

WICHE - WRGP

The Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE)'s Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP)

As of fall 2016, the Asian Studies Program at UH Mānoa is a member of the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP). This program allows master's, graduate certificate, and doctoral students who are legal residents of the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) member states to pay Hawai'i resident tuition when attending the UH-Mānoa Asian Studies Program. The WICHE states are Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawai'i, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

WICHE WRGP applicants applying to UH-Mānoa must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher or possess certain exceptional abilities as affirmed by the UHM graduate program to which they apply.

To be considered for the Hawai'i resident tuition rate through the WRGP program, you must identify yourself as WICHE WRGP applicant *at the time you apply*.^{*} You must fulfill all the usual requirements for admission as set by the Asian Studies Program and the the Office of Graduate Education at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and meet all admission deadlines. You must also provide documentation as proof of your legal residency in a WICHE state when requested by UH-Mānoa. (This documentation may include tax returns, voter certificates, active bank accounts, proofs of employment, proof of property ownership, lease agreements, among others).

For more information, please see:

UH-Mānoa Office of Graduate Education information on WICHE WRGP:
<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/content/wiche-program>

WICHE WRGP website:

<http://www.wiche.edu/info/publications/wrgpHandout.pdf>

***Please note:** due to the requirements of residency determination, nominations and approvals for WRGP status can only be done at the time of application. It is not possible to "switch" into the WRGP once you have started your graduate program at UHM.