



Gen Ed Curriculum Area: Hawai'i and the Pacific

Language plays an important role in all matters of human life. In AL 1050, students examine historical and contemporary language use throughout the Pacific Basin, including Hawai'i. Through exploring topics such as, but not limited to, the effects of language contact, characteristics of pidgins and creoles, and stories of language loss and preservation, students develop a better understanding of, and appreciation for, cultural, political, and social issues in the world where they will live, work, and study.

We investigate questions such:

- What do Hawaiian place names mean?
- Why do Hawaiian and Tahitian sound similar?
- Where did Pidgin come from? Is it broken English?
- Is Solomon Island Pidgin the same as Pidgin in Hawaii?
- What is an endangered language? What happens to a culture when a language disappears?

AL = Applied Linguistics, the study of language in use.

AL courses can lead to a minor, certificate, or degree in T.E.S.O.L.*

***Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages**

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