Mānoa International Exchange
Inbound Program Fact Sheet
Academic Year 2022-23 (Fall 2022 + Spring 2023)

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Overview
The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa is the flagship institution of the University of Hawai‘i System. UH Mānoa is a leader in Hawaiian, Pacific, and Asian studies, as well as in fields such as Astronomy, Oceanography, International Business, and Travel Industry Management. See here for more details: https://www.hawaii.edu/campuses/manoa/

Academic Calendar

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View UHM academic calendars at: https://manoa.hawaii.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/

Academic Areas
http://manoa.hawaii.edu/academics/departments/

Restrictions
Availability of courses in the following fields may be limited or restricted to degree-seeking students only: Academy for Creative Media, Business, Dental Hygiene, Education, Law, Medicine, Music, Nursing, Travel Industry Management. For more details, see here: https://manoa.hawaii.edu/mix/inbound/academics/

Enrollment Requirements
Undergraduates: 12 credits (minimum) - 19 credits (maximum)
Postgraduates: 8 credits (minimum) - 16 credits (maximum)
See here for more details: https://www.hawaii.edu/issmanoa/?page_id=32

Other Useful Links
Course Availability: https://www.sis.hawaii.edu/uhdad/avail.classes?i=MAN
International Student Services: www.hawaii.edu/issmanoa/
Student Housing: www.manoa.hawaii.edu/housing/
University Health Services: www.hawaii.edu/shs/

Admission Information for Inbound Exchange and Visiting Students

Applications
FALL SEMESTER (August start)
Application opens: Dec 1
Nomination deadline: Feb 1
Application deadline: Mar 1*

SPRING SEMESTER (January start)
Application opens: July 1
Nomination deadline: Sep 1
Application deadline: Oct 1*

*All applications and supplemental materials must be turned in by this date, including any mailed documents.

Duration of Exchange
1 or 2 semesters

Eligibility & Application Guidelines
Undergraduate: https://manoa.hawaii.edu/mix/inbound/how-to-apply-undergraduate-students/
Postgraduate: https://manoa.hawaii.edu/mix/inbound/how-to-apply-postgraduate-students/

Language Requirement
See here: https://manoa.hawaii.edu/mix/inbound/english-language-requirements/

ELI Placement Test
Students with English test scores below a certain threshold will be required to take the ELI Placement Test upon arrival. This test will determine if students will be required to take any courses from the English Language Institute, typically between 1-3 ELI courses per semester depending on the student’s score on the placement test.

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### Estimated Costs

**UHM Student Budget**


### Program Cost

MIX works with three types of students: **Exchange Students** (tuition waiver), **Hoakipa Visiting Students** (fee-paying with discount), and **Independent Visiting Students** (full fee-paying). Students should also budget for additional costs such as mandatory health insurance, special course fees, books and supplies, housing, meals, local transportation, and personal expenses.

### Accommodation

#### On-campus

For information about on-campus housing, see here: [https://manoa.hawaii.edu/housing/apply](https://manoa.hawaii.edu/housing/apply). Applications for on-campus housing in Fall are due May 1. On-campus housing is **not guaranteed** for exchange students as spaces are **EXTREMELY limited**.

#### Off-campus

For information on off-campus housing options, see here: [http://manoa.hawaii.edu/mix/inbound/housing-meals/](http://manoa.hawaii.edu/mix/inbound/housing-meals/). Prices are comparable to living on-campus.

### Visa and Immigration Information

#### Visa

A student who is not a US citizen or permanent resident (resident alien), will need a F-1 student visa in order to study at UHM as an exchange or visiting student. More details can be found on the UHM ISS website: [https://www.hawaii.edu/issmanoa/?page_id=18](https://www.hawaii.edu/issmanoa/?page_id=18). A certificate of eligibility (I-20) will be issued to participants following admission into the program.

#### Health Insurance

UHM requires international students to have adequate health insurance coverage throughout their programs of study. Students must either enroll in a UH-endorsed student health insurance plan or furnish proof of enrollment in a health insurance plan that provides the required minimum coverage set by the US government. Proof of insurance should be provided no later than one month prior to the start of the program. More details about this requirement can be found here: [https://www.hawaii.edu/issmanoa/?page_id=39](https://www.hawaii.edu/issmanoa/?page_id=39).

#### Employment

Exchange and visiting students are allowed to work on-campus within the dates of their program. Employment may total no more than 20 hours per week during the academic semesters. Please note that participants in an exchange or visiting student program offered through Mānoa International Exchange (MIX) are **NOT** permitted to participate in pre-completion or post-completion F-1 Practical Training. This includes Curricular Practical Training (CPT), Optional Practical Training (OPT), and internships. For more details, see here: [https://manoa.hawaii.edu/mix/inbound/employment/](https://manoa.hawaii.edu/mix/inbound/employment/).

### Arrival

#### Registration Holds

It is common for incoming exchange students to have the following registration holds placed on their account after the initial course registration period: (1) Health Clearance (TB, MMR, Varicella, Tdap); (2) Health Insurance; (3) Visa Clearance; and (4) ELI (English Language Institute). Until these holds are cleared, students may be unable to add/drop courses. The Health Clearance (http://www.hawaii.edu/shs/health_clearance/) holds are particularly strict. If students do not clear these holds before the deadline or request an extension, they may be unenrolled from all of their courses. Students will be emailed by the Registrar’s Office if they are at risk of this happening.

#### Recommended Arrival Dates

Students are strongly advised to arrive one week before the first day of class. An early arrival allows students to participate in the welcome week activities hosted by MIX and ISS, attend orientation, and clear registration holds prior to the first day of class, some of which students will not be able to clear until arrival and can take a few days to clear. Students are not permitted to arrive after the first day of class without prior approval by MIX staff.

#### Welcome Guide

Upon acceptance, students will be provided with a Welcome Guide from MIX. This guide will provide students with all the information they need to successfully prepare for their program.

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