

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
SMALL UNDERGRADUATE CLASSES, FALL 2001

Executive Policy E5.207 provides for the continued monitoring and annual reporting of small undergraduate classes using common definitions, reporting format, and policy guidelines. The fall 2001 report represents a consolidation of responses received from the Chancellor of UH-West O'ahu and the Vice Chancellors for Academic Affairs of UH Mānoa, UH Hilo, and the UH Community Colleges.

The number and percentage of small undergraduate classes reflect adjustments for canceled/cross-listed classes and non-classroom instruction, such as practice teaching, cooperative education, and individualized instruction for which special fees are paid. Sections of a course with less than ten students are not considered small if the average enrollment per section is ten or greater.

SYSTEM SUMMARY

In fall 2001, the percentage of small undergraduate classes in the UH system remains relatively stable at 8.7%, increasing less than one percent (+.2%) from the previous year. Of the 6,788 total classes offered, 594 had fewer than 10 students enrolled. With the exception of Mānoa, there was a decrease in the percentage of small undergraduate classes across the system. However, of some concern is the slight but steady increase since 1998 in the proportion of small undergraduate classes for the UH system as a whole, and that the 8.7% for fall 2001 is the highest since 1991.

Campus submissions continue to provide evidence that they are conscientiously monitoring class sizes; are aware of the importance of using resources efficiently; and are exercising appropriate restraint when authorizing small undergraduate classes to meet their unique educational goals and objectives.

Policy guidelines and factors considered by campuses in authorizing small undergraduate classes include: centrality of class for majors; curricular requirements for graduation; new courses in the early stages of development; classes taught by faculty on a voluntary, non-compensated basis; and specialized courses such as topics courses, experimental courses, one-time offerings, and those taught by visiting faculty.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

- UH Mānoa reported that 225, or 8.6%, of its 2,619 fall 2001 offerings were small undergraduate classes, an increase of 1.1% from a comparable date last year. Of the seventeen units at Mānoa, nine experienced an increase in the number of small classes. The College of Languages, Linguistics and Literature, the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, and the College of Natural Sciences accounted for the bulk of Mānoa's small undergraduate classes – 145 or 64%.
- Of the 573 classes offered at UH Hilo, 41 or 7.2% were small undergraduate classes, which is 1.3% less than the previous fall semester.
- UH-West O'ahu offered a record number of classes in fall 2001. Of the 117 offerings, 13 or 11.1% were small classes, a decrease of 1.4% from fall 2000.
- The number and percentage of small classes at the UH Community Colleges remains stable. Of the 3,479 classes offered, 315 or 9.0% were small classes, a decrease of less than one percent (-.2%). Campus results were mixed with three decreasing and an equal number increasing. The most significant change was at Kaua'i, which reported 50% fewer small classes than the previous fall semester (from 26.2% to 13.2%).

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	MĀNOA			HILO			WEST O#AHU			COMMUNITY COLLEGES			SYSTEM		
	Total Classes	Small Classes		Total Classes	Small Classes		Total Classes	Small Classes		Total Classes	Small Classes		Total Classes	Small Classes	
		No.	%		No.	%		No.	%		No.	%		No.	%
Fall 91	2,771	259	9.3	480	72	15.0	84	7	8.3	3,666	373	10.2	7,001	711	10.2
Fall 92	NO DATA			507	51	10.0	79	6	7.6	3,572	294	8.2	4,158	351	8.4 ¹
Fall 93	2,788	172	6.2	588	54	9.2	81	3	3.7	3,721	227	6.1	7,178	456	6.4
Fall 94	2,883	172	6.0	499	44	8.8	87	3	3.4	3,710	127	3.4	7,179	346	4.8
Fall 95	2,706	119	4.4	438	33	7.5	91	9	9.9	3,601	168	4.7	6,836	329	4.8
Fall 96	2,672	164	6.1	452	44	9.7	90	6	6.7	3,455	166	4.8	6,669	380	5.7
Fall 97	2,714	169	6.2	509	65	12.8	87	6	6.9	3,379	185	5.5	6,689	425	6.4
Fall 98	2,658	126	4.7	590	71	12.0	93	3	3.2	3,379	180	5.3	6,720	380	5.7
Fall 99	2,425	117	4.8	535	61	11.4	96	7	7.3	3,517	269	7.6	6,573	454	6.9
Fall 00	2,647	199	7.5	554	47	8.5	96	12	12.5	3,420	315	9.2	6,717	573	8.5
Fall 01	2,619	225	8.6	573	41	7.2	117	13	11.1	3,479	315	9.0	6,788	594	8.7

¹ System-wide data excluded the Mānoa campus for which data was unavailable.