Hawaiian, Asian, & Pacific Issues
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Description
This requirement involves an in-depth understanding of the aboriginal Hawaiian and/or Pacific Island cultural issues in order to foster respect across cultures.

Requirement
Undergraduates complete one officially-designated Hawaiian, Asian, & Pacific Issues (“HAP” or “H”) course.

Student Learning Outcomes
Undergraduates will be able to:
1. identify and describe the similarities and differences in key features of aboriginal Hawaiian and/or Pacific Island cultures that are directly relevant to the topical focus of the course;
2. describe the way in which aboriginal Hawaiian and/or Pacific Island cultures have intersected, either through direct interactions or through a common historical or contemporary experience or process;
3. characterize the nature of the interpersonal and intergroup relationships among aboriginal Hawaiian and/or Pacific Island cultures.

Course Hallmarks
To fulfill the Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Issues focus requirement, at least two-thirds of a course must satisfy the following Hallmarks:
1. The content will reflect the intersection of aboriginal Hawaiian with Asian and/or Pacific Island cultures.
2. A course can use any disciplinary or multi-disciplinary approach provided that a component of the course uses assignments or practica that encourage learning that comes from the cultural perspectives, values, and world views rooted in the cultures native to the Hawaiian Islands, Asia and Pacific Islands.
3. A course will include at least one topic that is crucial to an understanding of the histories, or cultures, or beliefs, or the arts, or the societal, or political, or economic, or technological processes of these regions; for example, the relationships of societal structures to the natural environment.

Explanatory Notes
• The concept of intersection of aboriginal Hawaiian culture with either or both of the other two regions is key. A course exclusively about the Hawaiian Islands, Asia or Pacific Islands, is not eligible for a HAP designation. A course that does not include relationships with aboriginal Hawaiian culture is not eligible for a HAP designation.
• It is the intent of this focus designation to encourage the use of underrepresented voices from the Hawaiian Islands, Asia and Pacific Islands. These could be represented through publications, videos, guest speakers, or field trips, for example.