

Exchange Information for University of Hawaii at Hilo

Fall 2021-Spring 2022

UNIVERSITY AND AREA	
Name of University	University of Hawaii at Hilo
Location	<p>Hilo on the Island of Hawai'i (Big Island) Hilo is located on the southernmost island of the Hawaiian Island chain. Hilo is a city of about 40,000 people and located on Hilo Bay under the picturesque background of the snow-covered Maunakea – the largest mountain the Pacific. Hilo is surrounded by a tropical rainforest on the warm, wet side of the Big Island. The temperature is consistent year-round staying between 17- 29 degrees Celsius throughout the year. Hilo can be reached by a 45 minute airplane flight from Honolulu.</p> <p>For more information about Hilo and the Big Island</p>
Total number of students	About 3,500. About 8 percent are international students from 42 countries.
Websites	<p>University Website</p> <p>Center for Global Education and Exchange</p> <p>English Language Institute</p> <p>International Student Services</p>
ACADEMIC CALENDAR	
Academic Year	<p>Fall 2021 Semester: Orientation: August 17– August 21 (tentative dates) Classes: August 23 – December 17</p> <p>Spring 2022 Semester: Orientation: January 5 - January 8 (tentative dates) Classes: January 10 – May 13</p>
APPLICATION GUIDELINES	
Application Deadlines	<p>Fall 2021 Semester: April 1, 2021</p> <p>Spring 2022 Semester: October 1, 2021</p>
Academic Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B average and one year of college completed. • Students with a 61 iBT TOEFL, an IELTS score of 5.5, Duolingo 90, or Eiken 2A score will not be required to take ESL classes. Students with lower scores or no scores will be admitted into English Language Institute and required to take the ESL classes that they place into. All ESL classes receive academic credit and appear on the academic transcript.

Application Procedures	<p>Applications should be emailed to the Center for Global Education and Exchange to shumway@hawaii.edu. Originals do not need to be mailed unless by request.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter of Nomination (link on Global Exchange webpage) 2. Application DO NOT SEND APPLICATION ON-LINE (link on Global Exchange webpage) 3. Supplementary Information Form for International Students (link on Global Exchange webpage) 4. Bank Statement Students need to provide a bank statement indicating that a sponsor has funds to cover the cost of living expenses and books while the students are in the United States. Two Semesters: \$ 17,500 One Semester: \$ 8,750 5. Passport copy 6. Academic transcript in English 7. English Language Test Score (Students with lower scores on no English test scores may be accepted into the English Language Institute) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) TOEFL score (iBT or paper) 2) IELTS score 3) Duolingo score 4) Eiken score <p>These are the documents that we need to receive have a completed application package:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Letter of Nomination 2) A copy of the student application 3) Supplementary Information Form for International Students 4) Bank statement 5) Copy of passport 6) Copy of transcript 7) English test score
Mailing address for Applications	University of Hawaii at Hilo Center for Global Education and Exchange 200 W. Kawili St. Hilo, HI 96720 USA
Fax number for Application	1-808-932-7487
Course Catalogue	General Catalog Online Course Listing
Full-time Academic Load	Minimum: 12 credits per semester Maximum: 18 credits per semester
Transcripts	One transcript for each student will be sent to the home university. If students or universities want additional transcripts, they can be ordered from the UH Hilo Transcript Webpage .

ACCOMMODATION	
Accommodation Options	<p>Exchange students can apply for on-campus dormitory housing or arrange off-campus accommodations.</p> <p>The University of Hawaii at Hilo cannot guarantee housing. However, we will assist students in securing on-campus housing or off-campus housing near campus. Students can apply online for on-campus housing through the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Housing Office website. The application must be completed AFTER students have received their acceptance and a UH student ID number.</p>
Housing Office Website	Housing Office
Housing E-mail	uhhouse@hawaii.edu
Application	<p>Must apply on-line after receiving acceptance letter and UH ID number</p> <p>Housing Application Form (\$10 application fee)</p>
Housing Application Priority Deadlines	<p>Fall 2021 Semester: March 1, 2021</p> <p>Spring 2022 Semester: October 1, 2021</p> <p>(Housing will continue to accept applications until the start of classes)</p>
COSTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
Tuition	Students on direct exchange pay tuition at their home university.
Required Student Fees	<p>Activity Fee: \$247 per semester (Student Life Center, Student Medical Center, student publications and activities)</p> <p>Orientation: \$50 (includes gift bag, informational sessions and special activities - not required but recommended)</p>
Insurance	<p>All international exchange students need to have health insurance coverage while they are studying at UH Hilo. Visit the International Student Service website to see the requirements and options for health insurance. You can purchase insurance in your home country, although you will need to provide proof of insurance in English when you arrive. University of Hawaii student insurance can also be purchased online. The cost is approximately \$1750 per semester. The actual rates will be determined a few months prior to the start of the school year. For more information view the HMSA website</p> <p>A copy of your health insurance needs to be filed with the International Student Services upon arrival.</p>
Living Costs	<p>On-campus (Estimated based on 2020-21 rates)</p> <p>Housing: \$1,772-\$3,377 per semester. (depending on type of room)</p> <p>Food service: \$2,352-\$2,726 per semester. (depending on meal plan)</p> <p>Off campus (Estimated)</p> <p>Housing: \$550 to \$800 per month.</p> <p>Personal expenses (food, supplies, transport): \$3,125 per semester</p>
Other Expenses	<p>Transportation: The city bus is \$1.00 for students with a student ID. Some students choose to buy bicycles which range from \$150 to \$1,000. Occasionally students buy used cars which can cost from \$2,500 and up. Students with cars are legally required to have automobile insurance and a valid Hawaii state driver's licence or a current international driver's license.</p>
Visa Information	<p>All exchange students must have a valid passport and an F-1 student visa. The university will provide an I-20 to be used to get the visa from a U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Students must bring the I-20 and passport when entering the United States.</p>

Pre-Arrival Information	Accepted students will be contacted directly by the Center for Global Education and Exchange as well as the Director of International Student Services with information about arrival and orientation. Students should be sure to read all emails very carefully. Airport pickup is available on designated days prior to orientation. Those dates will be announced by email after students have been accepted. Students who arrive outside of the designated pickup dates can take a taxi or Uber to the campus from the airport. The campus is about 10 minutes from the airport and the taxi ride costs \$15-\$20. Please visit the International Student Services website for more information.	
Useful Websites	New Student Information Online Orientation Frequently Asked Questions	
VIDEO		
	See videos about UH Hilo at: YouTube Channel Admissions Video Study at UH Hilo!	
CONTACT INFORMATION		
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