HWST 270: Hawaiian Mythology

A survey of gods, ‘aumakua, kupua, mythical heroes, heroines and their kinolau as the basis of traditional Hawaiian metaphor.

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours: 3
Prerequisites:
Credit for HWST 107 or HAW 102.
Program: Hawaiian Studies

Student Learning Outcomes:

• Evaluate and analyze the relationship between Hawaiian mo‘olelo, Hawaiian religion, and Hawaiian social structure.
• Analyze how Hawaiian mo‘olelo illustrate and set precedents for Hawaiian cultural values.
• Compare and contrast Hawaiian and Western concepts of ‘history’ and ‘myth’.
• Identify and access major written and oral sources for Hawaiian mo‘olelo.
• Recount with details at least one Hawaiian mo‘olelo and illustrate similarities with others.
• Describe and classify different characters from Hawaiian mo‘olelo.