HIS 132  History of the Marshall Islands
Alpha Number  

Course Description
A comprehensive search into the origins, migration, and development of the Marshallese nation from a group of loosely-bound warring clans led by hereditary chiefs to an independent and sovereign nation-state within the wider world community.

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Purpose of Course: Degree Requirement
Degree Elective X
Certification
Developmental
Other

Prerequisite(s)

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Signature, Curriculum & Assessment Committee Chairperson  2-18-09

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Last Date reviewed or revised: September 2008
I. **History of the Marshall Islands**

   **Course Title**

   **HIS 132**

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II. **Course Objectives**

   **A. General Outcomes**

   Students who complete this course will:

   1. Identify key historical figures and periods in Marshall Islands' history (LA 1, 2)
   2. Explain the methods and research of settlement of the Pacific islands (LA 3)
   3. Analyze the impact of Western missionary, economic, and political contact with the Marshall Islands (LA 1, 2)
   4. Explain and evaluate the process of regaining political sovereignty and the process of nation building (LA 2, 3)

   **B. Student Learning Outcomes**

   Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

   1. Explore the history of the Marshall Islands from settlement originating in insular Southeast Asia through the current independent political status of Free Association with the United States government, analyzing trends of cultural development, colonization, and nation-building
   2. Explain the theories and details leading to an understanding of the original settlement of the Marshall Islands
   3. Analyze the impact of Western missionary, economic, and political contact with the Marshall Islands
      a. Describe the events leading to contact with, and the subsequent colonization of, the Marshall Islands by European, Asian and American nations
      b. Analyze the events leading to the outbreak of World War II in the Pacific and the consequences experienced by the people of the Marshall Islands
      c. Describe the events leading to declaration by the United Nations for the decolonization of the Marshall Islands under the guidance of the Trusteeship Council
   4. Explain and evaluate the process of regaining political sovereignty and the process of nation building
      a. Describe the events and processes leading to the formation of the Republic of the Marshall Islands
      b. Explain the current system of government in the Marshall Islands
      c. Identify contemporary issues facing the Marshall Islands as it joins the world community of nations

III. **Course Content**

   This course describes Marshallese history from first settlement to the present.

   1. Pre-contact settlement and Marshallese cultural development
   2. Influence of whalers and missionaries in the Marshall Islands
   3. German and Japanese colonization of the Marshall Islands
   4. World War II in the Pacific and its effects on the Marshall Islands
   5. U.N. / U.S. Trusteeship
   6. Independence and the making of the modern Republic of the Marshall Islands
IV. Methods of Instruction

1. Demonstration
2. Lecture
3. Small group
4. Audio-visual aids
5. Videos

V. Equipment and Materials

1. TV/ VCR/ DVD player
2. Map of the Pacific
3. World globe

VI. Suggested Methods of Evaluation

1. Participation
2. Assignments
3. Reports
4. Projects
5. Quizzes
6. Examinations
7. Oral presentations

Letter grades will be assigned per CMI Grading System.
## Course History Summary

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