HAW 100 : Language in Hawaiʻi: A Microcosm of Global Language Issues

Course is a survival kit for life in Hawaiʻi and an introduction to Hawaiian and language related issues enhancing communicative experiences in Hawaiʻi. An examination of social, cultural, political, and linguistic cross-cultural interaction locally and globally. Taught in English and Hawaiʻi Creole English.

Credits 3 Lecture Hours 3

Course Outcomes

- Identify similar and distinctive patterns of development and change within different native/indigenous populations from around the world who have a shared history of colonization and/or occupation, from loss of native language and culture to efforts on behalf of native/indigenous people to revitalize and perpetuate their native language and culture.

- Develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for the local, Hawaiʻi community and our diverse backgrounds, cultures, languages, worldviews, and experiences, thus enhancing their communicative experience here in Hawaiʻi as well as in their individual home communities and setting the stage for improved relations between diverse groups.

- Make more informed decisions and better judgments about the various cross-cultural issues covered in the course.

- Explain in general the ethnic and linguistic make-up of ancient and modern Hawaiʻi and explain how change happened over time.

- Explain and interpret political and social points of view from the native and non-native perspective.

- Read, pronounce, and have a basic understanding of many Hawaiian and Pidgin words, names, and phrases and begin to appreciate multilingualism.