



July 10, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Vice Chancellors of Academic Affairs
Vice Chancellors of Student Affairs

FROM: Donald O. Straney, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy

SUBJECT: Early College Classes During the Fall 2020 Term

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In an effort to protect the health and safety of UH instructors teaching Early College classes and high school students participating in these classes, the University of Hawai'i will offer all Fall 2020 Early College classes online. Requests for exceptions to this policy will be approved on a case-by-case basis by campus leadership and must meet the more rigorous health and safety requirements of both institutions. This decision was reached after consultation with UH Community College Chancellors, as well as discussions with leaders at the four-year UH campuses, Early College coordinators on all ten UH campuses, and Hawai'i Department of Education (HIDOE) leadership.

UH campuses and their high school partners should continue to work together to determine the specifics of how online Early College classes during the Fall 2020 term will be offered (e.g. schedule, synchronous vs. asynchronous components, etc.). Any plans for face-to-face meetings or instruction must be approved by campus leadership. In the event that any face-to-face meetings occur, the more rigorous and restrictive health and safety standards for both institutions (UH and HIDOE) must be followed to protect UH instructors and students (e.g., If UH health and safety measures are more stringent, high schools must adhere to UH guidance if UH instructors will be meeting with students in-person; if HIDOE health and safety measures are more stringent, UH instructors must adhere to HIDOE guidance if meeting with students in person.)

Any high school students participating in non-sheltered college courses (e.g. Running Start and Early Admit) are considered to be taking "regular" UH classes and are expected to participate in the same way as other UH students. Any face-to-face meetings or instruction that these students receive at a UH campus will follow UH COVID-19 Guidelines.

Please contact Stephen Schatz, Executive Director of Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education (sschatz@hawaii.edu, 808-956-3256), or Tammi Chun, Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs in the Office of the Vice President for Community Colleges (tammi.chun@hawaii.edu, 808-956-4561), with any questions.

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