

# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII—MANOA

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## CAMPUS LIFE

Quality of Life Rating	70
Fire Safety Rating	89
Green Rating	84
Type of school	Public
Affiliation	No Affiliation
Environment	Metropolis

## STUDENTS

Total undergrad enrollment	14,097
% male/female	46/54
% from out of state	27
% frosh from public high school	67
% frosh live on campus	55
% undergrads live on campus	23
# of fraternities	4
# of sororities	6
% African American	1
% Asian	41
% Caucasian	20
% Hispanic	2
% Native American	<1
% international	2
# of countries represented	119

## SURVEY SAYS . . .

*Political activism is unpopular or nonexistent*  
*Students are happy*  
*Students are friendly*  
*Different types of students interact*  
*Students get along with local community*

## ACADEMICS

Academic Rating	70
% students returning for sophomore year	78
% students graduating within 4 years	19
% students graduating within 6 years	57
Calendar	Semester
Student/faculty ratio	14:1
Profs interesting rating	66
Profs accessible rating	66
Most classes have 10–19 students.	
Most lab/discussion sessions have 10–19 students.	

## MOST POPULAR MAJORS

biology; KRS Health and Exercise Science;  
Nursing

## STUDENTS SAY “. . .”

### Academics

The University of Hawaii—Manoa, the flagship school of the University of Hawaii system, offers a solid education and university experience at a competitive price. Students appreciate the diversity of the school—“not only of the students and staff, but of what is offered”—and the “great feeling of collaboration and integration across all levels—amongst colleges, students, faculty, and the community.” Even those who are not from Hawaii are treated with “the aloha spirit” in which the school goes out of its way to “include those who are not from Hawaii into the UH Ohana” (a Hawaiian term that refers to a family).

Professors are “knowledgeable in their field, share their knowledge easily, and seem to be enthusiastic in making sure that I understand the subject matter.” The majority of the faculty gets top marks, and most “care more about the actual education of the students...others are just there to teach.” “My professors are incredibly helpful and always willing to lend an ear if I need it,” says a student. “A lot of them are laid-back, reflecting the Hawaiian lifestyle.” While some admit that “the absolute academic standards are not high,” the school is “always encouraging interested students to push themselves and think outside the box. There is just enough competition between students to maintain quality.” Notably, the Hawaiian program is strong here. “We have a lo’i, which is a taro patch where students plant and learn sustainability through the old Hawaiian irrigation system,” says a student. As a large state school, UH “has a lot of research going on,” but students admit, “The administrative organization leaves much to be desired.” The school “is big on improvements for students,” and it does “a very good job when it comes to presenting students with all types of internship and job opportunities.”

### Life

As expected, the campus is located in a “paradise with an urban center,” though some of the buildings are “rundown.” Almost everyone, from students to staff, lead a “laid-back lifestyle,” including—of course—surfing. For the most part, “Students think about going to the beach, surfing, and many of the activities you can do here in Hawaii.” There are many other student organizations and extra-curricular activities to choose from, and “the different clubs are always hosting events that everyone is invited to enjoy, which makes a great way to wind down for the weekend.” The commuting students do tend to empty out the campus and school spirit a little, but the beach certainly helps to fill that void. Many of the out-of-state students “feel great living in an environment with so much beauty and cultural influences.”

### Student Body

This large school represents an “amalgamation of many different cultures,” and students fit in “by doing the usual college biz—joining clubs, mingling with classmates, and not being a wallflower.” Everyone gets along just fine, as “there are too many students to form any sort of social hierarchy.” There are a decent number of nontraditional aged students, and many students are from one of the islands of Hawaii, “so most go home on holidays or even for weekends.” Though a lot of students like to go to the beach and have fun on their days off, “a lot of people here work really hard and have jobs in addition to being full-time students, because the cost of living out here is pretty high.” All in all, “It’s a very easygoing place. You can stop and talk to any random student and they will chat with you.”

## THE PRINCETON REVIEW SAYS

### Admissions

*Very important factors considered include:* GPA, rigor of secondary school record, standardized test scores. *Important factors considered include:* Class rank, state residency. *Other factors considered include:* Application essay, extracurricular activities, geographical residence, interview, recommendation(s), talent/ability. SAT or ACT required; ACT with Writing component required. TOEFL required of all international applicants. *Academic units required:* 4 English; 3 mathematics; 3 science; 3 social studies; 5 academic electives.

### Financial Aid

*Students should submit:* FAFSA. The Princeton Review suggests that all financial aid forms be submitted as soon as possible after January 1. *Need-based scholarships/grants offered:* Federal Pell, SEOG, State scholarships/grants, private scholarships, the school's own gift aid. *Loan aid offered:* Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, Direct PLUS loans, Federal Perkins Loans, State Loans. Federal Work-Study Program available. Institutional employment available. Off-campus job opportunities are good.

### The Inside Word

All students must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 and must take either the SAT or the ACT. All applicants are encouraged to apply by the priority consideration deadline of January 5, as this deadline increases your chance of receiving financial aid and student housing. Certain programs (nursing, social work, education, and others) may have earlier admission deadlines.

## THE SCHOOL SAYS “. . .”

### From the Admissions Office

“Aloha and welcome to UH Manoa, the largest campus in the University of Hawaii System. We are located on the island of O’ahu, in Honolulu’s lush Manoa valley. With almost 90 undergraduate majors, over 200 student organizations, and a variety of Division I and intramural sports to choose from, we think you’ll agree that UH Manoa is a great place for you to realize your academic, professional, and personal dreams.

“UH Manoa is one of only thirteen institutions to hold the distinction of being a land-, sea-, and space-grant research institution. Classified by the Carnegie Foundation as having ‘very high research activity,’ UH Manoa is known for its pioneering research in such fields as oceanography, astronomy, Pacific Islands and Asian area studies, linguistics, cancer research, and genetics.

“Applicants to UH Manoa are expected to have a minimum score of 510 on all three sections of the SAT (or a 22 on all four sections of the ACT), and have completed a college preparatory high school curriculum. All applicants are encouraged to apply for priority consideration. Applying by this deadline (January 5 for fall admission, September 1 for spring) increases your chance of receiving financial aid and student housing.”

### SELECTIVITY

Admissions Rating	77
# of applicants	7,361
% of applicants accepted	80
% of acceptees attending	34

### FRESHMAN PROFILE

Range SAT Critical Reading	470–580
Range SAT Math	500–620
Range SAT Writing	470–570
Range ACT Composite	20–26
Minimum paper TOEFL	500
Minimum web-based TOEFL	173
Average HS GPA	3.46
% graduated top 10% of class	27
% graduated top 25% of class	58
% graduated top 50% of class	89

### DEADLINES

Regular	
Priority	1/5
Deadline	3/1
Nonfall registration?	Yes

### FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial Aid Rating	74
Annual in-state tuition	\$9,840
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$28,632
Room and board	\$10,218
Required fees	\$740
Books and supplies	\$1,246
% needy frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	97
% needy UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	92
% needy frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	26
% needy UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	16
% needy frosh rec. need-based self-help aid	55
% needy UG rec. need-based self-help aid	63
% frosh rec. any financial aid	62
% UG rec. any financial aid	59
% UG borrow to pay for school	43
Average cumulative indebtedness	\$21,512
% frosh need fully met	32
% ugrads need fully met	24
Average % of frosh need met	73
Average % of ugrad need met	68