

PROCESS FOR ARTICULATING COURSES TO MEET UH MĀNOA'S DIVERSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's (UHM) Diversification requirement is intended to assure that every student has a broad exposure to different domains of academic knowledge, while at the same time allowing flexibility for students with different goals and interests.

The Diversification requirements are

- Arts (DA), Humanities (DH), and Literatures (DL): a total of 6 credits from two of the three areas
- Social Sciences (DS): a total of 6 credits from two different departments
- Biological Sciences (DB): 3 credits
- Physical Sciences (DP): 3 credits
- Science Laboratory (DY): 1 credit

Procedures

- A. When UHM judges that a UH course is equivalent to a UHM course, that UH course automatically receives the Diversification designation of its UHM equivalent.
- B. When a UH course has no equivalent UHM course, a UH-system campus may request that its course articulate as satisfying a UHM Diversification requirement by following these steps:
 1. A UH system campus sends proposed Diversification course syllabi when feasible and catalog descriptions to the Mānoa Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (OVCAA). (Course syllabi and catalog descriptions are necessary to determine the Diversification designation.)
 2. The Mānoa OVCAA will be responsible for having the course reviewed and approved by the Mānoa General Education Committee (GEC) for a Diversification designation.
 3. The OVCAA will notify the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Dean of Instruction of the sending campus of any approved Diversification designation and the effective dates for the designation.
 4. The approved courses, their Diversification designations, and their effective dates will be posted on a system data base.
 5. In extreme circumstances, when the proposed designation of a course is questioned, Mānoa will work with faculty from the sending campus on the resolution of the issues.

Policies

- The sending campus will accept UHM's Diversification hallmarks and the "two-thirds guideline" in assessing courses for submission to meet UHM's Diversification requirements.

Diversification determinations will be guided by the "Two-Thirds Guideline": For a course to be designated in a particular area, approximately two-thirds of the content of its governing syllabus and approximately two-thirds of the required class meetings must demonstrate the hallmarks. (Thus a course in Family Resources that is two-thirds social sciences and one-third humanities will count toward the social sciences area only; a course in Hindi that involves literary texts for half of the course and conversational skills for half of the course will not be designated as appropriate to fulfill any area of Diversification requirements).
- The sending campus will rigorously evaluate their proposed Diversification designations before sending them to UHM.
- Courses submitted to UHM must be 100-level courses or above.
- The Diversification designation is given to all sections of the course regardless of the instructor.
- The Diversification designation is given for five years.