

The University of Hawaii at Manoa Info Guide

Basic Information

- Public research university
- Honolulu, Hawaii
- Acceptance rate: 58%
- Tuition
 - In-state: \$12,186
 - Out-of-state: \$34,218
 - Average cost after aid: \$15,000
- Undergraduate enrollment: 13,203
 - 68.5% of Hawaii mainland residents
 - 23% Caucasian, 20% All Other, 15% Native Hawaiian, 15% Mixed, 10% Filipino, 8% Japanese, 6% Chinese, 2% Pacific Islander,
 - 59.9% Women, 40.1% Men
 - 35% of students are Pell Grant recipients
- Division I Athletics (with football)
- Average class size: 20
- Student-to-faculty ratio: 10:1
- No religious affiliation
- On a semester schedule

2020 Prestigious International Rankings

International Rankers	World Ranking	US Ranking
Academic Ranking of World Universities	301-400	95-114
TIMES World University Ranking	201-250	60
QS World University Rankings	333	62
US News Global Universities	378	109

Application Info

- Does not accept the Common Application
 - Students must apply using the Manoa Preferred Application on the university's website
- Test optional for the 2022 admissions cycle
- Application Fee: \$70.00
- Application Deadlines:
 - No Early Decision or Early Action
 - Fall Semester
 - January 5th - Priority Deadline
 - March 1th - Preferred Deadline
 - July 31st - Late Application Deadline
 - Spring Semester
 - September 1st - Priority Deadline
 - October 1st - Final Deadline
- No supplemental materials (e.g. supplemental essays)
- High School Course Requirements
 - English: 4 units
 - Math: 3 units
 - Math must include Geometry and Algebra II
 - Science: 3 units
 - Social Sciences: 3 units
 - Other College-Prep: 4 units
 - Can include the 4th unit of math, science, or social science.
 - High school foreign language courses also count
 - Electives: 5 units
- Must have a competitive GPA and be in the top 40% of high school rank
- SAT Range (According to Niche.com): 1070-1270
 - 70% of students submit SAT scores
- ACT Range (According to Niche.com): 21-26

- 42% of students submit ACT scores

Location

- Honolulu is home to the State Capitol and is also the largest city in Hawaii
 - Home to America's only royal palace: Iolani Palace
 - Variety of art and history museums in the area, especially those related to WWII and Pearl Harbor
 - Honolulu Zoo and Waikiki Aquarium
 - Wonderful nature scenery, including Waikiki Beach, Honolulu Botanical Gardens, various trails, and state parks, and easy access to the rest of Hawaii!
 - Hawaii International Film Festival, typically held in November each year
 - Lantern Floating Festival, held on Memorial Day each year
- Climate
 - Hawaii has (mainly) two seasons
 - Summer: from May to October
 - Winter: from November to April
 - Average summer temperature: 85°F/29.4°C
 - Average winter temperature: 78°F/25.6°C
 - Tropical climate with moderate temperatures and humidity
 - Average 63% humidity
- Transportation
 - Daniel K. Inouye International Airport
 - Local public bussing as well as campus bussing

School's Strengths

- According to the Center for World University Rankings
 - #6 Oceanography
- According to the school itself, best in:
 - Tropical Agriculture
 - Tropical Medicine
 - Oceanography

- Astronomy
- Electrical Engineering
- Volcanology
- Evolutionary Biology
- Comparative Philosophy & Religion
- Public Health
- AAPI Studies
- Popular majors according to Niche.com
 - Psychology
 - Kinesiology and Exercise Science
 - Communications
 - Finance
 - Biology
 - Nursing
 - Marketing
 - Mechanical Engineering
 - Accounting
 - Hospitality and Tourism Management

List of Degrees, Colleges & Schools

BA= Bachelor of Arts, BS= Bachelor of Sciences, BFA= Bachelor of Fine Arts, BBA= Bachelor of Business Administration, BEd= Bachelor of Education, BEnvD= Bachelor of Environmental Design, BMUS= Bachelor of Music, BSW= Bachelor of Social Work

- Colleges
 - College of Arts, Languages & Letters
 - American Studies (BA) (Minor)
 - Art (BA) (BFA) (Minor)
 - Art History (BA) (Minor)
 - Asian Studies (BA) (Minor)
 - Chinese (BA) (Minor) (Cert.)
 - Classics (BA) (Cert.)

- Communicology (BA) (Minor)
- Creative Media (BA)
- Dance (BA) (BFA) (Minor)
- English (BA) (Minor)
- Filipino (BA) (Cert.)
- Filipino Language and Culture (Minor)
- French (BA) (Cert.)
- German (BA) (Cert.)
- Hindi (BA) (Cert.)
- History (BA) (Minor)
- Ilokano (BA) (Cert.)
- Ilokano Language and Culture (Minor)
- Indonesian (BA) (Cert.)
- Indo-Pacific Languages (BA) (Cert.)
- Islamic Studies (Cert.)
- Japanese (BA) (Minor) (Cert.)
- Khmer/Cambodian (BA) (Cert.)
- Korean (BA) (Minor) (Cert.)
- Latin America and Iberian Studies (Cert.)
- Music (BA) (BEd) (BMUS) (Minor) (Cert.)
- Pacific Island Studies (BA)
- Philippine Language and Culture (BA)
- Philosophy (BA) (Minor)
- Religion (BA) (Minor)
- Russian (BA) (Cert.)
- Samoan (BA) (Cert.)
- Sanskrit (BA) (Cert.)
- Second Language Studies (BA) (Minor)
- Spanish (BA) (Cert.)
- Tahitian (Cert.)
- Thai (BA) (Cert.)

- Theatre (BA) (Minor)
- Vietnamese (Cert.)
- College of Natural Sciences
 - Astronomy (BA) (Minor)
 - Astrophysics (BS) (Minor)
 - Biochemistry (BA) (BS)
 - Biology (BA) (BS) (Minor)
 - Botany (BA) (BS) (Minor)
 - Chemistry (BA) (BS) (Minor)
 - Computer Science (BS) (Minor)
 - Information and Computer Sciences (BA)
 - Marine Biology (BS)
 - Marine Option Program (Cert.)
 - Mathematical Biology (Cert.)
 - Mathematics (BA) (BS) (Minor)
 - Microbiology (BA) (BS) (Minor)
 - Molecular Cell Biology (BS)
 - Physics (BA) (BS) (Minor)
 - Zoology (BA)
- College of Social Sciences
 - Anthropology (BA) (Minor)
 - Communication (BA)
 - Economics (BA) (Minor)
 - Ethnic Studies (BA) (Cert.)
 - Geography (BA) (Minor)
 - Geospatial Information Science (Cert.)
 - Journalism (BA)
 - Law and Society (Cert.)
 - Medical Anthropology (Minor)
 - Peace Studies (Cert.)
 - Political Science (BA) (Minor)

- Psychology (BA) (BS) (Minor)
- Sociology (BA) (Minor)
- Woman, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (BA) (Cert.)
- College of Education
 - Education (Minor)
 - Elementary Education (BEd) (Minor) (Cert.)
 - Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science (BS)
 - Physical Education (BS)
 - Secondary Language Teaching (Minor)
 - Secondary Education (BEd) (Minor) (Post-Baccalaureate Cert.)
 - Special Education (Post-Baccalaureate Cert.)
- College of Engineering
 - Civil Engineering (BS)
 - Computer Engineering (BS)
 - Construction Engineering (BS)
 - Electrical Engineering (BS)
 - Engineering Science (BS)
 - Mechanical Engineering (BS)
- College of Tropical Agriculture & Human Resources
 - Animal Sciences (BS)
 - Biological Engineering (BS)
 - Dietetics (BS)
 - Fashion Design and Merchandising (BS) (Minor)
 - Food Science and Human Nutrition (BS)
 - Human Development and Family Studies (BS)
 - Merchandising (Minor)
 - Molecular Biosciences and Biotechnology (BS)
 - Natural Resources and Environmental Management (BS)
 - Plant and Environmental Protection Sciences (BS)
 - Plant Production and Management (Minor)
 - Tropical Agriculture and the Environment (BS)

- Tropical Plant and Soil Sciences (Cert.)
- Outreach College
- Shidler College of Business
 - Accounting (BBA)
 - Business Administration (Minor)
 - Entrepreneurship (BBA)
 - Finance (BBA)
 - General Business (BBA)
 - Human Research Management (BBA)
 - International Business (BBA)
 - Management (BBA)
 - Management Information Systems (BBA)
 - Marketing (BBA)
 - Sustainable Tourism (Cert.)
- Schools
 - Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge
 - Hawaiian (BA) (Minor) (Cert.)
 - Hawaiian Language Immersion Education (Minor)
 - Hawaiian Studies (BA)
 - John A. Burns School of Medicine
 - Communication Sciences and Disorders (Cert.)
 - Medical Technology (BS) (Post-Baccalaureate Cert.)
 - School of Architecture
 - Environmental Design (BEnvD)
 - School of Nursing & Dental Hygiene
 - Dental Hygiene (BS) (Cert.)
 - Expanded Function Dental Hygiene in Pediatrics (Cert.)
 - Nursing (BS)
 - Nursing Practice (BS)
 - School of Ocean & Earth Science & Technology
 - Atmospheric Sciences (BS) (Minor)

- Earth and Planetary Exploration (Cert.)
 - Earth Sciences (BS) (Minor)
 - Environmental Earth Science (BA)
 - Global Environmental Science (BS)
- Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health
 - Aging (Cert.)
 - Public Health (BA) (Minor)
 - Social Work (BSW)
- William S. Richardson School of Law
- Other
 - Office of the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education
 - Environmental Studies (BA) (Cert.)
 - Interdisciplinary Studies (BA)
 - Sophomore Honors (Cert.)
 - Sustainability (BA)
 - Travel Industry Management (BS) (Cert.)

Core Requirements

- Foundations Requirements
 - Should be accomplished during the first year
 - Written Communication (3 credits)
 - The courses that satisfy this requirement “introduce students to the... demands of writing at the college level”
 - Quantitative Reasoning (3 credits)
 - To “develop mathematical skills at the college level”
 - Global and Multicultural Perspectives (6 credits from 2 different groups)
 - To explore “cross-cultural interactions from a variety of perspectives”
 - Group A: Prehistory to 1500
 - Group B: 1500 to modern times
 - Group C: Prehistory to modern times
- Diversification Requirements

- These requirements can be accomplished over all four years
- Arts, Humanities & Literatures (6 credits from 2 of those areas)
- Social Sciences (6 credits from 2 different departments)
- Natural Sciences
 - Biological Science (3 credits)
 - Psychical Science (3 credits)
 - Laboratory (1 credit)
- Focus Requirements
 - Focus courses change each semester and are unique from the rest of the course offerings
 - Students may be exempt from focus requirements if they participate in one or more “extraordinary educational experiences” that could substitute
 - Contemporary Ethical Issues (1 course, 300 or 400 level)
 - Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Issues (1 course, any level)
 - Oral Communication (1 course, 300 or 400 level)
 - Writing Intensive (5 courses, at least two of which are at the 300 or 400 level)
- Hawaiian or Second Language Requirement
 - One of the following:
 - A four-semester sequence in one language
 - Take a UH Manoa language competency exam
 - Receive a waiver for fluency
 - The following colleges/schools have waived or modified the Hawaiian or Second Language Requirement (*check with an advisor for modifications*):
 - Shidler College of Business
 - College of Education
 - College of Engineering
 - John A. Burns School of Medicine
 - School of Nursing & Dental Hygiene
 - School of Ocean & Earth Science & Technology
 - Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health
 - School of Tropical Agriculture & Human Resources

Can a single course satisfy more than one requirement?

Requirements	Hawaiian/SL	Foundations	Diversification	Focus	Major	Minor/Certificate
Hawaiian/SL	-	No	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes*
Foundations	No	-	No	No	Yes	Yes
Diversification	No	No	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Focus	Yes	No	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Major	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	No
Minor/Certificate	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	-

* Allowing H/SL culture classes to count for major/minor/certificate requirements occurs on a case-by-case basis.

Opportunities & Special Programs

- Internships/Cooperative Education Program
 - Must have:
 - Good academic standing as a sophomore, junior, or senior
 - Declared major
 - At least 2 semesters remaining before graduation
- Have a job database, career advising, federal work-study, and professional workshops available
- Honors Program
 - Must have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 or higher
 - Should have been involved in a variety of extracurricular activities, including leadership and volunteering
 - Once an application to the honors program is submitted, an interview is required (typically by telephone or Skype if not local)
 - Begin planning for Senior Project (Honors Thesis or Portfolio) in freshman year alongside an advisor
- Bachelor's and Master's (BAM) Degree Program

- Allows you to graduate with both your Bachelor's and Master's degree in 5 years
- Current Available Programs:
 - BS/MS Atmospheric Sciences
 - BS/MS Civil Engineering
 - BS Computer Engineering/MS Electrical Engineering
 - BS/MS Computer Science
 - BA/MA Economics
 - BS/MS Electrical Engineering
 - BA/MA English
 - BA Ethnic Studies/MEd in Educational Foundations
 - BA Ethnic Studies/MEd in Educational Administration
 - BBA Finance/MS Finance
 - BA/MA Geography
 - BS Global Environmental Science/Master of Public Health
 - BS Global Environmental Science/Master of Urban & Regional Planning
 - BS Global Environmental Science/Post-Bacc Certificate in Teacher Education
 - BA Hawaiian Language/MEd Teaching
 - BA Hawaiian Studies/MEd Teaching
 - BA Information & Computer Sciences/Master of Library & Information Sciences
 - BBA Management & Information Systems/MS Information Systems
 - BBA Marketing/MS Marketing Management
 - BS/MS Mechanical Engineering
 - BA/MA Pacific Island Studies
 - BA/MA Political Science
 - BA Psychology/MEd Educational Psychology
 - BA/MA Second Language Studies
 - BS/MS Travel Industry Management

- First-Year Programs
 - Access to College Excellence
 - Allows students to register for their classes via major-specific learning communities or “clusters”
 - UNIV 110
 - The optional one-credit seminar that meets once a week for 50 minutes
 - The goal is to help freshmen acclimate to the university environment by offering study, money management, and campus tips
 - Also serves as a way to connect with a small group of other students
 - Peer Mentorship
 - Juniors and seniors are paired with freshmen to help them acclimate to the university environment
 - Lead the UNIV 110 seminar
 - Also, help ACE students in planning a community service project
 - FYP Common Read
 - One text will be common throughout many different disciplines/classes
 - It allows for students to make connections between their studies, and also help with the transition to the university workload by starting with one read across classes
- Student Success Center
 - A place where you can meet with tutors, librarians, faculty, mentors, etc.
 - Study groups, advising and more available!
- The National Student Exchange Program
 - Allows students to study at another institution of higher learning while still officially being a UH Manoa student
 - Can select from 170 institutions in the US, Canada, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the US Virgin Island
 - Would study there for a year and pay either Manoa’s tuition or that of the host school
- Study Abroad and Manoa International Exchange

- Offers summer, semester, and year-long programs of study in Asia, Europe, Australia, South America, and the Pacific
- You can also create a self-designed study abroad program if UH Manoa does not currently offer the location you're looking for
- Countless options!
- A Semester in Hawai'i
 - Allows you to spend a semester studying on one of Hawaii's tropical islands, exploring diverse cultures and ecosystems

Student Life

- Arts and Culture
 - Museums and Galleries
 - Art Gallery
 - East-West Center
 - Presents performances and exhibitions by AAPI artists (visual arts, music, dance, theatre)
 - Hamilton Bridge Gallery
 - Historical exhibits (mostly celebrating AAPI culture)
 - John Young Museum of Art
 - Virtual Museum
 - Publications and Media
 - Campus Center Graphics
 - Marketing and graphics
 - Hawai'i Review
 - Student literary journal
 - Ka Leo
 - Campus newspaper
 - KTUH 90.1 FM
 - Student-run radio station
 - UH News
 - News from across the UH system

- UH Productions
 - Student-run media production
- UH Magazine
 - UH alumni magazine
- University of Hawai'i Press
 - Academic publisher of books and journals
- Events and Performances
 - Kennedy Theatre
 - Home for the productions of the Theatre and Dance departments
 - Leisure Center
 - Music events
 - Outreach College events
- Diversity
 - Academic and Support
 - Bridge to Hope
 - Helps welfare recipients achieve academic success through providing support and student employment
 - Catholic Campus Ministry
 - KOKUA Program
 - Provides support to disabled students (learning, physical, psychiatric, or other)
 - Accommodations (including housing accommodations)
 - Student employment
 - LGBTQ+ Center
 - Office of Veteran Student Services
 - Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity Office
 - Women's Center
 - Student Associations
 - International Student Association
 - Various AAPI clubs/associations
- Health and Wellness

- Student Escort Services
 - Student employees in blue shirts will walk with you at night if you request them
- NCAA Division I - 20 varsity teams
 - Western Athletic Conference
 - Mountain Pacific Sports Federation
 - Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Yacht Racing Association
- Clubs
 - 127+ active clubs/student organizations
 - Americorps/Service Learning Program
 - Health Education & Promotion
- Greek Life
 - Low-key, largely unimportant to campus involvement
 - Three sororities: Alpha Gamma Delta, Beta Beta Gamma, and Phi Mu
 - Two fraternities: Kappa Sigma and Tau Kappa Epsilon

Housing

- Residence Halls
 - Hale Aloha
 - Composed of four towers: Lehua, 'Ilima, Mokihana, and Lokelani
 - Room Type: Doubles only
 - Population: 260 residents per tower, co-ed, first-year students
 - Built in 1970, renovated in 2010
 - 10 residential floors, with 14 rooms per floor
 - 4 single user community bathrooms per floor
 - 2 elevators
 - Features:
 - Community laundry
 - Community kitchen
 - Lounges
 - Wi-Fi

- Card key access
- Room Furnishings:
 - XL Twin bed, desk and chair, closet, dresser, shelves, wired internet
- Frear Hall
 - Room Type: Singles, Doubles, and Quads
 - Built in 2008
 - 810 residents, co-ed, undergraduate upperclassmen
 - 12 floors, split into two wings
 - 20 suites per floor
 - Private bathrooms in each suite
 - Features:
 - 3 elevators
 - 3 laundry rooms
 - Community kitchen
 - 2 lounges
 - 5 study rooms
 - Game room
 - Wi-Fi
 - Card key access
 - Bike cage
 - Room Furnishings:
 - XL Twin bed, desk and chair, closet, dresser, shelves, wired internet, air conditioner
- Gateway House
 - Population: 208 residents, co-ed, undergraduate upperclassmen
 - Built in 1962, renovated in 2012
 - 2 double suite styles:
 - Two bedrooms, four occupants, shared private bathroom
 - One bedroom, two occupants, private bathroom
 - Two ten-story towers
 - 14 suites per residential floor

- Features:
 - 2 Elevators
 - 2 Laundry rooms
 - 2 Kitchens
 - 2 Lounges
 - 16 Study rooms
 - Wi-Fi
 - Card key access
- Room Furnishings:
 - XL Twin bed, desk and chair, closet, dresser, shelves, wired internet
- Johnson Hall
 - Built in 1958, renovated in 2010
 - Room Type: Doubles only
 - Population: 191 residents, co-ed, undergraduate upperclassmen
 - Two three-story buildings (A and B)
 - A: 16 double rooms per floor
 - B: 20 double rooms per floor
 - 6 single user community bathrooms per floor
 - Features:
 - Community laundry
 - Community kitchen
 - 3 Lounges
 - Wi-Fi
 - Card key access
 - Room Furnishings:
 - XL Twin bed, desk and chair, closet, dresser, mirror, wired internet
- Hale Kahawai & Hale Laulima
 - Built in the 1960s
 - Have not been renovated since
 - Room Types: Mostly doubles; singles available in Laulima
 - Population: co-ed, undergraduate

- Kahawai: 156
 - Laulima: 160
 - 4 floors per building
 - 22 rooms per floor
 - 4 community bathrooms per floor
 - Features:
 - Community laundry
 - Community kitchen
 - Lounges
 - Wi-Fi
 - Card key access
 - Room Furnishings:
 - XL Twin bed, desk, and chair, closet, dresser, shelves, wired internet
- Hale Anuenue
 - Built in 1978
 - Room Type: Singles
 - Has not been renovated since
 - Population: 41 residents, co-ed, undergraduate upperclassmen
 - 3 rooms
 - 16 rooms per floor
 - Features:
 - Community laundry
 - Community kitchen
 - 3 Lounges
 - Wi-Fi
 - Card key access
 - Room Furnishings: XL Twin bed, desk and chair, closet, dresser, air conditioner, wired internet
- Hale Wainani
 - Two high-rise buildings (13 and 14 stories)
 - Two three-story low-rise buildings

- Built in 1978
- Has not been renovated since
- Varying layouts available
- Courtyard, barbecue, basketball court
- Shared private bathrooms in each apartment
- Features:
 - Private kitchen
 - Community laundry
 - Community lounges
 - Elevators
 - Card key access
- Room Furnishings: Depend on the room, but largely the same as the other housing options (not specified on the page)
- Off-Campus Housing
 - Students are never required to live on-campus, even as freshmen
 - Housing would need to be acquired privately though, most likely separated from the university (mostly Hawaiian residents live off-campus, as they are local)

Food

- On-Campus
 - Campus Center
 - Ba-Le (Vietnamese)
 - Food Court (different menus daily and weekly!)
 - Jamba Juice
 - Pizza Hut Express
 - Starbucks
 - Simply To-Go (quick breakfast items and snacks)
 - Stir Fresh (poke bowls and stir-fries)
 - The Market (convenience store)
 - Hemenway Hall
 - Hale Aloha Cafe

- Gateway Cafe
- Paradise Palms (dining hall/food court)
- Other
 - Da Spot (health foods and juices)
 - Dunkin’
 - Govinda’s (vegetarian)
 - Holoholo Grill (salads, sandwiches, grab-and-go items)
 - Hot Tacos
 - Kamitoku Ramen
 - Island Pita
 - L&L Barbecue
 - Lasoon (Nepali and Indian)
 - La Crepe Cafe
 - Ono Seafood
 - Panda Express
 - Sistah Truck (Korean)
 - The Bean Counter (coffee)
- Meal Plans
 - Alternate housing should be sought if you have a special diet/restrictions
 - The meal plan entitles you to various meals, via swipes, each week, plus a predetermined amount of retail meals per semester
 - Unused meals expire each Saturday night; meal points expire at the end of the spring semester

Plan	Plan Description
Prime 19	19 meals/week + \$100 retail points
Choice 14	14 meals/week + \$175 retail points
Select 10	10 meals/week + \$225 retail points
Basic 7	7 meals/week + \$250 retail points

Apartment Club	50 meals/semester + \$75 retail points (Hale Wainani residents only)
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- Nearby Off-Campus

- A Place to Eat (island-style)
- Waiola Shave Ice
- 2012 Sports Bar & Cafe (bar and grill)
- Yama's Fish Market (Hawaiian)
- Japanese
 - Tane Vegan Izakaya
 - Kokoro-tei
 - Tsukuneya
- Los Chaparros Mexican Restaurant
- Betty's Burgers
- Burger King
- Raising Cane's
- Papa Kurt's
- McDonald's
- Jack-in-the-Box
- KFC



Resources

<https://www.hawaii.edu/campuses/manoa/>

<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/about/>

<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/miro/rankings/>

<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/admissions/freshman/index.html>

<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/catalog/degrees-minors-certificates/>

<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/catalog/undergrad/undergrad-requirements/>

<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/careercenter/students/internshipscooperative-education/>

<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/undergrad/freshman/>

<https://universityofhawaii.myuwn.com/special-programs-unique-opportunities/>