General Information

Outreach College partners with academic and support units on UH Mānoa to provide for the educational needs of the community through flexible scheduling and innovative methods of program/course delivery. Key program and service activities of the college include:

- Academic Advising and Student Support Services
- Community Service/Public Events Programs
- Credit Programs, including Summer Sessions
- Distance Learning
- International Programs
- Noncredit Programs

Mission

Outreach College initiates and provides innovative, diverse, and flexible quality educational opportunities for life-long learners, extending the resources of UH Mānoa to serve the state, nation, and world.

Utilizing a scope of classroom, arts, cultural, and advanced technological modes of delivering learning experiences, the Outreach College staff is committed to assessing and responding to the educational needs of targeted and underserved learners.

In addition, Outreach College:

- Provides supportive guidance and services to its participants;
- Presents programs and collaborations that reflect/enhance the community’s educational and cultural diversity; and
- Serves as a leader in the UH Mānoa development of distance learning.

Through all of its programs, Outreach College inspires and engages learners to recognize education as a valuable lifetime investment.

Affiliations

Outreach College is affiliated with the University Continuing Education Association, the Association of University Summer Sessions, the North American Association of Summer Sessions, the Western Association of Summer Session Administrators, and Western Arts Alliance.

Degrees and Certificates

Outreach College is a non-degree granting academic support unit, which delivers, in collaboration with departments and colleges, credit courses applicable towards UH Mānoa degrees and certificates. Outreach College offers courses during the day and evening, primarily to serve degree students at UH Mānoa. However, these courses are open to UH System students, qualified residents and non-residents, and in the summer to select high school students. Non-credit certificates are offered in various areas of professional development.
Distance Learning
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Web: www.outreach.hawaii.edu/
www.hawaii.edu/dl

The majority of UH Mānoa distance delivered courses are coordinated by Outreach College. Baccalaureates and master’s degrees from UH Mānoa colleges of Education, Shidler College of Business, Nursing, and the Department of Information and Computer Sciences are offered.

Courses and degree programs are delivered via interactive television, the web, and faculty traveling to off-campus sites. Outreach College is represented on the Distance Learning Advisory Council and the Master Scheduling Group, both UH System committees, and the UH Mānoa Distance Learning Committee.

International students studying in the U.S. on the F-1 or J-1 student visa should note that there are credit limits for enrolling in on-line courses or on-line programs. For more information, please click on the Distance Education link on the International Student Services website at www.hawaii.edu/issmanoa.

Advising
Student Services
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Office of Student Services provides support services to non-degree seeking undergraduate students. Services include advisement on UH Mānoa admissions procedures and policies, general UH Mānoa policies, degree programs, course selection, and UH System offerings, as well as enrollment and registration for courses delivered by Outreach College.

Credit Programs
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Outreach College credit courses and programs are offered during the days and evenings throughout the year including the Summer Sessions. Offerings are regularly approved UH Mānoa courses as well as any new or experimental courses approved by the UH Mānoa. Instructors are UH Mānoa faculty or lecturers approved by the respective academic departments. In addition, the credit programs unit coordinates distance learning credit activity for the UH Mānoa campus, thus extending the resources of the UH Mānoa campus to the neighbor islands, Pacific Basin, and beyond.

Major Credit Programs
- Summer Sessions (see below)
- Neighbor Island Outreach. Students can earn undergraduate degrees, including a bachelor of arts degree in interdisciplinary studies and bachelor of education. Graduate degrees in education, business administration, nursing, information and computer science, and social work are also available to neighbor island students. Courses are delivered through the use of distance learning technology or UH Mānoa faculty flying to neighbor islands to conduct face to face classes or a combination of both. The UH Mānoa Outreach on Maui office as well as the University Centers on Kaua‘i, Maui and in West Hawai‘i provide on-site support to neighbor island students.
- Evening/Weekend Program on Campus. Students can earn bachelors degrees in psychology, anthropology, or interdisciplinary studies with a major emphasis in “Human Relations in Organizations.”
- Overseas Program. On-site education courses are offered in American Samoa.
- Credit Specials. These courses are tailored to meet the needs of a target group; they may condense academic work into shorter time periods and adapt it to special locations and more convenient times.
- Dual Listed Courses. Unfilled seats in selected day school courses are made available to qualified community members.
Summer Sessions (Credit)
Web: www.outreach.hawaii.edu/summer

The summer period of the UH Mānoa campus offers opportunity for variety and flexibility in instructional programming, while creating a culturally enriching and intellectually stimulating campus environment through special lectures, conferences, and artistic performances that are open to both students as well as the larger public.

Students from almost every state in the nation and more than 50 countries attend classes in the summer, joining resident students to enhance the diversity of the campus. The summer campus also provides a stimulating array of non credit classes, public programs, and special events.

Summer Sessions has received numerous awards from the Western Association of Summer Session Administrators and the North American Association of Summer Sessions for its exemplary and innovative programs.

Summer Scholar Program for High School Students
Web: www.outreach.hawaii.edu/summerscholar

High school sophomores and juniors with at least a 3.5 GPA may enroll in a 100-200 level course in summer sessions at UH Mānoa. Summer scholars are mainstreamed with other summer students. Over 1,000 high school students have successfully participated in this program over the past 15 years. The program enables high school students to earn college credit and learn what college life is like before graduating from high school.

International Programs (non-credit)
Krauss 004/101
2500 Dole Street
Honolulu, HI 96822
Web: www.nice.hawaii.edu

New Intensive Courses in English (NICE)
Tel: (808) 956-7753
Fax: (808) 956-3421
Email: ipinfo@hawaii.edu

The NICE Program is a non-credit English language program open to non-native speakers of English interested in improving their English communication and cross-cultural understanding. Study options include English courses for academic, business, and general purposes. Classes are offered to suit the study schedules of a variety of individuals: four 10-week sessions per year (full-time or part-time study), two 3-week sessions in winter and summer, and evening classes throughout the year. Admission to NICE is open to foreign students and scholars, and to resident non-native speakers living in Hawaiʻi.

Special English Programs (SEP)
Tel: (808) 956-3416
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SEP provides noncredit English language and American culture programs for groups of students from foreign educational institutions or companies. SEP is uniquely designed to suit the needs, schedules, requirements, and interests of the sponsoring school or organization.

International Seminars
Tel: (808) 956-3416
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Email: michikos@hawaii.edu

The International Seminars Program provides groups of foreign students and professionals exposure to current American perspectives and practices in their area of study or profession. Highly qualified professors and community professionals speak on topics requested by the sponsoring organization, with translation or in the participants’ native language.

International Bridge Program
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The Bridge Program has been specifically designed to help students meet formal academic requirements for entry into graduate programs in the U.S. Bridge participants take a combination of credit and non-credit courses, and in some cases English as a Second Language classes, thus simultaneously gaining an orientation to study in the American university system.

Working in partnership with other units of UH Mānoa, Bridge assists students in preparation for examinations such as the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), and the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT).

The Bridge Program addresses other challenges for international students as well. Students with a three-year bachelor degree (3YB) common in some countries are assisted in meeting four-year requirements that are generally considered standard for admission into U.S. graduate programs.

Enrollment in the Bridge Program prepares students for acceptance into graduate programs, but does not guarantee automatic admission. The graduate admissions requirements are different for each U.S. university. At UH Mānoa, the final decision for admission rests with the Dean of the Graduate Division, who takes into full consideration the recommendation of the chair of the selected field of study.

Students who complete attendance and academic requirements receive an International Bridge Program certificate of completion.
Professional and Special Programs (non-credit)

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Web: www.outreach.hawaii.edu

The Professional and Special Programs Office establishes and administers non-credit courses to provide individuals and groups with the opportunity to maintain professional skills, advance in or change careers, or pursue personal development and enrichment. Although non-credit courses do not apply toward the requirements for a college degree, many do qualify for professional continuing education units. Students who complete attendance requirements may receive certificates upon completion of their courses of study.

Courses are held on- and off-campus locations, as well as online. They are often relatively short and are presented in a variety of formats, such as workshops, short courses, studios, lectures, and institutes. In general, noncredit courses are open to anyone who is at least 18 years of age or a high school graduate.

Although most courses are offered during three regularly scheduled terms per year, specialized programs for particular groups (e.g., librarians, teachers, engineers, etc.) or contract training for both public and private organizations, can be arranged. Class length, number of meeting times, and locations vary, depending on program objectives and specific needs of students.

Institute for Business and Professional Development

tel: (808) 956-8244
Email: noncred@hawaii.edu
Web: www.outreach.hawaii.edu/ibpd

The Institute for Business and Professional Development offers continuing education programs for business people, entrepreneurs, professionals, and those seeking to meet professional certification requirements, or to improve career opportunities.

Pacific New Media

tel: (808) 956-3422
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Web: www.outreach.hawaii.edu/pnm

Pacific New Media offers short intensive workshops in film, video, photography, and digital media presented by outstanding professionals from Hawai‘i and the continental U.S. Certificates in web design and digital imaging are also offered through the program.

Community Services Programs

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Web: www.outreach.hawaii.edu/community

The Community Services Division coordinates the arts and culture outreach efforts of UH Mānoa. Major projects include the Statewide Cultural Extension Program (SCEP), University of Hawai‘i Presents and the Sakamaki Lecture Series. Through SCEP, Outreach College presents over 170 performances each year in schools, libraries, nursing homes, prisons, senior centers, and other venues throughout the state. University of Hawai‘i Presents produces 15 performances of national and international touring companies for the UH Mānoa campus and the general public.

UH Conference Center (relocated)

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The Conference Center provides support in meeting planning and management. Serving UH Mānoa units, state and federal government agencies, nonprofit and professional organizations within the state of Hawai‘i that sponsor conferences, symposia, institutes, and workshops, the staff offers assistance in program development and budgeting, marketing, pre- and on-site registration, fiscal management, and on-site logistics. Meeting coordination is offered to adult groups at venues determined by the sponsoring organization.