Mānoa at a Glance

Established in 1907
The campus was established in 1907 when Territorial Governor George Carter signed legislation establishing the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, which was the forerunner of what was to become the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

The University
The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa is one of the few distinguished universities that hold the distinction of being a land-, sea- and space-grant research institution. It is the state’s only research university and is known for its pioneering research in such fields as astronomy, cancer research, genetics, linguistics, oceanography, and Pacific Islands and Asian area studies. Other recognized programs include creative media, earth and ocean science, engineering, environmental law, health and medicine, international business, nursing, tropical agriculture and urban planning.

Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa offers students more than 2,500 courses a semester, with an average class size of 24 and a student/faculty ratio of 14.1 : 1.

Degrees offered by Mānoa include 90 bachelors, 84 masters, 51 doctoral and three professional.

The Campus
The campus is located on 320 acres in the heart of Mānoa Valley on the island of O‘ahu, with educational, instructional and research activities occurring on all islands in the state.

The Students
Mānoa has 20,337 students (13,912 undergraduates and 6,425 graduate and professional), who come from all major Hawaiian islands, every state in the U.S., and more than 100 nations.

The student ethnicity on campus is a mixture of: Asian (41 percent), Caucasian (20.9 percent), Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (17.1 percent), Mix (two or more ethnic groups; 13.2 percent), nonresident aliens (3.8 percent); African American (1.5 percent); American Indian or Alaska Native (0.4 percent); ethnicity unknown (0.2 percent).

The Faculty
The university has 1,209 full-time faculty.

The Alumni
Mānoa has more than 160,000 alumni residing in all 50 U.S. states and more than 108 countries worldwide.

Economic Generator
The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa generates significant economic activity within the islands; every dollar invested in UH Mānoa generates a return of $5.34 in spending within Hawai‘i.

Rankings
Mānoa’s distinctions include: U.S. News & World Report: America’s Best Graduate Schools 2011 ranks the John A. Burns School of Medicine geriatric medicine program 18th in the nation while ranking its Rural Medicine Program 22nd in the nation; 2011 U.S. News & World Report law school ranks the William S. Richardson School of Law as 2nd best in student/teacher ratio and is the smallest law school among the top 100 law schools. It also ranked as the 23rd most selective school in terms of the ratio of admission offers/applications and in the top 50 for first-time bar passage rate; U.S. News & World Report: America’s Best Graduate Schools 2010 ranks the Shidler College of Business graduate program in international business 21st in the nation; The Library and Information Science program school library media specialization ranks among the top 10 in the nation according to U.S. News & World Report: America’s Best Graduate Schools 2010.

Notable Alumni
Notable alumni include: Neil Abercrombie, MA ‘64, PhD ’74, Governor of Hawai‘i; Robyn Ah Mow-Santos, ’96, USA Volleyball Team member and former Olympian; Daniel Akaka, BEd ’52, MEd ’66, U.S. Senator; Robert Ballard, MS ’66, oceanographer; Angela Perez Baraquio, BEd ’99, MEd ’04, Miss America 2001; Michael Chun, MS ’68, president, Kamehameha Schools; Tammy Duckworth, BA ’90, Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Colleen Hanabusa, BA ’73, MA ’75, JD ’77, U.S. Congresswoman; Mazie Hirono, BA ’70, U.S. Congresswoman; Daniel Inouye, BA ’50, U.S. Senator; Jongwook Lee, MPH ’81, former Director-General of the World Health Organization; Edward Tsang Lu, postdoctoral fellow, former NASA Astronaut; Patsy Mink, BA ’48, former U.S. Congresswoman; Kenneth P. Moritsugu, BA ’67, former Surgeon General; Ken Niumatalolo, BA ’86, U.S. Naval Academy head football coach; Barack Obama Sr., BA ’82, Father of U.S. President Barack Obama; Richard D. Parsons, BA ’68, Chairman of Citigroup; Cheryl Castro Petti, BA ’94, CNNRadio network anchor; Ann Dunham Sutoro, PhD ’92, mother of U.S. President Barack Obama; Jay Shidler, BBA ’68, entrepreneur and benefactor of the Shidler College of Business; Charles Nainoa Thompson, BA ’86, navigator and trustee of Kamehameha Schools.