

Mānoa International Exchange FAQs

1. Where can I study through Mānoa International Exchange (MIX)?

UH Mānoa currently has student exchange agreements with over 50 different universities in almost 20 different countries. For the complete list, click on the link to “Student Exchange Agreements” at <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/international/mix/>.

2. Can I study at any UHM partner university, regardless of my major?

Some universities are restricted to certain majors, but most are open to any major.

3. When is the application deadline?

The “priority” application deadlines are **February 1** for Fall semester study and Summer study and **September 15** for Spring semester study. These deadlines are for turning in the required materials to the International Exchange Coordinator; students who meet these deadlines are given placement priority. Successful applicants are then asked to complete a specific partner school application.

4. What are the qualifications for MIX?

- * An incoming freshman should complete two semesters at UH Mānoa and reach sophomore standing before studying abroad through MIX. So it is possible to go on exchange during one’s second year at UHM. The application would be made during the second semester.
- * An incoming transfer student should complete at least one semester at UH Mānoa, but preferably two. Students transferring from UH Community Colleges (with at least sophomore standing) are eligible to study abroad through MIX during their first semester at UH Mānoa.
- * Some partner schools have a minimum 3.0 GPA requirement, but we will consider an application if the student’s GPA is 2.5 or higher.

5. How much does it cost to study through MIX?

MIX students register as full-time students at UH Mānoa and pay regular UHM tuition—and do not pay tuition overseas. MIX students are responsible for their own living expenses overseas (housing, meals, books, etc) as well as airfare and local transportation. For an estimate of living expenses at the university at which you are interested in studying, click on that university’s link at the MIX website (http://manoa.hawaii.edu/international/mix/student_exchange_agreements/) or see the International Exchange Coordinator.

6. Can I still use my Financial Aid if I study through MIX?

Yes, because you are registered as a full-time student at UH Mānoa and paying UHM tuition while studying overseas, you are still eligible to receive financial aid and scholarships, etc. Remember that even though you are taking classes at a UHM partner university overseas, you are still a UHM student.

7. Are there scholarships available for MIX study?

Yes, there are scholarships available specifically for students studying abroad. For more information and a list of scholarships and search tools, etc, click on the link to “Funding” at <http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/international/mix/>.

8. Will I get credit for the courses I take overseas through MIX?

Yes, you will receive transfer credit (not UH credit) for the courses you take overseas. In order not to delay your graduation, you should take classes that are the equivalent of courses you need to take here at UHM. To receive transfer credit for a three-credit course, be sure the course is considered a three-credit (or equivalent) course at the overseas university. (A three-credit class should meet for 45-48 class hours.) *It is important that you save all of your class syllabi/course descriptions. You will need to submit copies to the UHM Office of Admissions so that the appropriate UHM course equivalents can be determined.*

9. Where will I live if I study through MIX?

Most exchange students live in dormitories or other types of student housing. You normally receive housing information and applications when you are accepted to the overseas university. Some universities have a homestay option.

10. What is the difference between Mānoa International Exchange (MIX) and the UHM Study Abroad Center (UHMSAC)?

Both Mānoa International Exchange and the UHM Study Abroad Center provide opportunities for UH Mānoa students to study abroad. You will find a list of the UHMSAC programs online under the “Programs” tab at the top of the page at <http://www.studyabroad.hawaii.edu/>. Like MIX, the UHMSAC has programs in Japan, China, Australia, South America and Europe. There are no UHMSAC programs in Korea, Thailand, Singapore, Taiwan, New Zealand or Canada, but they offer more programs in European countries as well as an independent, self-designed study abroad option.

Differences between the two programs include:

- * MIX both sends students abroad and receives students from abroad; the UHMSAC only sends UHM students abroad.
- * The UHMSAC usually sends larger numbers of students overseas. A group of 10-15 may travel together to the study destination; MIX normally sends no more than 2-3 students at one time to a partner university.
- * A professor usually accompanies the UHMSAC group; no professor accompanies MIX students.
- * Students taking classes through the UHMSAC receive UHM credit and the grades are calculated into your UHM GPA. MIX students choose classes at the overseas university and receive transfer credit. The grades you earn overseas are not calculated into your UHM GPA.
- * MIX students pay UHM tuition and no additional fees. You pay for your own transportation and living expenses overseas. UHMSAC students often pay a higher amount to the UHMSAC up front, but this includes a number of things, e.g., UHM tuition, housing, excursions, insurance, etc.

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