



# “Tips for Living in Hawai‘i”

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## HOUSING

- Location, location, location-Waikiki and Mānoa can be more expensive.
- Consider sharing apartment with roommate(s); share internet and cable costs.
- Don't pay for anything before seeing the place.
- Tip: If you will be taking the bus to commute to campus, check for housing along the bus route.
- Read your contract.



## BANKING

- Open a local bank account to avoid costly ATM service charges or foreign credit card charges.
- Savings account? Checking Account?
- College or Student Checking Account.
- Checking card will allow you to pay for product and services easily.
- Bank services and cost vary considerably.
- Tip: [American Saving Bank](#) and [University of Hawai‘i Federal Credit Union](#) have on-campus locations.



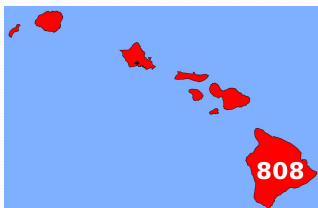
## SIM Card and Mobile Phones

- Get a U.S. telephone number.
- Buy Sim card in stores like [Walmart](#) or [Target](#) or go directly to phone provider stores ([Verizon](#), [AT&T](#), [T-Mobile](#)).
- Phone carriers offer short term contracts or commitment-free prepaid plans that you can top up whenever you're out of credit.



## Campus Phone

All UHM telephone# begins with 956-  
Dorm telephone# begins with 957-



## Getting around

### The Bus

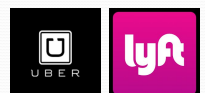
- Avoid parking cost.
- Avoid insurance cost.
- Avoid gas cost.
- Avoid car maintenance cost.
- Download the app.
- Need exact fare- no change (\$2.75).



### Biki-Bikeshare

### Uber or Lyft

- Download the app.
- Request, ride, and pay via your phone.





## UH-Commuter Services

Maximise commuting access to UH Mānoa:

- Parking permits (car, moped, motorcycle)
- Carpool parking permits (600 permits)
- Shuttle Schedules
- Moped registration
- Free bike repair
- Secure bike cage parking
- EV Charging Provider
- Cost-effective car rental- Enterprise CarShare

\*<https://www.hawaiicarrentals.net/hawaii-underage-driver-fees.php>



## Rainbow Shuttle



- Free for UHM students, faculty, staff & visitor.
- Routes to Mānoa Valley, Moiliili, Kaimuki & Makiki.
- Operates spring & fall semesters; 1st day of semester.
- Monday to Friday, during day and some evening hours.
- ADA-compliant; equipped with bike racks.
- Download UHM Shuttle App to track shuttle.
- Valid UH ID



## Shop Wholesale/Discount Stores

- Buy bulk food: can food/frozen food/dry food at large discount stores like [Sam's Club](#) and [Costco](#).
- Shop for clothes, small home appliances at Ross, Walmart and Target for low prices.
- Share cost with roommates whenever possible.



## Major Oahu Grocery Chains

- Don Quixote - Grocery (near Ala Moana Shopping Center)
- Foodland Super Markets - Grocery (various locations)
- Times Supermarkets -Grocery (various locations)
- Safeway Stores - Grocery, Drugstore (various locations)
- Down to Earth - Grocery, Health market, Organic Food



## Discount Cards



## Pharmacies (Drugstores)

Long's Drugstore (CVS)- various locations.  
Walgreens Pharmacy- various locations.  
Many supermarkets also have pharmacies: Walmart, Safeway.



[University Health Services Mānoa Pharmacy Department](#) located on campus, has wide variety of over-the counter medications at very affordable cost.



## Shop Sales- be flexible & be creative

- Look for weekly specials, ads, coupons.

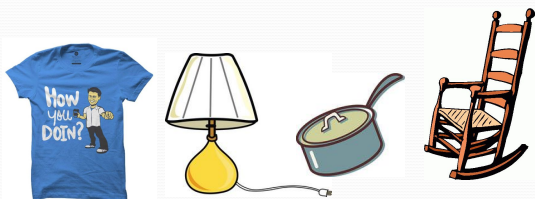


- Shop at local farmer's market or Chinatown
- Farmers' market listing [Hawai'i Department of Agriculture](#)



## Thrift Stores

- Lightly used clothing, housewares, kitchenware, office supplies, small furniture, appliances.
- [Women's Campus Club Thrift Shop-On campus.](#)
- [Salvation Army Thrift Store.](#)
- [Goodwill Hawai'i.](#)



## Ask for kama'aina discount

If you live in Hawai'i and have a local ID like the State ID or Hawai'i driver license, you qualify for Kama'aina discount. Usually 10-15% off your purchase.



## Meals

- Go out for breakfast and lunch, try to avoid dinner.
- You'll spend less for daytime meals than you will for dinner.
- Go to locals' favorite instead of tourist area.
- Tip: Download the  [Yelp App](#).



## Tipping

Show service providers that you appreciate what they've done for you.

- Airport porters: \$1-\$2 per bag
- Taxi drivers: 15%-20%
- Hotel Bellhops: \$2 per bag, \$5 per two bags
- Hotel housekeeping: \$2 per each day you stay
- Waiters: 15%-20%





## Hawai'i climate

- Mild temperature throughout the year, moderate humidity, persistence trade winds, significant differences in rainfall within short distances, occasional storms.
- Two seasons: Summer May-Oct  
85-90°F (29-32°C)  
Winter Nov-April  
79-83°F (26-28°C)
- Winter is also rainy season: little downpour for a minute or two can happen anywhere on the island. Snow does not fall in Hawai'i except for the peaks on Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea, both located on the island of Hawai'i (Big Island).



## Cold classrooms & rainy Mānoa!



- General Medical Clinic & Specialty Clinics  
Illness/Injury, Dermatology, Nutrition, Psychiatry, Sports Medicine, Women's Health
- Immunizations
- Laboratory
- Pharmacy
- Travel Medicine
- After Hours Medical Care: "Medical Advise Line" Call (808) 956-8965



- Urgent Care Hawai'i- Waikiki
- Island Urgent Care-Kapahulu, Kahala, Hawai'i Kai, Kakaako
- Kahala Mall Minute Clinic
- Kuhio Walk-In Medical Clinic



## Hospitals

- Kaiser Permanente Moanalua Medical Center
- Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children
- Kuakini Medical Center
- The Queen's Medical Center
- Straub Clinic & Hospital



## Out and About

- Avoid Jaywalking- Crossing the street outside of a crosswalk or away from street corner.
- Fine starting at \$130

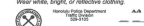


### Pedestrian Safety

- STEPS TO SAFETY**
1. Start crossing when you see this signal. This is the only time you may legally enter the crosswalk.
  2. Don't start crossing if the flashing signal appears. Finish crossing if you are already in the crosswalk.
  3. "Stuck Walk" Remain at the curb when the signal appears. Push the pedestrian button and wait for the next walk signal.
  4. Don't start crossing if this signal appears. Finish crossing within the time remaining.

	Fine
Crossing on the "Don't Walk" or flashing signal	...\$130
"Jaywalking"	...\$130
Entering/crossing any roadway closed to pedestrian traffic	...\$130
Failing to stop for pedestrians in same half of the roadway	...\$130

Always use a marked crosswalk.  
Make eye contact. Look left, right, left again.  
Wear white, bright, or reflective clothing.







## Out and About

No texting while crossing street

Starts October 25th, 2017

Fine: starts at \$15, escalates up to \$99 for recurrent



## Out and About

- Have a valid ID on you- [Hawai'i State ID/driver's license](#)
- Legal drinking age in Hawai'i is **21**.
- [Do not drink and drive](#).
- Legal smoking age is 21.
- No using cell phone/texting while driving- fine of \$200.
- Wearing seat belts is mandatory for all car occupants- front and back.



## Free and low cost activities

- Most beaches and snorkel spots and hikes are free.
- Save money on gym fees and you'll find of peace of mind as you connect with the land and take advantage of the Hawaiian climate.
- Join community groups or events to get involved in your area.
- Get involved in sports or other recreational activities for fun and to meet people.

Download apps for hiking and outdoor activities!

Be safe and have fun!



## 808YOUTH.COM

Hawai'i Youth Services Directory

Searchable database of government, private and nonprofit organization offering services or activities for children and youth in Hawai'i



## Mahalo!

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