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Economic Models for a Sovereign Hawaiian Nation
Econ 496

MWF 8:30am-9:30am

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Course Description:
All successful and vibrant sovereign nations require an efficient economic system to support its social and political structures. A future sovereign Hawaiian nation is no different. In this course, students will:
- Examine proposed models of Hawaiian sovereignty
- Identify economic resources available to the sovereign nation
- Analyze the economic needs of each model
- Draw comparisons between a sovereign Hawaiian economy and economies of selected Pacific islands and Asian nations
- Develop corresponding models for the economy of a sovereign Hawaiian nation.

The course will be taught from a Hawaiian worldview and will require students to critically examine the underlying assumptions of the western economic system and to determine whether they are consistent with the political and social values of a sovereign Hawaiian nation existing in a modern global economy. The course includes a great deal of interaction with community leaders who are involved in the Economic and political requirements of a sovereign Hawaiian nation.

At the completion of the course, students will develop economic models for a sovereign Hawaiian nation and present their models to a panel of experts in the fields of Hawaiian sovereignty, politics, and economics in a 30-minute power point presentation followed by a 30 minute question and answer period.

Prerequisites: Completion of Econ 300 and 301, or be a Hawaiian Studies or Political Sciences major in good standing. Students who do not meet these requirements may be allowed to enroll in the course with the approval of the instructor.