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Functional Statement

The summer instructional program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa is one of the largest in the United States, enrolling over 17,000 students in both credit and non-credit courses. The program is administered by the Office of the Dean of Summer Session. Appointments to the summer session faculty are recommended to the Dean by the chairpersons of the academic departments of the University. Currently, the summer session is divided into two six-week terms, running from late May to early August. Institutes, workshops, and special courses with schedules of varying lengths are also accommodated. In addition, the Summer Session Office offers year-round non credit programs, including the Elderhostel, NICE, SEP and Special Seminars.

The University of Hawaii summer session began in 1927. Its primary goal is to give variety and flexibility to the instructional programs of the University. It seeks to give students the opportunity to accelerate progress toward degrees or certificates; to provide opportunities for continued guided research at the graduate level; to give school teachers and others the opportunity to take courses in the summer; to bring outstanding scholars and experts to Hawaii to teach their specialties; to pioneer in the offering of new courses and institutes; to give special courses to meet particular needs; and to contribute to the intellectual and cultural life of the community with public lectures, symposia, concerts, recitals, and exhibitions.