



Regents Policy Chapter 5, Academic Affairs

Regents Policy RP 5.211, Admissions

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### **I. Purpose**

To set forth policy regarding admissions policies.

### **II. Definitions:**

~~No policy specific or unique definitions apply.~~ Resident - A person who meets the requirements of Hawai'i residency for tuition purposes, as set forth in Section 304A-402 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes and Title 20, Chapter 4 of the Hawai'i Administrative Rules.

Qualified - A person who meets the published admission requirements for a campus or program.

### **III. Policy:**

A. The board shall provide for differential admissions policies on system campuses and clear communication of university expectations to prospective students. In pursuing this purpose, the board intends to provide for a mix of students while ensuring preference for qualified Hawai'i residents. In doing so the following principles are established:

1. The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu shall utilize selective admissions criteria for all colleges and programs.
2. The University's community colleges shall be open admissions institutions to which all residents who are high school graduates or age 18 and over and can benefit from the instruction offered shall be admitted. This policy does not preclude selective admissions to specific programs of the community colleges

- where pre-requisite skills and knowledge are necessary for program success or where student demand exceeds the available resources of the college.
3. Each ~~C~~hancellor/Provost that uses selective admissions ~~criteria~~ for undergraduate admission shall develop ~~admissions requirements~~; in ~~concert~~ consultation with campus administrators and faculty. ~~Graduate admissions criteria are established by program faculty with the approval of the Chancellor/Provost and/or other campus administrators, i.e. Deans or Directors.~~
    - a. In general, it is expected that the undergraduate admission requirements for UH Mānoa will be more stringent than for UH Hilo and UH West O‘ahu ~~Admission requirements communicated to assure prospective applicants who meet them of admission to the campus.~~
    - b. If programs exist to conditionally admit students who do not meet campus admissions requirements, these programs will be described and the admission criteria used to admit students to these programs will be clearly articulated ~~Other admission criteria that are used to determine the admission of students who do not meet the higher, assured admissions criteria.~~
    - c. ~~Assured~~ All admission requirements ~~and other criteria~~ shall be clearly communicated and publicly available ~~published~~ in college catalogs, on campus websites, and in admissions materials ~~and otherwise widely publicized to allow students to plan in advance for entering the campuses of the university.~~
- B. Differential admissions policies may be established for resident and non-resident ~~undergraduate~~ students. In establishing admissions criteria for non-residents, the campuses shall utilize the following principles:
1. A public university’s first responsibility is to provide higher education opportunities for ~~qualified~~ students from the community that supports it, typically categorized as resident students.
  2. Non-resident students from across the United States and other countries are valued members of UH campus communities. They provide a diversity of backgrounds and perspectives that enrich the UH experience for residents, many of whom may not have had the opportunity for domestic or international travel. They also generally pay differential tuition, which helps support the cost of providing residents with high quality educational opportunities.

~~2.3.~~ No qualified resident applicant should be denied admission to a university campus. ~~Should demand for undergraduate admissions by residents exceed capacity, the President is responsible for developing solutions to ensure that a public university education is available for all qualified residents of Hawai'i. Implementing this policy is a major responsibility of both the two-year and baccalaureate granting campuses.~~

~~3.4.~~ At all campuses, ~~but particularly including~~ at the community colleges, ~~both undergraduate and graduate~~ programs established for the explicit purpose of educating and training students to meet state ~~manpower/workforce~~ needs have a special obligation to admit ~~qualified~~ residents ~~or others, e.g., former residents seeking to return home,~~ who can reasonably be expected to remain in the state upon graduation ~~assuming these students meet the applicable admissions criteria.~~

~~4.5.~~ Graduate and professional programs ~~in areas of strategic excellence~~ have a special responsibility to admit the most qualified students while ~~demonstrating~~ ensuring that every effort is made to enroll resident applicants who compete favorably in the admissions process.

~~5.~~ ~~Professional programs at the four-year and graduate level must be cognizant of their responsibility to educate adequate numbers of resident professionals to serve state needs. In addition to these numbers, qualified nonresidents who pay a higher tuition can enhance the mix of students.~~

6. In general, the admission of nonresidents should give priority to those who can derive special benefit from ~~focuses~~ foci of the university.

~~7.~~ ~~Campus ceilings for nonresident undergraduate enrollments shall be established by the president in consultation with the board. The president shall promulgate policies and procedures relating to the establishment of the ceiling.~~

~~C.~~ ~~Graduate admissions criteria are established by program faculty with the approval of the chancellor.~~

#### IV. Delegation of Authority:

There is no policy specific delegation of authority.

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**VI. References:**

- <http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/bor/>  
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