 & 03
#2 (Ch02)	3	2	03, 04, 06 & 07
#3 (Ch03)	4	3	05, 06, 08 & 09
#4 (Ch04)	5	4	07, 08 & 10
#5 (Ch05)	6	5	09, 10 & 14
#6 (Ch06)	7	6	11 & 16
#7 (Ch07)	8	7	12, 13 & 14
#8 (Ch08)	9	8	15 & 16
#9 (Ch09)	10	9	17 & 18
#10 (Ch10)	11	10	19 & 20
#11 (Ch11)	12	11	21 & 22
#12 (Ch12)	13	12	23 & 24

**NOTE 1: Weekly Quizzes** cover **both** lecture notes **and** the online textbook readings. It is mandatory to read all chapters and lecture notes assigned. Each quiz includes multiple-choice questions, including true/false questions. Students will have the access to the review function for quizzes immediately after the quiz closing date.

Both (1) **Key concepts and terms** and (2) **Reviews for Multiple Choice Exams** are available in the **Resources** page on **Laulima**.

**NOTE 2:** Exact open and due dates of each quiz are available on the **Assignments, Tests and Surveys tab** on **Laulima**. Open and closing times for midterms and the final will be also be posted here.

**NOTE 3: Exams** cover assigned Online Textbook and Lecture Notes readings, and **Weekly Quiz** content. It is mandatory to read all the reading materials.

Both (1) **Key Concepts and Terms** and (2) **Reviews for Multiple Choice Exams** are available on **Laulima**.

## How to access [Laulima](#)

1. Go to the Laulima entry page at:

<https://laulima.hawaii.edu/portal>

2. Log in using your UH Banner ID and password.
3. Select the class from the “**Sites**” button near the top and click.
4. On the left side, there is the table of contents with tabs (Overview, Syllabus, Announcements, etc.). Click to access.

### **Academic dishonesty: (SERIOUS WARNING!!)**

Academic dishonesty such as cheating and plagiarism that may occur in this class will be severely punished. It most likely will result in immediate dismissal from the class. In other words, “DON’T DO IT” even if you have noble reasons to do so. It is NOT worth a try it in this class.

### **Secrets of Success: Two key factors are especially important**

(1) **Self-motivation:** Because this is an online course, nobody will push you to do the work. Thus, self-motivation is a key factor of success in this course.

(2) **Communication:** You are not alone. Continuous and open discussion among all participants is strongly recommended. You can use the “Class Discussion” pages available in the Discussions tool of Laulima to communicate with each other. Group work and corroboration is encouraged (i.e., help each other).

### **Tests & Exams (online):**

(1) You will take your 2 open book Midterms and an open book Final Exam at home via Laulima.

**!** You can take each weekly quiz, midterm exams, and the final exam ONLY once.

### **Weekly Discussion (Participation Points):**

- (1) You will post your comments (i.e. your reactions, opinions, etc.) in the appropriate topic area in the Class Discussions section of Discussions by the due date. For example, you can report what you think, why you think this way, what can we do, etc.
- (2) You will have to do **two posts/comments per week. Each of the two weekly posts will be worth 2.5 points- totaling 5 possible points.** One will be your original (first) post based on instructor suggestions The Second comment will be a reply post to another student’s original comment.

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**WARNING:** Please do NOT share the Discussions tool with a third party. Any violation of this confidentiality will lead you to dismissal from this course, at least.

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You can seek help from your fellow students by posting your question or problems in the [Student Lounge](#) section. It is strongly encouraged that you help each other.

To access Class Discussions:

Log in to Lualima → Go to GEO 101 page

TOC > [Discussions and Private Messages](#)

When each weekly Discussion opens, click on the appropriate topic and compose your message. Your report should NOT exceed 250 words.

Also, be sure to Reply to at least one entry in each weeks Discussions. In other words, you write your reaction to at least one student's post. You will write **TWO** entries in the Discussion for each week's topic. Again, you are strongly encouraged to assist your fellow students.

**!** Discussion for each topic remains open until the end of the week (Sunday night). Be sure to post and reply within this time period.

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**NOTE:** If you have any questions about course mechanics – please call my cellphone, email me, or schedule a Zoom Room Meeting with me.

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## DISABILITIES ACCOMMODATIONS

The Windward Community College's Disability Student Services Office (WCC-DSSO) is committed to providing equal access to qualified students with disabilities.

If you have a physical, sensory, health, cognitive, or mental health disability that could limit your ability to participate fully in this class, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Specialist Counselor, Roy Inouye, to discuss reasonable accommodations that will help you succeed in this class. The Disabilities Counselor can be reached at 808-235-7448, [wccdsso@hawaii.edu](mailto:wccdsso@hawaii.edu), or stop by the office (Hale Kako'o 106) for more information.

### Basic Needs

Basic needs include food and housing, childcare, mental health, financial resources, and transportation. Student basic needs security is critical for ensuring strong academic performance, persistence and graduation, and overall student well-being. If you or someone you know is experiencing basic needs insecurity, please see the [UH System Basic Needs website](#).

### Mental Health Counseling

Mental Health and Wellness at Windward Community College counseling services and activities on campus to support students' life goals as well as their academic goals. Information about services can be found at the [WCC Mental Health & Wellness website](#).



### UH Alerts

The UH Alert emergency notification system alerts the university community in the event of a natural, health or civil emergency. The information you provide will only be used in the event of an emergency that impacts the health and safety of the UH community or the closure of whole campuses. It will not be shared with others or used for routine UH communications or announcements. To sign up, visit [UH Alerts website](#) for more information.

### Financial Aid

If you are receiving financial aid and are contemplating not completing the course, BEFORE you withdraw, it is highly recommended that you contact the Financial Aid Office at 808-934-2712 or email them at [wccfao@hawaii.edu](mailto:wccfao@hawaii.edu) to discuss the impact this decision may have on your financial aid eligibility.

### Student Conduct Code

Windward Community College follows the University of Hawai'i Code of Student Conduct which defines expected conduct for students and specifies those acts subject to University sanctions. Students should familiarize themselves with the Code of Student Conduct since, upon enrollment at Windward Community College, the student has placed herself/himself under the policies and regulations of the University and its duly constituted bodies. The disciplinary authority is exercised through the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Copies of the Student Conduct Code are available at the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or [online](#).

## SEX DISCRIMINATION AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE RESOURCES (TITLE IX)

Windward Community College is committed to providing a learning, working, and living environment that promotes personal integrity, civility, and mutual respect and is free of all forms of sex discrimination and gender-based violence, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, gender-based harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

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:

Leslie Cabingabang, UH System Confidential Advocate  
 Phone/Text: (808) 348-0432 or (808) 341-4952  
 Email: [advocate@hawaii.edu](mailto:advocate@hawaii.edu)  
 Office: Hale Kāko'o 107 (Wednesdays)

Mykie E. Menor Ozoa-Aglugub, J.D., Title IX Coordinator  
 Phone: (808) 235-7468  
 Email: [mozoa@hawaii.edu](mailto:mozoa@hawaii.edu)  
 Office: Hale Kāko'o 109

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

Karen Cho, Deputy Title IX Coordinator  
 Phone: (808) 235-7404  
 Email: [kcho@hawaii.edu](mailto:kcho@hawaii.edu)  
 Office: Hale 'Alaka'i 120

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/)

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Work submitted by a student must be the student's own work. The work of others should be explicitly marked, such as through the use of quotes or summarizing with reference to the original author.

In this class, students who commit academic dishonesty, cheating, or plagiarism will have the following consequence(s):

Students will receive a failing grade for plagiarized assignments.

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

[Windward CC Student Conduct Information](#)

[UH System Student Conduct Policy EO 7.208](#)

## HOW TO SEEK ACADEMIC OR TECHNICAL SUPPORT

### Academic Support

- [Windward Community College Library](#)
- [Library eResources](#)
- [Ka Piko Writing Lab](#)
- [Ka Piko Speech Lab](#)
- [Ka Piko Math Lab](#)
- [Evening and Online Learning at Windward Community College](#)
- [STAR Balance](#)

### Technical Support

- [UH ITS Help Desk](#) – email [help@hawaii.edu](mailto:help@hawaii.edu) or call 956-8883 (or 1-800-558-2669) for Laulima and most technology support. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays.

- Student Tech Support - email [winhelp@hawaii.edu](mailto:winhelp@hawaii.edu), call 808-235-7437, or stop by in person at Hale La‘akea 228. Available Monday–Friday from 8:00 am–4:00 pm.
- Lulima – Click on the [Request Assistance](#) link at the bottom of any Lulima Page to fill out and submit a question and get your answer via email.
- [Information Security for Students](#)