

VI. What are Exit and Graduation Requirements

For B.Ed. students, there are two University of Hawai'i at Mānoa graduation requirements: 1) a Hawaiian or foreign language requirement and 2) completion of writing-intensive courses.

Foreign Language or the Hawaiian Language Graduation Requirement

Students are required to complete through the second level of a foreign language or the Hawaiian language as a graduation requirement. Students are strongly advised to complete this requirement prior to admission to the COE as the cohort course scheduling may make it difficult to take language classes during the four semesters of the educational program.

Writing-Intensive Graduation Requirements

To graduate from UHM, the student must have completed the equivalent of five writing-intensive courses. Some or all of these may be taken from the College of Education. Please consult advisors of the Office of Student Academic Services for information regarding graduation requirements.

For students in the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate program in Secondary Education: passing the PRAXIS Subject Assessment Content Knowledge test in their academic field is required for graduation.

Be sure that you have no "incomplete" grades. The last day to remove an "I" from the previous semester is usually November 1 and April 1. Check the calendar in the general catalog.

A semester before student teaching, if not earlier, see your advisor for a graduation checkout. During this session, your advisor will determine if you have fulfilled all courses, GPA, and credit requirements to graduate.

If you have fulfilled all requirements, you will need to complete the "Application for Degree/Certificate" and have your advisor sign it. Submit the form to the UHM cashier's office no later than two weeks after the beginning of the semester in which you plan to graduate. Keep your copy.

Diplomas are usually available for pickup at Admissions and Records six to eight weeks after graduation. If you will not be on Oahu to pick up your diploma, complete a special form in order that the diploma can be mailed to you.

Transcripts indicating that you have graduated are available six to eight weeks after commencement. Submit the request form and fee to the cashier's office. (Graduates have found it helpful to have in their possession personal copies of transcripts from all institutions they have attended.)