# Information for Students

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<th><strong>A. University</strong></th>
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| **B. Location** | Honolulu, Hawaii, USA |

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<td><strong>i) Module Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</strong></td>
<td>Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or Faculty before the exchange. Modules approved in the past may not be offered by the host university or approved by your Faculty when it is time for your SEP. Please check the latest course offerings at the host university while you develop your Study Plan.</td>
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| **ii) Academic Calendar** | Semester 1 (Fall): August to December  
                           Semester 2 (Spring): January to May  
                           [https://manoa.hawaii.edu/records/calendar/](https://manoa.hawaii.edu/records/calendar/) |
| **iii) Exchange Duration** | One semester |
| **iv) Examination** | Students should check the exam timetable at their host university, and ensure they can stay at their host university until after the end of the official exam period. |
| **v) Curriculum Structure** | [https://manoa.hawaii.edu/records/register/grades.html](https://manoa.hawaii.edu/records/register/grades.html) |
| **vi) Entry Requirements** | CAP of 3.5 out of 5.0 with no grade below C |

**UPCOMING CHANGES TO ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

Please note that UH Mānoa will be making a significant change to their eligibility requirements after the AY2021/22 Semester 2 (Spring 2022) application cycle. For the AY2022/23 Semester 1 (Fall 2022) application cycle onwards, all undergraduate applicants will be required to complete at least two full semesters (equivalent to 24 US semester credits) at their home university prior to submitting their UH Mānoa exchange application. In other words, students’ official transcript should show that they have received credits and grades for at least two full semesters. Applications for students that have only completed one semester will no longer be considered, even if the student is in the process of completing their second semester at the time of application and are expected to complete their second semester before arriving in Hawaii.
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements

| Language Proficiency Requirements | English |

viii) Modules Compatibility

| Modules Compatibility | University of Hawai’i at Mānoa is a comprehensive university and is suitable for BIZ, FASS, FoE, FoS, SDE, and SoC students. |

Course options
There are a variety of ways to explore your course options at the University of Hawaii at Manoa:

- Browse the Class Availability page to see what classes are being offered in past, current, and future terms.
- Review the UHM Academics page to look through each of the Colleges, Schools, and majors/minors at UH Manoa.

Course numbering

- **Undergraduate courses (1-499)** – Courses that are numbered 1-99 are courses that are not applicable for credit towards a bachelor’s degree. 100-199 are considered initial or introductory courses. 200-299 are second-year courses in a sequence or development in a field of study. 300-499 are third- and fourth-year courses in a sequence of courses or first courses in professional curricula.
- **Post-Baccalaureate courses (500-800)** – Courses that are numbered 500 are directed study courses. 500-599 are courses applicable toward first professional degrees (law and medicine) and in-service training programs in education. 600-699 are considered graduate courses and 700-799 are advanced graduate courses. 800 are courses involving dissertation research.

Course formats
A variety of course formats are offered: fully in-person, online asynchronous, online synchronous, and hybrid. The course format for each course can be found on the Class Availability page, under “GenEd/Focus/Special Des.”

Try something new
Make the most out of your Exchange/Visiting student experience by choosing courses that are unique to Hawaii or unavailable at your home institution:

- Hawaiian (HAW)
- Hawaiian Studies (HWST)
- Natural Resources & Environmental Management (NREM)
- Ocean & Earth Science & Technology (OEST)
- Pacific Island Studies (PACS)
- Peace and Conflict Resolution (PACE)
Language courses are also an area of expertise for UHM. A variety of languages are taught each semester for credit. In recent years, this has included Arabic, Cambodian, Chamorro, Chinese, English, Filipino, French, German, Greek, Hawaiian, Hindi, Ilokano, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Maori, Portuguese, Russian, Samoan, Sanskrit, Spanish, Tahitian, Thai, Tongan, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

Top ranked subjects

UH Manoa is consistently ranked among the best national and international universities. UHM is particularly strong in the following subjects:

- Archaeology
- English
- Linguistics
- Languages
- Agriculture
- Psychology
- Geophysics
- Geology
- Earth Science
- Physics and Astronomy
- Geography
- Communication
- Education

Exchange/Visiting students are encouraged to maintain a flexible study plan with several alternate course selections to avoid disappointment if first-choice courses are unavailable. With the exception of specific course restrictions, and subject to prerequisite requirements, Exchange/Visiting students are free to select their courses. Students typically select courses within the academic area of their major at their home institution, although enrollment outside of your major is often possible, particularly with introductory-level courses that do not have prerequisites.

Inbound exchange students are restricted from taking courses in Medicine, Law, Nursing, and Dental Hygiene. Graduate exchange students who want to take graduate level UHM courses in Second Language Studies (SLS) should have a TOEFL score of 100+. Students who want to take Business courses should already have a good foundation in business at their home university and a solid command of the English language, as normally demonstrated by a TOEFL score of 80+ (550+) or IELTS 6.5+.

D. Application
### i) Procedures

All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university.

The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint.

Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean’s Office for the link to the SharePoint.

### ii) Deadlines

All NUS students must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home Faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.

Failure to submit a formal application to the host university by the stipulated deadline, may result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.

### E. Accommodation

#### i) University Accommodation

**On Campus Housing:**

**Fall Semester** – During the fall semester, there is a limited amount of on-campus housing available to international exchange students. Students coming to UHM for just the fall semester or for the academic year may apply for on-campus housing online, but are encouraged to explore off-campus housing options. Undergraduates are given preference for on-campus housing.

**Spring Semester** – During the spring semester, on-campus housing is widely available. International exchange students coming to UHM for the spring semester or calendar year are welcome to apply for on-campus housing online, and have a high likelihood of being placed.

**Apply for On-Campus Housing** – In order to apply for on-campus housing, you need a UH Number (found on your Acceptance letter). Students may apply for on-campus housing online at [UHM Student Housing Services](#). There is a $25 application fee that should be paid with a credit card. Please be sure to use the “Non-Freshman” application form; do NOT use the “Freshman” application form.

Please note that the housing contracts at UHM are for the entire academic year (two semesters). If you will only be studying at UHM for the Fall semester, that’s OK. We will inform Student Housing Services and later they will be able to release you from the second half of your contract.

**Off Campus Housing:**
Global Relations Office

- **Hawaii Student Suites** – Several student-friendly properties, including “Beachwalk” apartments located one block from Waikiki Beach, and “Kalo Terrace” community dormitories located one block from the UHM campus.

- **Off-Campus Housing Referral Program** – This website lists several good options. The Off-Campus Housing Referral Program website includes much useful information, including links to temporary housing, hostels and other off-campus options. Applications and/or reservations would need to be sent/made as soon as possible to insure a space when you arrive. Prices vary as do application procedures. (To access the listings at the yellow “Students” link, UH username and password required.)

- **East-West Center** – Next to campus and has two housing facilities for students: Hale Manoa and Hale Kuahine. Both facilities are primarily reserved for graduate students formally affiliated with the East-West Center, but any students are welcome to apply. Space is limited, and priority will be given to students majoring in Asia-Pacific related studies.

Source and for more information: http://manoa.hawaii.edu/mix/inbound/housing-meals/

### F. Visa

| Consular/Visa Regulation | All international students (in F-1 and J-1 status) are required to begin the mandatory online Visa Clearance provided by UHM International Student Services (ISS) ([https://www.hawaii.edu/issmanoa/?page_id=2227](https://www.hawaii.edu/issmanoa/?page_id=2227)). The online session is self-service and will take approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes to complete. Once you pass, download the certificate. The online visa clearance is only the first half of the process. To complete the visa clearance process, upon arriving in the US, you will need to sign up for a Visa Clearance Session, during which you will submit this certificate along with your passport, visa, DS-2019 or I-20, and J-1 Health Insurance Provider Form to the UHM International Student Services (ISS) Office for review. After your documents have been reviewed, you will be able to pick them up from the ISS Office. Failure to complete a Visa Clearance Session will result in a hold being placed on your MyUH course registration on the first day of instruction (but will not prevent you from registering in MyUH before the semester starts). |

### G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

| i) Health/Medical Insurance | All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to the following link: [https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/](https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/) Students are strongly encouraged to purchase a supplemental travel insurance to ensure they are adequately covered during their exchange semester. |
In addition, students will be required to enrol in the compulsory health insurance policy or scheme at their SEP host university.

*The University of Hawai‘i (UH) requires F-1 and J-1 international students to have adequate health insurance coverage throughout their programs of study. F-1 and J-1 students must either enrol in a UH endorsed student health insurance plan or furnish proof of enrollment in a health insurance plan that provides the required minimum coverage. Proof of enrollment needs to be sent to issmanoa@hawaii.edu by July 15 for Fall students and by November 15 for Spring students.*

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**H. Cost of Living**

| i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses | (Tuition is waived for exchange students):  
http://www.hawaii.edu/fas/basics/student_budget/index.php |
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Information correct as of August 2021. Please refer to the UH/Hawaii links for the most up-to-date information.