

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA  
OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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ACADEMIC POLICY—GENERAL EDUCATION

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M5.404 HAWAIIAN/SECOND LANGUAGE WAIVERS

The General Education Program of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa includes the following Hawaiian/Second Language Graduation Requirement: before graduation, all students must show competency at the 202 level in Hawaiian or a second language.

The requirement may be waived under the following conditions:

- The Hawaiian/Second Language Graduation Requirement may be reduced to one year, replaced by an algorithmic language, or waived by those Schools and Colleges whose programs have different missions and objectives and where student have different educational goals.
- Grounds for such waivers include accreditation limits, demonstrated impact on enrollment, peer institution comparisons, outside evaluation of program outcomes, alumni survey of relevancy and value, inappropriateness to a program or major's goals and needs, enhancing the ability of students to complete their program in four years, course scheduling conflicts that prevents a student from completing the requirements in the first two years at Mānoa, conflict with School or College program requirements, or other legitimate curriculum concerns.
- The Hawaiian/Second Language Graduation Requirement can only be reduced, replaced, or waived after a vote of that School or College's Chartered Faculty Senate at which two thirds of the total senators vote in support of the change for their major or majors, or in the absence of a Chartered Faculty Senate when two thirds of the faculty of that School or College vote in support of the change.
- The School or College Faculty Senate or the Faculty who carried out the vote will notify the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs of their decision.

The following programs have waived or modified the Hawaiian/Second Language Requirement:

- **Business Administration:** BBA; requirement replaced by a combination of 12 credits from (1) language study, (2) study abroad or international exchange programs, and/or (3) international area study courses approved by the College; effective April 16, 2004

- **CTAHR:** BS programs; effective Fall 2001
  - ANSC, APDM, BE, FSHN—full waiver
  - NREM, PEB, PEPS, TPSS—(1) Competency at the 202 level in Hawaiian, Second, or Sign Language, (2) competency at the 102 level in Hawaiian, Second, or Sign Language and 1 course each in social sciences and natural sciences, or (3) 2 courses in social sciences and 2 courses in natural sciences (one with lab);
  - FAMR—(1) Competency at the 202 level in Hawaiian, Second, or Sign Language or (2) competency at the 102 level in Hawaiian, Second or Sign Language and 2 culture courses
- **Education:** BEd and BS programs; full waiver, effective Fall 2003
- **Engineering:** BS programs; full waiver, effective Fall 1998
- **Medicine:** BS in Medical Technology; full waiver, effective Fall 2008
- **Nursing and Dental Hygiene:** BS programs; full waiver, effective Fall 2001
- **SOEST:** BA and BS programs; requirement reduced to one year of Hawaiian/Second Language, effective Fall 2001
- **Social Work:** BSW program; partial waiver—(1) Competency at the 202 level in Hawaiian, Second, or Sign Language or (2) competency at the 102 level in Hawaiian, Second, or Sign Language and two culture courses from a list of approved courses; effective Fall 2007