Our History

C.O.P. began in 1970
• U.S. Government provided funds for first 3 years
• Recruited residents from Wai`anae-Nānākuli & Kalihi-Palama

Since 1973
• State of Hawai`i provide funds
• Recruit residents state-wide*
Our Mission

To recruit, screen, select, and prepare Hawaiʻi residents for a successful freshman year at the UH Mānoa.*
So What is C.O.P.?

C.O.P. provides an alternative pathway for individuals who desire to attend UH Mānoa but who do not possess the minimum requirements for admission.*
Who Can Apply?

Individuals must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the program:

- Hawai‘i resident
- U.S. citizen, U.S. national, permanent visa
- High school cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 at time of application
- High school diploma by June 2013
- Earned no more than 12 college credits above the 100-level and hold a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 at time of application*
Who is it for?

Applicants who meet the additional criteria below will be given priority consideration; however, COP encourages all eligible applicants to apply.

• Lack the minimum requirements for guaranteed admission to UHM,

• Economically disadvantaged family background,

• First person in family to attend college, and

• Represent a positive role model to communities underrepresented at UHM.*
Two Phases of C.O.P.

• Summer Academic Program (6 weeks)
  July 7, 2013 through August 16, 2013

• First Year Program
  Fall 2013 through Spring 2014*
Purpose of Summer Academic & Residential Program

To experience living on campus in a residence hall while attending classes and group activities to upgrade academic and social skills necessary to succeed in college*
Summer Courses

History 152 Lecture & Lab
• Earn 3 college credits
• World history from 1500 – present
• 2 hour large lecture 3 x per week
• Small lab 1 x per week

College Success Lecture & Lab
• 6 week orientation to UHM
• Financial Aid Literacy
• Course selection & registration for Fall
• Ease the transition to college*
Summer Courses

College Writing
• Like a freshmen expository writing course
• 1½ hour course; meets 3 times per week
• Small class size

Life Skills
• Educational sessions on topics to assist with the social adjustment to college. Topics include: Diversity, Health & Wellness, Team Building, & Community Service*
How much does it cost?

Summer program is FREE!

C.O.P. pays for:
• Room - Live in a Residential Hall on campus
• Board - Eat 14 meals each week
• Textbooks and instructional expenses*
First-Year Academic Program

• Students are classified as regular freshmen
  - Enroll as a full-time student with at least 12 credits

• Students have priority residence hall space
  - Live on-campus in residential hall for the first year

• Students are allowed to work
  - Only on-campus in a part-time position up to 20 hours/week.

• Students are required to pay for all education-related costs
  - Pay for tuition, room/board, textbooks*
First-Year Academic Program

• C.O.P.’s “One-Stop” Services
  – individual advising and counseling
  – semi-monthly group meetings
  – assistance on academic, financial aid, and housing issues
  – a home base – a place for students to hang out, meet with friends, use computer, eat
  – group support from other C.O.P. students*
So Why C.O.P.?

- Another pathway for students to enter UHM
- Prepare for the first semester and get an overall head start to college
- Earn 3 college credits at no cost
- Experience living in a campus residence hall
- Meet, interact and network with new people
- Learn and practice responsibility and independence from home
- Receive full time staff support and advising*
How to Apply

Step 1:
Apply to UH Mānoa online application

www.sis.hawaii.edu/uhdad/bwskalog.P_DispLoginNon
Step 2: Complete a COP Application

Copies of the application may be downloaded from C.O.P. website at www.hawaii.edu/cop
Step 3
Write a personal essay

• See application for guidelines.

PERSONAL ESSAY: On a separate sheet(s), please type your responses to each of the items listed below. Attach your responses to your application.

1. Describe your current living situation and family members.
   - Where do you live and with whom?
   - Identify each member in the household by name, age and relationship to you.

2. As a UHM student, explain how you would be a positive role model for students who come from communities that are currently underrepresented at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

3. What are the current activities that you are involved in at school and in your community.

4. Why are you applying to COP and what are your alternative plans.

5. Share with us any other information you feel would support your application.
Step 4: Obtain Two Recommendations

- College preparatory instructor
  English, math, sciences, social studies, or Hawaiian or Foreign Language
- High school grade level, college or career counselor
- Should be from someone who knows you very well. Ask if they can give you a strong recommendation
- Need not be from a class that you earned an “A” grade
- Allow recommenders at least 2 weeks to complete your recommendation form.*
Step 5: Request Transcript

Send current high school transcript

Include:
• 1st quarter grades
• SAT/ACT scores, if taken
• all college transcripts, if applicable*
Step 6: Obtain your Parent(s)/Guardian 2011 Federal Tax Return Transcript

Allow up to 2 weeks to receive the tax return transcript.

http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Order-a-Transcript
Step 7: Submit Application Checklist

Items #1-7 must be submitted in one application packet.
Important Application Information

• In order for your application to be considered for the 2013 COP Summer Program, you must submit all required documents in one Application Packet.

• Applications that do not comply with the deadline requirements will not be considered.

• COP will not accept any application, or part thereof, which is sent by email or facsimile.

• Your completed Application Packet must be received in the COP office no later than 12 noon on the deadline date.*
Priority Deadline

DECEMBER 3, 2012
12:00 p.m.

Advantages

- Early testing and interview
- Informed of their COP selection status no later than February 15, 2013.
- Increase your chance of being considered for the full range of financial assistance offered by the UHM Financial Aid Services.*
Final Application Deadline

JANUARY 5, 2013

12:00 p.m.
Application Timeline

- Priority Deadline: December 3, 2012
- Reading & Writing Test: Dec 2012 – Jan 2013
- Priority Initial Interview: Dec 2012 – Jan 2013
- Priority Final Interview: January – February 2013
- Priority selection status: February 15, 2013

- Final Deadline: January 5, 2013
- Reading & Writing Test: January 2013
- Initial Interview: January – February 2013
- Final Interview: February – April 2013
- Selection status: No later than April 2013*
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