

UH Maui College

The University of Hawai'i Maui College (UHMC) serves the educational needs of residents of the three islands comprising Maui County: Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Maui.

Mission

The University of Hawai'i Maui College inspires students to develop knowledge and skills in pursuit of academic, career, and personal goals in a supportive educational environment that emphasizes community engagement, lifelong learning, sustainable living, Native Hawaiian culture, and global understanding.

Vision

The University of Hawai'i Maui College: We will prepare students to respond to emerging challenges in their lives, communities, and the world through compassion, leadership, problem-solving, and innovation.

Accreditation

University of Hawai'i Maui College is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission, 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501, 510-748-9001, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

History

UH Maui College is an outgrowth of the Maui Vocational School established in 1931. In 1958 the Department of Public Instruction authorized the name change to Maui Technical School, denoting an upgrade of vocational education to a technical level. In 1964 the Hawai'i State Legislature enacted the Community College Act establishing a statewide community college system under the University of Hawai'i. Maui Technical School was incorporated into this system on July 1, 1965, and jurisdiction transferred from the Department of Education to the University of Hawai'i.

In 1966 the UH Board of Regents authorized the College to confer the Associate in Arts and the Associate in Science degrees and approved the name change to Maui Community College, effective July 1, 1966. The first lower division transfer courses followed in September 1967.

In February 2010, the UH Board of Regents approved the name change from Maui Community College to University of Hawai'i Maui College to more accurately represent the college's programs and services that now include 20 associate and 3 baccalaureate programs.

The College is one of seven community colleges in the UH system. It is the only UH college that specifically serves the residents of more than one island. The Fall 2016 student population was 3,164 students. The main campus encompasses 78 acres at the Kahului site. Since 1995, 7 buildings have been added: Ka Lama, Ka'a'ike, Kaiao, Kūpa'a, 'Ike Le'a, Laulima, and Pa'ina. A private, off-campus apartment facility is within a short walking distance to the Kahului campus, shopping centers, markets, and banks.

Accommodating students by using alternative delivery has been a primary value of the College. Self-paced classes, begun in 1985, opened up an array of concurrently-taught courses and diversified offerings in areas with a lower population base. Technological advances further opened access to students by minimizing their need to be physically present on the Kahului campus. The first cable course was broadcast across Maui County in 1986. The SkyBridge tri-isle interactive television system followed shortly in 1988 and enabled students at Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Hāna to participate in classes simulcast from the Kahului studio. Statewide delivery via the Hawai'i Interactive Television System (HITS) began in 1991, which made possible advanced degrees from UH four-year institutions.

The history of UH Maui College also reflects its value to accommodate students with difficulty reaching the Kahului campus through the development of Outreach Centers in Hāna, Lahaina, Lāna'i, and Moloka'i.

Associate degrees (AA, AS, AAS, and ATS) may be completed in two years. The Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree may be completed in four years. Some students do not wish to pursue a certificate or degree and select courses according to their own personal interests or career needs.

University of Hawai'i Center, Maui

The University of Hawai'i Center Maui works in partnership with the UH colleges at Manoa, West Oahu, and Hilo to offer bachelor and graduate programs and professional certificates to students in Maui County. Classes are taught onsite at the Kahului campus or through distance technology. These formats make it possible for students who live and work in Maui County to earn advanced degrees. Course schedules are designed to accommodate students' work and family responsibilities.

✋ For information, call 984-3523, or visit the website: uctrmaui.hawaii.edu/.

Summer Session

The College summer session provides the opportunity to accelerate progress toward a certificate or degree. Since summer session is "self-supporting," tuition rates for most courses are higher than regular sessions.

✋ Contact Admission and Records, call 808-984-3267 or visit: www.maui.hawaii.edu/classes.

Moloka'i Education Center

Outreach classes were first offered in 1970 to Moloka'i residents. Hotel Operations and Liberal Arts classes were taught at the Kaunakakai Elementary School. In 1986 the College rented a 2,000 sq. ft. facility, and enrollments doubled. The Moloka'i Ag Farm, acquired in 1982, offered Agricultural Careers, the first onsite full-time college degree program accessible to the residents.

Flexible instructional delivery modes played an integral role in expanding Moloka'i offerings with self-paced, cable, and Sky-Bridge classes. Implementation of HITS in 1991 gave access to advanced degrees from other UH institutions. Many Moloka'i-based lecturers are hired as onsite instructors. Students follow published sequences leading to certificates and degrees and take part in cyclic commencements on Moloka'i attended by families and friends.

The dream of a permanent facility became a reality in August 1999 with opening of the Moloka'i Education Center, which remains the focal point of higher education on Moloka'i today. The facility houses a general purpose classroom, three interactive television studios, a computer lab, a library, a seminar room, and offices.

✋ For information, call 808-553-4490.

Lānaʻi Education Center

The Lānaʻi Education Center is the only post-secondary educational institute on the island of Lānaʻi, serving the community and assisting as a liaison for the University of Hawaiʻi system. The center has two distance learning classrooms and a computer lab. The center offers credit and non-credit classes. The student populations consist of high school and community students. High school students earn dual credits. Instruction is delivered via distance learning models such as interactive television, hybrid, cable, and internet. And sometimes there are live classes. The center offers placement testing, proctoring of exams from other institutions, video conferencing, academic counseling, assistance with financial aid and scholarship applications, college applications and job skills. The center acts as a “one stop center” serving the community.

👉 For information, call 808-565-7266.

Hāna Education Center

The Hāna Education Center has been making higher education possible for the residents of the remote East Maui community since 1987. It is conveniently located in the Hāna Community Center, in the heart of town. Classes are produced via the University of Hawaiʻi HITS (two-way closed circuit TV) system, cable television, the internet and “live” onsite. By utilizing the technologically advanced HITS system, students are able to participate in courses taught throughout the UH system, including those leading to advanced degrees.

The student base is comprised of degree seekers and lifelong learners as well as high school students. It is not unusual to have several generations of one family enrolled in various classes in a given semester.

👉 For information, call 248-7380.

Lahaina Education Center

The newest of the UHMC outreach sites, the Lahaina Education Center, manages all aspects of the college experience for the residents of West Maui. Students attend “live” credit classes with local instructors, or attend via the HITS closed circuit TV system. Students and community members utilize the Center for placement testing, applying for financial aid online, exam proctoring, or arranging a meeting with an academic advisor in person or via video conferencing. Continuing Education classes are available, as well as meetings and seminars for college bound residents. Located on Kenui Street

between Front Street and Honoapiilani, the Lahaina Education Center is an integral part of the West Maui community.

👉 For information, call 808-662-3911.

Office of Extended Learning and Workforce Development (ELWD)

The Office of Extended Learning and Workforce Development (ELWD) serves Maui County’s workforce training and community education needs with an emphasis on job skills, hands-on training, lifelong learning, and cultural understanding. Through partnerships with the Hawaiʻi Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and the public workforce system, ELWD provides career training and support services to develop the skills and credentials needed for employment. Other ELWD programs include: customized training for businesses, Hoʻāla, Maui Food Innovation Center, and (*described in Special Curricula section*) the Trades Apprenticeship training program and the Sustainable Living Institute of Maui. Classes are offered at the Kahului campus.

👉 For more info, call 808-984-3231, or visit maui.hawaii.edu/elwd.

Hoʻāla

Hoʻāla offers continuing education, career training, and professional development courses in a wide range of topics including food innovation, computers and technology, business languages, Hawaiian culture, art, youth classes, agriculture, and energy. No matter where you are in life, Hoʻāla is your source for lifelong learning on Maui.

👉 For info, call 808-984-3231 or visit <http://maui.hawaii.edu/elwd>.

Maui Food Innovation Center (MFIC)

The Maui Food Innovation Center (MFIC) is a business entrepreneurship program designed to support local food producers through education and training, business incubation services, food product and development.

Maui Food Innovation Center helps develop “cottage” size companies into medium-sized food manufacturing in the State of Hawaiʻi by providing education, access to industry leaders, and a shared-use food business incubator and processing facility with a vast array of resources and technologies to elevate and foster their growth.

👉 For more information, call 808-984-3690, visit maui.hawaii.edu/foodinnovation, or email ubmcmfic@hawaii.edu.

Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

The Hawaii Small Business Development Center coordinates two centers:

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The Maui office of the Hawaii SBDC provides counseling, training, and other resources to small businesses. Funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration and the State of Hawaiʻi, the SBDC provides confidential one-on-one counseling by qualified business professionals, as well as in-class workshops, networking events, and online training. There are no fees for consulting services.

👉 For information, call 875-5990, or visit the website: www.hisbdc.org/.

Hawaiʻi Business Research Library (HBRL)

The Hawaiʻi Business Research Library (HBRL) is a specialty center of the Hawaiʻi SBDC that provides statewide research services to businesses, entrepreneurs, and students. A wide variety of customized business research is available, including industry trends, market analysis, and demographics. All these services, plus quick answers and business start-up questions, are provided free of charge. The HBRL publishes the *Maui County Data Book* and also the guide to new entrepreneurs, *Starting a Business in Maui County*.

👉 For appointments, call 875-5990 in advance or email library@hisbdc.org

UH Maui College Development Office

UH Maui College seeks private gifts to sustain and advance the College. Gifts assist students with scholarship aid, provide critically needed funds for specific programs including instructional resources and faculty/staff development, and provide the flexibility to plan and build for the future. Private gifts to the College are made through the University of Hawaiʻi Foundation which, through its Maui office, supports the College’s fundraising efforts.

👉 For details, call the UH Foundation Office at 808-984-3471.