

1. Course Number and Title  
ORE 203 Surf Science and Culture
2. Credits and contact hours  
3 credits, two 1.25-hour sessions per week.
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name  
Justin Stopa
4. Textbooks  
Textbooks: None  
Reference books:
  - a. Latest IPCC Report; Currently: IPCC, 2013: Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis. Contribution of Working Group I to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [Stocker, T.F., D. Qin, G.-K. Plattner, M. Tignor, S.K. Allen, J. Boschung, A. Nauels, Y. Xia, V. Bex and P.M. Midgley (eds.)]. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, United Kingdom and New York, NY, USA, 1535 pp, doi:10.1017/CBO9781107415324.
  - b. Coastal Engineering Manual – Part II, US Army Corps of Engineers, 2006, PDF version online: <http://chl.erdc.usace.army.mil>
  - c. Waves in Oceanic and Coastal Waters, by LH. Holthuijsen, Cambridge University Press, 2007.
  - d. Butts, Tony, 2014. Surf Science: An Introduction to Waves for Surfing, Tony Butts, Honolulu University Press.
  - e. Garrison, Tom, An Invitation to Marine Science, (any edition) - 9th edition, 2015, 624 pp.
  - f. Holthuijsen, Leo H., 2007. Waves in Oceanic and Coastal Waters, Cambridge University Press.
  - g. Open University Course Team, 1999. Waves, Tides and Shallow-Water Processes.
5. Specific course information
  - a. Course content: Science of ocean waves and the importance of ocean waves to research pursuits, cultural perspectives in Hawai`i and the Pacific, navigation, and engineering.
  - b. Prerequisite: Basic mathematics or consent
  - c. Designation: Elective, not specifically part of the ORE Master's program
6. Specific goals for the course
  - a. Specific learning outcomes include:
    - i. Demonstrate familiarity with the scientific process.
    - ii. Demonstrate familiarity with basic oceanography and ocean engineering vocabulary.
    - iii. Demonstrate familiarity with the geography of Hawai`i and the Pacific.
    - iv. Understand the relationship between Western science and the culture in Hawai`i and the Pacific.
    - v. Describe the sea state climate with respect to wind seas versus swells and be able to relate the regional climates to basin-scale circulation.
    - vi. Understand wave transformations (refraction, shoaling, breaking, etc.) and their importance in our society and how they are perceived by Indigenous cultures.
    - vii. Know several different technologies that measure ocean waves and their limitations.
    - viii. Understand the importance of the ocean to our everyday lives as they relate to infrastructure, ocean activities, design, ecosystem, commerce, and cultural significance.
    - ix. Understand the various impacts and mitigation strategies for climate change and sea-level rise in the Pacific region.

- x. Understand tangible ways to pursue studies or jobs related to ocean science and engineering.

7. Brief list of topics to be covered

- a. Oceanography and engineering - importance of waves to society
- b. Climate - atmospheric and oceanic circulation
- c. Tides
- d. Wind-wave interactions
- e. Wave mechanics
- f. Wave transformations
- g. Wave propagation
- h. Nearshore dynamics
- i. Wave observations
- j. Hydrodynamics
- k. Climate Change