

# **PACS 108 : Pacific Worlds: an Introduction to Pacific Islands Studies**

This course situates Hawai‘i in the larger context of Oceania and exposes students to issues, themes, values, and practices across the region. It also introduces students to the geography, societies, histories, cultures, and arts of Oceania, including Hawai‘i. This course combines lecture and discussion that emphasize Pacific Islander perspectives and experiences.

**Credits** 3

**Lecture Hours** 3

**Designation**

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## **Course Outcomes**

- Locate and name the island groups, geographic regions, and political entities of Oceania.
- Describe social and cultural similarities and differences among Pacific Island societies.
- Identify themes in the works of Pacific Island artists and writers.
- Discuss contemporary social, political, economic, cultural, and environmental issues in the Pacific Islands.
- Explain significant themes in indigenous, colonial, and postcolonial histories of the Pacific Islands.