

University of Hawai'i at Hilo
Description of the Doctorate in Hawaiian and Indigenous Language and Culture
Revitalization and Guide to Completing Your Application

Ph.D. HILCR Checklist

- UHH Graduate Application
- \$50 Application Fee
- Statement of indigenous language experience, academic objectives, future plans to revitalize indigenous language of focus
- Sample of written work
- Minimum 6 credits in linguistics
- Official transcripts from all colleges (must be received directly from the institution)
- Baccalaureate degree transcripts from international institutions must be submitted to a [transcript evaluation service](#)
- Official GRE scores
- Three letters of recommendation

For international applicants:

- Passing TOEFL score, if required
- [International Graduate Student Supplemental Information Form](#)

(All materials should be sent directly to the Admissions Office)

Priority Deadline February 1

The Program

Program Description

The mission of the Ph.D. program in Hawaiian and Indigenous Language and Culture Revitalization is to train well rounded Hawaiian and other indigenous scholars who are prepared to take leadership roles within their communities in indigenous language and culture revitalization.

All students in the doctoral program are required to speak an indigenous language - their "language of focus" - and to further develop their knowledge of that language in courses that explore the similarities and differences among such languages. In addition, students choose two specializations from among the four systematic fields offered in the program, a) Indigenous Language and Culture Education, b) Indigenous Language and Culture in Society, c) Language Planning, and d) Hawaiian Language and Culture. Thus, students who focus on a non-Hawaiian indigenous language will choose two specializations from areas a), b), and c); students who focus on Hawaiian language may choose among all four areas.

Application Process

Applications and supporting documents should be sent to the UHH Admissions Office. Applications will be accepted up to March 15 for the following Fall semester. February 1 is the priority deadline to be considered for university-wide financial assistance. Later deadlines apply for several special financial assistance programs.

The Admissions Office maintains the applications through final notification. Applications that meet all requirements will be forwarded to the Admissions Committee of the College of Hawaiian Language for review. Admission decisions will then be sent by the committee to the Admissions Office, which sends notification to the applicant. If you do not hear from the Admissions Office within 30 days of submitting your application, please call 808-974-7414

The applicant's admission status is valid only for the semester to which the applicant is accepted. Applications for students who do not register, or who withdraw from the University, are voided but retained for a period of one (1) year. Students may reapply for admission to the next cohort by notifying the Admissions Office and submitting a new application fee.

Entrance Requirements:

1. Master's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 grade point average in an approved field of study (e.g., Hawaiian Language and Literature, Indigenous Studies, Anthropology, Languages, etc).

2. Proficiency in and academic knowledge of the applicant's indigenous language of focus, as demonstrated by a taped speech and written essay, with English translation. (The level of proficiency and academic knowledge required will depend on the status of the indigenous language, in terms of how endangered it is and how much linguistic description has been done.)

3. A letter requesting admission to the program which describes the applicant's :

(a) academic objectives and research interests;

(b) experience in educational service to his or her indigenous language of focus;

(c) diversity experience with the contemporary status of an indigenous or threatened language and culture besides the student's own indigenous language of focus. The social and political environment of this additional language should be different from that of the student's language of focus.

(d) future plans regarding work to revitalize his or her indigenous language and culture.

4. A sample of written work (usually the master's thesis).

5. Course work of at least 6 credits in general linguistics, linguistic analysis, and socio-linguistics.

6. Complete taped interview either in person or by telephone.

7. Three letters of recommendation, at least one of which must focus on the applicant's background in the language and culture of an indigenous people and service to that indigenous community.

8. For second language speakers of English, passing scores on the TOEFL or other evidence of English fluency.

Transfer of Credits: Up to 12 credit hours may be transferred from an accredited university (if not previously counted toward another degree). Requests for such transfer of credits

must be made during the first semester enrolled. Only credit hours with a Grade of "B" or better are transferable. Transfer credits must have been completed within seven years preceding the date upon which the Ph. D is to be conferred by UHH.

Regardless of any previous graduate experience, a minimum of 24 credit hours must be taken at UH Hilo before a degree can be granted. A maximum of six credit hours earned under courses designated as "thesis" may be counted toward the Graduate Division's minimum residence requirement.

In cases where a graduate student wishes to take graduate coursework elsewhere for transfer credit during their tenure at UH Hilo, the course work must be *pre-approved* by the student's primary academic advisor and graduate program chair. Petition for transfer of these credits must be completed within a semester of completion of course work.

Course	Cr	Title
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Core Courses Required of All Students

KIND 730	3	Research Methods
KLAN 701	1	Semantics & Pragmatics in Indigenous Languages
KLAN 702	1	Stylistics & Domains in Indigenous Languages
KLAN 703	3	Semantics & Pragmatics of an Indigenous Language
KLAN 704	3	Stylistics & Domains of an Indigenous Language
KIND 800	6	Doctoral Dissertation Research

Special Topics Courses in Areas of Specialization

(students must choose a course in at least two areas)

KED 794	3	Indigenous Language and Culture Education
KIND 794	3	Indigenous Language and Culture In Society
KLIN 794	3	Language Planning
HWST 794	3	Hawaiian Language and Culture

Elective Courses

KED 661	3	Curriculum Development in Maui Ola-based Schools
KED 662	3	Cultivating Native Well-being Through Education
KIND 601	3	Language Maintenance & Shift
KIND 602	3	Methods & Resources in Indigenous Language and Community Building
KIND 690	3	Field Study in an Indigenous Community