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The University of Hawai'i is a postsecondary education system composed of 10 campuses throughout the 50th state. In addition to the flagship campus at Mānoa, it includes the nearly 3,000-student University of Hawai'i at Hilo on the island of Hawai'i and the smaller University of Hawai'i–West O'ahu, which offers an upper division program, on the leeward side of O'ahu. The UH Community Colleges system has four campuses on O'ahu and one each on Maui, Kaua'i, and Hawai'i, making college classes accessible and affordable and easing the transition from high school to college for many students.

The mission of the University of Hawai'i system is to provide quality college and university education and training; create knowledge through research and scholarship; provide service through extension, technical assistance, and training; contribute to the cultural heritage of the community; and respond to state needs. The campuses, organized under one board, differentially emphasize instruction, research, and service. The system's special distinction is found in its Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific orientation and international leadership role. Common values bind the system together: Hawai'i's gracious spirit of aloha; academic freedom and intellectual vigor; institutional integrity and service; quality and opportunity; diversity, fairness, and equity; collaboration and respect; and accountability and fiscal integrity.

All campuses use a semester calendar, with two terms per academic year, plus summer sessions.

The University seal contains a torch and a book titled *Mālamalama* in the center of a circular map of the Pacific, surrounded by the state motto, *Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono* ("The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness"). The University motto, inscribed in both the Hawaiian and English languages on Founders' Gate at the Mānoa campus is *Maluna a'e o nā lāhui a pau ke ola ke kanaka* ("Above all nations is humanity"). The motto is reflected in the ethnic diversity of UH students: 20 percent Caucasian, 19 percent Japanese, 14 percent Filipino, 14 percent Hawaiian or part Hawaiian, 7 percent Chinese, and 26 percent other.

University governance is vested in the Board of Regents, appointed by the governor of Hawai'i. The regents in turn appoint a president of the University.

The UH Mānoa Campus

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa is a research university of international standing. It creates, refines, disseminates, and perpetuates human knowledge; it offers a comprehensive array of undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees through the doctoral level, including law and medicine; it carries out advanced research; and it extends services to the community. Students have special opportunities for Asian, Pacific, and Hawaiian educational experiences and involvement in research activities, service learning, and co-curricular activities.

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa has widely recognized strengths in tropical agriculture, tropical medicine, oceanography, astronomy, electrical engineering, volcanology, evolutionary biology, comparative philosophy, comparative religion, Hawaiian studies, Asian studies, Pacific Islands studies, and Asian and Pacific region public health. UH Mānoa offers instruction in more languages than any U.S. institution outside the Department of State.

The oldest UH campus, Mānoa began in 1907 as a land-grant college of agriculture and mechanic arts. With the addition of a College of Arts and Sciences in 1920, the college became the University of Hawai'i. In 1972, it became the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa to distinguish it from the other units in the growing UH system.

Today about 17,000 people are enrolled in Mānoa courses, on campus or via distance delivery, studying toward bachelor's degrees in 87 fields of study, master's degrees in 88, doctorates in 57, first professional degrees in law and medicine, and a number of certificates. In addition, 68 percent of Mānoa students are undergraduates, 56 percent are women, and 71 percent attend school full-time. The mean age of students is 26.

The beauty of Mānoa valley serves as a backdrop for a unique yet inviting campus. Wander through the campus and find an authentic Japanese tea house and garden, a studies center that is a replica of a Korean king's throne hall, and a Hawaiian taro patch. New structures include the striking Pacific Ocean Science and Technology building on campus and a privately donated marine biology facility on Coconut Island.

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Professional programs are individually accredited by appropriate agencies.

A popular campus symbol is the rainbow, a frequent sight in Mānoa valley. Green and white are UH Mānoa's colors.