

Special Curriculum

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Cooperative Education

Cooperative Education (Co-op or internships) is an academic program which offers students an opportunity to integrate classroom theory with related work-based learning.

Students benefit by:

- gaining practical on-the-job experience that fosters development of skills, competencies, and interest in a specific occupation or career field.
- earning academic credit (1-3 credits per semester) for field experience related to the major.
- participating in field experiences that validate career choices.
- earning income while attending school.
- enhancing employability, earning capability, and the potential to advance.
- exploring or making a transition into new careers.

Field sites may be on- or off-campus, paid or volunteer, part- or full-time. Cooperative Education faculty supervise approved field sites with participating businesses and organizations. Students develop learning outcomes, are evaluated for work performance, participate in an instructional weekly seminar, and develop a career portfolio. Co-op is currently available in these programs:


Accounting
Administration of Justice*
Agriculture
Auto Body Repair & Painting
Automotive Technology
Building Maintenance
Business Careers
Business Technology*
Electronic & Computer
Engineering Technology*
Fashion Technology
Hospitality & Tourism*
Sustainable Technology*
Welding

*Program requires one or more semesters of

Co-op.

Co-op placements may be developed for other majors including Liberal Arts, for career exploration, and for professional development.

Co-op credits are variable by program requirements and are based on one credit per each increment of 75 hours of work-based learning. A Co-op course may be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits. Credits may be transferable as determined by the receiving institution. *See the current class schedule for specific course alpha and CRNs (e.g., BUSN 193v, CVE 93v, HOST 193v).*

 Call 984-3318 or visit Ka Lama 110 for information and placement assistance.

Cooperative Vocational Education

Cooperative Vocational Education (CVE) is available for Career and Technical Education majors. Students' majors or occupational interests determine field placement and course alpha (e.g., AMT 93v, BUSN 193v, CVE 93v).

Cooperative Arts and Science Education

Cooperative Arts & Science Education (CASE) is available for liberal arts and certain other majors. Students' majors or occupational interests determine field placement and course alpha (e.g., ICS 193v, AG 193v, CASE 193v).

Directed Study

Directed study (DIRS) or research beyond the scope of curricular offerings in students' majors or areas of interest are offered by the College and arranged independently with the relevant instructor(s).

DIRS 99v, 199v, and 299v are available for elective credit only. The 99v course is generally not applicable for credit toward a baccalaureate degree. If the credits earned in DIRS 199v or 299v are intended for transfer, each directed study course syllabus and course outline will be input into the College's computer system. Directed study courses may be repeated without limit for credit. Registration requires approval of the instructor, department chair, and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs.

Directed study is intended as a specially designed learning experience. The offering is expected to be related to students'

programs of study and to the College's existing curriculum. Directed study will not duplicate existing courses found and offered in the College's curriculum. It is not a substitute for cancelled classes.

Topics and Issues Courses

Topics and issues courses enable the curriculum to encompass emerging issues in a timely manner, to take advantage of expertise from visiting scholars and performers, to answer contemporary needs from students and the community, and to transition coursework while new programs or courses are developed.

Topics courses are available at five levels for every discipline (alpha) in the College curriculum.

ALPHA 90v Specialized Topic
ALPHA 190v Topic
ALPHA 290v Advanced Topic
ALPHA 390v Contemporary Issues
ALPHA 490v Advanced Contemporary Issues

Credits may vary from 1-6, with contact hours determined by the number of credits. Prerequisites and corequisites are determined by the topic. *Topics courses may be repeated without limit for credit.*

Work Practicum

Work Practicum (WP 151v) provides work experience on or off campus under the supervision of a faculty member. Students and college instructors jointly develop learning outcomes. Work Practicum credits are based on one credit for each increment of 75 hours of supervised work. Students desiring to enroll must obtain permission from the course instructor. The course may be repeated for a maximum of nine credits. Grading is by CR/NC only.

Apprenticeship

The College provides related credit and noncredit classroom instruction to supplement work experience for apprentices indentured by the State of Hawai'i in a variety of trade areas, and provides skills upgrading courses for trades journey-workers.

 Call Marvin Tengan at 984-3404.

Transfer and Articulation Agreements

The College has agreements with other institutions enabling students to meet admission requirements and/or to transfer credits. Agreements exist with a variety of colleges both within and outside the UH system. The College continually seeks to provide transfer opportunities with two- and four-year institutions. As these opportunities are constantly changing and expanding, it is important that students interested in transferring meet with a counselor before starting on a course of study leading to a transfer program.

Sea Grant

The University of Hawai'i Sea Grant Program at Maui Community College is part of a nationwide network of the NOAA national Sea Grant College Program, U.S. Department of Commerce. It promotes the improved management, understanding, and wise use of marine resources of Hawai'i and the Pacific region. Research provides scientific data to scientists, resource managers, policy makers, legislators, and the public in Hawai'i and the Western Pacific.

The UH Hawaiian Internship Program (HIP) offers Native Hawaiian undergraduates summer environmental internships. It also works with the UH Marine Option Program to develop environmental internship possibilities in Hawai'i for UH-HIP and MOP students.

The Sea Grant Extension Service supports the information and training needs of marine and coastal resource users and managers in aquaculture, coastal recreation and tourism, regional coastal resources, coastal hazards, and capacity holding and training.

📞 Call 984-3337 or visit www.soest.hawaii.edu/seagrant

Marine Option Program

The Marine Option Program (MOP) is a University of Hawai'i systemwide program with participation by students at all campuses. This is an experiential program offering students opportunities to learn about the marine environment and work with marine scientists in many different areas of interest.

At Maui Community College, students enrolled in MOP may earn certificates in a number of different ways based on the track that is chosen. Each certificate attests to the student's knowledge and/or experience gained in the field, and each offers unique opportunities for students desiring to gain employment or further their studies in the marine sciences.

📞 For information, call the Marine Option Program at 984-3203.



Requirements for Certificate of Competence - Marine Naturalist I: 9 credits

Oceanography 101 Introduction to the Marine Option Program(1)
 Oceanography 191v Field Experience in Marine Naturalist Program(1)
 Oceanography 201 Science of the Sea(3)
 Zoology 200 Marine Biology(4)

Requirements for Certificate of Competence - Marine Naturalist II: 9 credits

Biology 200 Coral Reefs(4)
 Oceanography 64 Marinelife Identification(3)
 Two credits from any of the following:
 Oceanography 190v Selected Topics(1-3)
 Oceanography 191v Field Experience in Marine Naturalist Program(1-3)
 Oceanography 193v Cooperative Education(1-3)

Requirements for Marine Option Program (MOP) Certificate: 12 credits

*Oceanography 101 Introduction to the Marine Option Program(1)
 *Marine survey course, either:
 Oceanography 201 Science of the Sea(3), or Zoology 200 Marine Biology(4)
 *Research project or internship, with at least two credits from the following:
 Oceanography 191v Field Experience in Marine Naturalist Program(1-3)
 Oceanography 193v Cooperative Education(1-3)
 Oceanography 293v Marine Research & Internships(1-3)
 Additional credits from the following:
 Biology 105 Hawaiian Field Biology(4)
 Biology 200 Coral Reefs(4)
 Botany 105 Hawaiian Ethnobotany(3)
 Marine Science 264 QUEST (Quantitative Underwater Ecological Surveying Techniques)**
 Marine Science 364 Advanced QUEST**
 Oceanography 64 Marinelife Identification(3)
 Oceanography 190v Selected Topics(1-3)
 Oceanography 201 Science of the Sea(3)
 Oceanography 140 Open Water SCUBA Certification(2)
 Zoology 200 Marine Biology(4)

Approved marine-related courses from other campuses

*Required for MOP Certificate.

**Offered at UH Hilo during the second two weeks in May.

Space Grant College Program

The MCC Space Grant program is part of the NASA-funded UH Space Grant College. The program provides paid traineeships and internships for students working on approved projects. Projects may include applications in astronomy, oceanography, geology, meteorology, computer science, or the biological sciences. Students work with faculty advisors and mentors, as well as with research scientists, on Maui and throughout the UH system.

For information, call the NASA Space Grant program associate director, John Pye, at 984-3206, or visit: www2.hawaii.edu/~jpye/Website_Masters/SpaceGrant/spacegrant_home.htm

Maui Language Institute

The Maui Language Institute (MLI) provides international and local students with English language instruction for academic purposes or for professional advancement. TOEFL preparation is included in the curriculum. Classes meet four days per week, for a total of 18 hours per week. Services offered to MLI students include free pickup service at the Kahului airport; placement and orientation; and counseling for academic, cultural, personal, or immigration purposes. Students have full use of the MCC Library, The Learning Center, the Student Health Center, computer labs, and other college facilities. They are given email accounts and are welcome to participate in campus student activities and clubs.

Most MLI students share apartments with other students or participate in a homestay program. All international students are required to have health/medical insurance. Students purchasing insurance in their own country must provide written proof that the insurance covers them in the USA. The College also provides information about insurance available in Hawai'i.

For information, call Derek Snyder at 984-3499, or by email at dsnyder@hawaii.edu



Den-en Chofu Exchange

Den-en Chofu (formerly Chofu Gakuen Junior College of Japan) and Maui Community College have cooperated for 35 years on an international cultural exchange program. The agreement provides for the exchange of scholars, students, and cultural instruction in the belief that mutual understanding will be increased. Each March, students and chaperones from Japan visit Maui; in May, students and chaperones from the College visit Japan.

For information, call Derek Snyder at 984-3499.

International Programs

The Office of International Programs & Services establishes and implements systemwide policies and procedures to ensure the effective systemwide coordination of the University's international programs relating to immigration, study abroad, scholar services, protocol, exchanges, and cooperative agreements. The UH has exchanges and cooperative agreements for both students and faculty with universities around the world, with especially close ties in the Asia-Pacific region. The office also administers the International Agreements Fund and serves as a clearinghouse for information on the University of Hawai'i's international involvement.

Ulu A'e

Ulu A'e, meaning "to grow as a tree" or in this case, as a person, is a Native Hawaiian program at Maui Community College. The program is funded through a grant from the US Department of Education/Title III program. The program is funded for five years in the amount of \$500,000 per year.

The program is divided into three different activities. Activity one, named Pua A'e (to flower), is aimed at increasing course offerings in Hawaiian Studies at the College that will eventually lead to an Associate degree in Hawaiian Studies. Activity two, Mu'o A'e (to bud), is focused on increasing success of Native Hawaiians at the College using innovative retention strategies. The last activity, Mohala A'e (to blossom), will create an Associate degree in teaching.

For information, call 984-3366.