Our Kawaihuelani Bachelor of Arts in Hawaiian
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The Kawaihuelani BA in Hawaiian seeks to teach the Hawaiian language to our students as a means of communication that is appropriate for this place and time. We also seek to provide our students the ability and the opportunity to access the thoughts, ideas, and knowledge of our kūpuna, in the language of our kūpuna, through primary sources, both written and oral, while encouraging them to create new forms and ways of expressing the knowledge of the past, and their attempt to understand the way it impacts our present and future. The learning and speaking of this language is an opportunity that was denied to many of our parents and grandparents, a fact that only serves as further motivation to revive the voice of the kūpuna.

Many of our majors go on to graduate school and out into the community, as teachers in the public school system, especially in immersion education, and also as researchers.

We are proud to award the Bachelor of Arts degree upon the successful completion of 120-124 non-repeated credit hours, including all of the UH Mānoa undergraduate General Education Requirements and the following HAW program requirements:

Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

- GPA of 2.0 in all UH Mānoa registered credit hours
- Pre-requisite: HAW 101, 102, 201, 202 and LING 102
- 30 credit hours above HAW 202 with a GPA of 3.0 or better, including:
  - Required courses: HAW 301, 302, 401, 402, and 452
  - A maximum of 3 credit hours from: HAW 284, MAO 102, SAM 102, TAHT 103, 104, MUS 312, ES 360, MUS 412, MUS 413, SLS 430, LING 445
  - A grade of B- or better in HAW 300-400 level courses counted towards the major

Students must earn a grade of C (not C-) or better for all Hawaiian Language courses that serve as prerequisites for other Hawaiian Language courses. Students who do not meet this requirement will not be permitted to register for the next level of Hawaiian Language.

For Hawaiian Language majors, a grade of B- or better is required for all courses counted towards the Hawaiian Language major. As a Hawaiian Language major, a cumulative 3.0 GPA must be earned for all HAW major courses.

Written declaration of the Hawaiian Language major is necessary prior to enrollment in any of its upper level (300-400) required courses. In general, the declaration is made after students have earned 25 credits of university course work, with an overall 2.0 GPA or better.

Students admitted to the BA program prior to 2007 should consult an advisor to review changes that may affect their programs.