About Welina Mānoa

● What is Welina Mānoa?
  ► Welina Mānoa is the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s initiative officially welcoming you into our Rainbow Warrior ‘ohana! It consists of Making Mānoa Yours Orientation (see below for more information about orientation) and a first day of school kick-off event called And the Adventure Begins. Although not mandatory, we highly recommend students to participate in both events. Whether you are a new freshmen, transfer student, commuting or living on campus, are local or from out of state or country, Welina Mānoa is a valuable opportunity to connect with new friends, equip yourself with the knowledge and resources to thrive at UHM, and feel at home with your new UHM ‘ohana.

● What is And the Adventure Begins?
  ► And the Adventure Begins kick-off is a welcome back to school event, on the first day of the fall semester, August 26, 2019. Kick off the new school year with great food, entertainment, a campus-wide resource fair, speakers and plenty prizes and giveaways! This event is open to the entire campus community and will focus on our new incoming students. All are welcome!

Making Mānoa Yours Orientation (For Freshmen and Transfer Students)

● What is Making Mānoa Yours Orientation?
  ► Making Mānoa Yours Orientation is the first part of Welina Mānoa. This orientation is a hybrid format, both online and in-person.

● What is the online orientation?
  ► The online component of Making Mānoa Yours Orientation is free, accessible from anywhere, and is designed to be completed prior to in-person orientation. It consists of modules (videos and supplemental text) covering important topics to help new students transition and thrive at UHM. New modules are released throughout summer and students should check their UHM email for announcements as modules are released. After completing modules, there are short and easy quizzes at the end. Each time the student completes a quiz, they earn an entry to win great giveaways, including grand giveaways of Apple air pods! The more quizzes completed, the better the chances of winning. Winners are announced at the in-person orientation so you must attend to be eligible.

● What is the in-person orientation?
After completing the online orientation, students should attend in-person orientation during the week of August 17-24, 2019. In-person orientation requires a $75 deposit but the entire deposit is returned to the student once they attend, and would be essentially free. To accommodate all schedules, there is a wide range of dates for in-person orientation, but students only have to attend one. As the campus has both incoming first year and transfer students, we have designed two separate orientations for each group. If family members will be joining in on the fun, we are also offering an ‘ohana orientation for parents and family members.

What happens at the in-person orientation?

Since new Rainbow Warriors will learn about important topics to facilitate their transition to UHM through the online orientation, in-person orientation will focus on engagement opportunities and making connections with fellow Rainbow Warriors and the campus community. Starting with a large group welcome, students will participate in fun activities and learn about UHM as a Native Hawaiian place of learning. Students will then break-up into small groups (of about 15 students) and participate in engagement opportunities lead by an orientation leader, familiarize themselves with campus through a scavenger hunt/campus tour, and learn about the UHM experience from current students.

Is orientation mandatory?

Orientation (both online and in-person) is not mandatory however, we highly encourage you to join the fun and excitement!

Why should I participate in orientation?

Starting college or making the transition to a new campus can be a daunting experience. Orientation is designed to equip you the knowledge and skills to facilitate your transition and help you thrive at UHM. Online orientation will introduce you to valuable resources and services available, as well as share important information to help you make your experience at UHM the best possible. In-person orientation will provide opportunities to make connections with fellow new Rainbow Warriors, as well as have orientation leaders serve as a valuable resource or mentor to you. As a bonus, everyone who attends gets a customized orientation t-shirt (and other great SWAG), exclusive access to mobile upload for their Mānoa One Card, and a chance to win great giveaways including Apple air pods!

How much does orientation cost?

For freshmen and transfer students, the online orientation is FREE. The in-person registration requires a $75 deposit. However, the full $75 deposit will be credited
back to the student when they attend in-person orientation and would essentially be FREE. Non-attendance will result in the forfeiture of the deposit. The 'ohana orientation requires a $75 per person fee. Unlike the freshmen and transfer orientations, the 'ohana orientation fee is non-refundable, even after attendance is made.

●Do I need to attend all of the in-person orientation days?
  ► Freshmen only need to attend one of the orientation dates. Parents and family members only need to attend one of the 'ohana orientations as well. All dates for freshmen and 'ohana orientations have the same agenda. There is only one date for the transfer orientation.

●How long will the in-person orientation be?
  ► Orientation will only be half a day, either from 8:00 am-1:30 pm or from 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm, depending on the day you select. There will be plenty of time to explore the island in the meantime!

●Will food be served at the in-person orientation?
  ► Yes! Orientation will start with a lunch or breakfast depending on the day you have signed up for. Every session will also conclude with light refreshments.

●Can I get my Mānoa One Card (student ID) at orientation?
  ► Once you have registered for the Making Mānoa Yours orientation, you will have exclusive, mobile upload access to apply for your Mānoa One Card. This provides you the opportunity to save time and apply without having to stand in line and you get to upload your own photo. You must attend your in-person orientation (and bring a photo ID) to receive your completed Mānoa One Card. The deadline to apply for mobile access for your Mānoa One Card is three days prior to your orientation.

●How many students will there be at in-person orientation?
  ► There is a maximum of 150 students per day for freshmen orientation and 80 for transfer orientation. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

●After I attend in-person orientation, when will I receive the $75 deposit back?
  ► Please be sure to check-in at the registration table on the day of your in-person orientation so we may ensure your attendance is made and that you are eligible to receive your $75 deposit back. Deposits will be returned within the first few weeks of the fall semester.

Making Mānoa Yours Orientation (For ‘Ohana Members)
• What happens at the ‘Ohana Orientation?
  ▶ Parents and family members will have a separate program from their students, but will share the same closing at the end of the day. At ‘ohana orientation, there will be special presenters on topics including health and safety for students, finances, resources, programs, and services on campus, academics, as well as a campus tour. Attendees also get an exclusive ‘ohana t-shirt, as well as other cool items.

• How much does ‘Ohana Orientation cost?
  ▶ The ‘ohana orientation requires a $75 per person fee. Unlike the freshmen and transfer orientations, the 'ohana orientation is non-refundable, even after attendance is made. There is no limit to the number of family members who attend however, the $75 fee is charged per person.

• Is ‘Ohana Orientation mandatory?
  ▶ It is not mandatory for parents and family members however, we highly encourage you to join the fun and excitement!

• How long will the ‘Ohana Orientation be?
  ▶ It will only be half a day, either from 8:00 am-1:30 pm or from 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm, depending on the day you select. There will be plenty of time to explore the island in the meantime!

• Will food be served at the ‘Ohana Orientation?
  ▶ Yes! It will start with a lunch or breakfast depending on the day you have signed up for. Every session will also conclude with light refreshments.

• How many attendees will there be at ‘Ohana Orientation?
  ▶ There is a maximum of 70 attendees per day. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

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• Where do I park for Making Mānoa Yours?
  ▶ Parking for orientation participants is FREE with the orientation parking pass, which will be emailed a few days prior to your session. You MUST print out and provide the pass to the parking attendant (displaying the pass on a mobile device is not accepted). Anyone without the hard-copy pass is required to pay the normal, $5 fee (cash only). Please ensure you have cash on hand as they do not
accept credit/debit cards. Parking with the orientation permit is valid only for the day you’re registered for, but for the entire day.
Parking will be in Zone 20, the main parking structure next to the Athletics Complex and Stan Sheriff Center. A map of the parking structure is located here.

● What time does in-person orientation start?
   ► The welcome starts promptly at either 8:30am (for morning sessions) or 12:30pm (for afternoon sessions), depending on the date you register for. However, food and check-in is available from 7:30am (for morning sessions) or 11:00am (for afternoon sessions). You will be emailed your schedule a few days prior to the session. We recommend checking in as soon as it opens to allow for enough time to enjoy your food and mingle with other new Rainbow Warriors.

● What if I am late?
   ► Unfortunately, we can not allow late check-ins. We welcome starts promptly at 8:30am or 12:30pm. Please allow yourself ample time to navigate parking and our campus buildings.

● What should I bring to in-person orientation?
   ► A photo ID. We check you in without a photo ID
   ► A water bottle
   ► Comfortable footwear for the scavenger hunt/campus tour
   ► Your happy faces and positive attitudes!

● Where is Making Mānoa Yours located?
   ► There are different locations depending on the date your registered for. Click here for a campus map highlighting these building for orientation.
     • August, 17 (Sat) 12-5:30p- Campus Center Ballroom
     • August, 18 (Sun) 12-5:30p- Campus Center Ballroom
     • August, 20 (Tues) 8-1:30p- Campus Center Ballroom
     • August, 22 (Thurs) 12-5:30p- Kuykendall Hall 101
     • August, 23 (Fri) 8-1:30p- Campus Center Ballroom
     • August, 24 (Sat) 8-1:30p- Architecture Building Courtyard

Check your email a few days before your orientation date for confirmation of your orientation, including location.

Registration and Payment

● How to I register for orientation?
Complete the registration form, available [here](#). Then proceed to payment [here](#). Your registration is NOT complete until payment is received. Payment must be received within one week of submitting registration.

- What do I do if I can’t access the registration form to sign up for orientation?
  - Please use your UHM email as this form only accepts UHM accounts. If you have multiple Gmail accounts, completely sign out of all other Gmail accounts and try logging in again using just your UHM email. If that doesn’t work, please clear your cache and browser history and try again.

- My payment isn’t going through. What should I do?
  - Please ensure the address and zip code you have listed for your credit card matches the address and zip code your bank has on file for it. If this still does not work, please email us at mmyours@hawaii.edu.

- If I am not able to go to the orientation date I registered for, will I be able to attend another date? How can I make changes to my registration?
  - If you are not able to attend the orientation date you have registered for, but are still able to attend another date, we are happy to change if there are still seats available at your new, requested date. Please let us know at mmyours@hawaii.edu by July 31st, 2019, 4:00 pm HST to make any changes. Unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate any requests after this date and the $75 deposit will be forfeited, if you cannot attend.

**Other**

- What do I do if I need special accommodations for in-person orientation?
  - Please contact us at least 3 weeks in advance of your orientation date to request special assistance and we will do our best to accommodate you.

- What happens after Making Mānoa Yours Orientation?
  - Continue the excitement with us at *And the Adventure Begins*, the first day of school kick-off event! It will be on Monday, August 26, 2019 at Campus Center, Legacy Path, and Kuykendall Lawn from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to this free event.
Where can I stay during orientation?
► Unfortunately there are no special housing accommodations for orientation. If students are not staying in the residence halls, they are responsible to secure alternative arrangements. On-campus housing is not able to accommodate for an earlier move-in to attend orientation than that already arranged.

What other activities will there be during the Week of Welcome (August 19-23, 2019; the week before school starts)?
► Check out other exciting things happening during the Week of Welcome. For those in the residence halls, there are additional activities available. Contact Student Housing Services at (808) 956-8177 or email them at uhmsh@hawaii.edu to find out more.

Will advisors help me register for classes at orientation?
► Registration for new students occurred in May 2019 and academic advisors are still available to assist with your registration needs. Although they will not be present at in-person orientation, they are offering special summer advising to help students. On-campus workshops are designed for O‘ahu first-time freshmen and a list of dates is located here. Student unable to attend these in-person workshops are welcome to view the online workshops for assistance.

Who do I contact for any questions regarding orientation?
► We’re happy to help! Please call us at (808) 956-4121 or email mmyours@hawaii.edu