The School of Hawaiian, Asian and Pacific Studies (SHAPS) was established as an organizational unit to coordinate and focus the resources available on various aspects of Hawaiian, Asian and Pacific studies in an integrated program of research and scholarship to provide broad and substantive academic support of instructional programs, and for faculty and library resource development. This unit is expected to generate the visibility and status necessary to enhance the contributions and advance the reputation of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa as a leading center in Hawaiian, Asian and Pacific studies, and to attract extramural funding in support of that leadership. The major objectives of the School are:

1. Support faculty and student development, instruction, research and publications in international studies, particularly regarding Hawai‘i, the Pacific, and Asia;

2. Provide a linking and coordinative function to maximize the use and development of the University's Hawaiian, Pacific, and Asian resources within and across disciplines and departments;

3. Provide international visibility for, and publicize the University's activities, resources and commitment in Hawaiian, Asian and Pacific studies to a spectrum of appropriate audiences, including colleagues, interested students, and potential funding sources throughout the world;

4. Serve the educational and cultural interests of Hawai‘i by helping to foster a deeper understanding of Hawaiian, Asian and Pacific societies and peoples.

The major functions of the units of the School are:

A. Office of the Dean

Chairs I

Provides executive/managerial direction and support to the primary programs of instruction, research, and community service.

Plays, organizes and administers

1. Program curricula and course development
2. Program evaluation
3. Staff recruitment and development
4. Research and development activities
5. Outreach instructional and community service programs
6. Budget development, allocation, and administration
7. Accounting for resources
8. Procurement and property management
9. Personnel services
10. Other logistical support services
11. Student academic services

B. Office of International Programs and Services (Chart III)

The Office of International Programs and services coordinates and provides technical assistance on international activities, international agreements and exchanges.

C. Centers and Programs (Charts IV through XIII)

Centers and Programs provide instruction, research, and community service relevant to their focus.

1. Academic programs offered are:
   - BA in Hawaiian Studies
   - MA in Pacific Islands Studies
   - Certificate in Pacific Islands Studies (Chart C)
   - BA in Asian Studies
   - MA in Asian Studies

2. Research is encouraged through development of faculty research skills.

3. Community service is provided in outreach activities, including workshops, materials development, and community presentations.

D. Committee for the Preservation of Hawaiian Language, Art and Culture (Chart XIV)

This Committee, created by the State Legislature, serves as an advisory body to determine the worth and value of programs and projects dealing with the preservation and study of Hawaiian language, art and culture.