An Overview of Your Academic Home and Degree Requirements
Your Academic Home: Colleges/ Schools and Departments
The University of Hawaii at Manoa

UHM is organized by colleges and schools. Within each college or school are departments that offer various fields of study.

University

College or School

Department: Field of Study
(major, minor, certificates)
UHM has at least 13 colleges/schools located in different buildings across campus.

Each of you belongs to a college/school, which offers different fields of study. You can obtain a major, minor, or certificate in these fields.

While schools usually offer one field, like the School of Architecture, colleges can have up to 40, like the College of Arts & Sciences.

**Colleges**
- Arts & Sciences
  - Arts & Humanities
  - Languages, Linguistics & Literature
  - Natural Sciences
  - Social Sciences
- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Tropical Agriculture & Human Resources
- Outreach College

**Schools**
- Architecture
- Hawaiian Knowledge
- Medicine (Med.Tech & Speech Pathology)
- Nursing & Dental Hygiene
- Ocean & Earth Science & Technology
- Pacific & Asian Studies
- Social Work
- Travel Industry Management
Department of Art & Art History

* Over 30 faculty

* Office – Dept. chair, secretary

* Programs
  BA Art (Studio or Art History)
  BFA Art
  Minor in Art

Departments: Fields of Study

Here’s an example of a department in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences.

The department of Art and Art History offers major (BA/BFA) and minor programs in the field of art and art history.
Find out more about colleges/schools and fields of study

- Catalog-online:  
  http://www.catalog.hawaii.edu/degrees/degrees-cert.htm

- Tips:
  1. Look up fields of study that offer undergraduate degrees (e.g., BA), minors, or certificates as indicated in the middle column of the chart.
  2. Then click on/find pages for both “field” and the “college/school” that offers it.
  3. Visit both the department offering the field of study and the college/school.
What will you need to earn a degree?
You need to meet 3 sets of requirements to earn your degree:

- General Education
- College or School
- Major

- Most first-semester freshmen take classes that will satisfy the GenEd requirements.

- Some majors or College/Schools have courses that first-semester freshmen should take. Talk to your academic advisor at your NSO session.
General Education: Purpose

“The General Education Core and Graduation requirements develop a deeper appreciation of the complexities and potentialities of the human experience from the perspectives of the arts, humanities, and the natural and social sciences while encouraging an understanding of imagination and creativity through the application of abstract and intuitive thinking.”
Parts of the GenEd

Core Requirements:
1) Foundations
   - Skills and perspectives fundamental to higher ed

2) Diversification
   - Broad exposure to different domains of knowledge

Graduation Requirements:
3) Focus
   - Skills and discourses to live and work in a diverse community

4) Hawaiian or Second Language
   - Understand others, be aware of language and thought, compare cultures
Parts of the GenEd:
Core Requirements: 1) Foundations

**FW**: Foundations Written Communication
3 credits or 1 course
- Meet demands of college level writing
- Be aware of the beauty, power, clarity, precision of formal systems

**FS**: Foundations Symbolic Reason
3 credits or 1 course
- Understand thematic treatments of global processes and cross-cultural interactions

**FG**: Foundations Global and Multicultural Perspectives
6 credits or 2 courses
FW (Foundations Written Communication) Courses

- ENG 100*: Composition I
- ENG 100A*: Composition I
- ENG 190*: Composition I for Transfer Students
- ELI 100*: Expository Writing: A Guided Approach for International Students Only

*Visit Manoa Writing Program’s website, www.mwp.hawaii.edu, for more information
FS (Symbolic Reasoning) Courses

• BUS 250
• ICS 141, 241
• MATH 100, 100A, 112, 140*, 203*, 215*, 215A*, 241*, 241A*, 251A*
• NREM 203
• PHIL 110, 110A, 111

*Placement test must be taken before registering for class: www.math.hawaii.edu

Note: If you are going to be a science or business major, please contact your department to see if a specific FS course is needed.
### FG (Global and Multicultural Perspectives) Courses

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**FG (Global and Multicultural Perspectives) Courses**

Parts of the GenEd: Core Requirements: 2) Diversification

Arts, Humanities & Literatures
(2 semester courses, each from a different group)
DA: Arts
DH: Humanities
DL: Literature

Natural Sciences
(1 course each in DB and DP, 1 DY lab.)
DB: Biological
DP: Physical
DY: Laboratory

Social Sciences
(2 courses, each from a different department)
DS: Social Science
Two ways to find out which courses are designated as Diversification:

- Look in the Catalog in the course description section, especially the chart of departments that offer Diversification courses. If a course is a Diversification course, the Diversification code will be noted at the end of the description in bold (DA).

  Example: **KLS 124 Dances of Hawaiʻi (1)**
  Background and fundamentals of hula. Selected dances with and without instruments. **DA**

- Check the Schedule of Classes or “SOC.” In the first column, GenEd designations, including Diversification codes, are listed for those courses that have been approved for GenEd.
Parts of the GenEd:
Graduation Requirements: 3) Focus Requirements

H: Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Issues (1 course)

E: Contemporary Ethical Issues (1 course)

O: Oral Communication (1 course)

W: Writing Intensive (5 courses, of which 2 must be numbered 300-level and above)

Generally, you start taking these courses in your second semester. Note: check the Schedule of Classes each semester for the list of Focus courses.
Parts of the GenEd:
Graduation Requirements: 4) Hawaiian and Second Language

This requirement varies by UHM college/school. Half require students demonstrate competence at the 202 (or equivalent) level.

Arabic, Burmese, Cambodian, Cantonese, Chamorro, Filipino, French, German, Greek, Hawaiian, Hindi, Ilokano, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Latin, Mandarin, Maori, Portuguese, Russian, Samoan, Sanskrit, Spanish, Tahitian, Thai, Tongan, Vietnamese.

Visit [http://www.hawaii.edu/gened/hsl.htm#requirements](http://www.hawaii.edu/gened/hsl.htm#requirements) to see if your college/school requires the HSL requirement or speak to an academic advisor.
Find out more about General Education requirements

Catalog-online:
http://www.catalog.hawaii.edu/corerequirements/default.htm

Tips:

1. Become adept at using the acronyms for GenEd – you’ll find them not only in publications, but also in conversations with advisors, staff, and faculty.

2. Use the GenEd to explore fields of study or to prepare you for upper-division courses.

3. Visit the department offering the GenEd course if you would like more information on the course.