

# 2010-2011 UH Hilo Undergraduate Graduation Requirements

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# Do your homework...

As a future graduate of UH Hilo, you are required to fulfill additional requirements outside of General Education and your major.

It is your responsibility to thoroughly understand and meet these requirements.

More in-depth explanations of these graduation requirements are found in the following publications:

- \*The 2010-2011 University Catalog
- \*Your Star online degree audit (accessible through MyUH Portal)

# Overview

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# Cumulative UH Hilo GPA

The university requires that students earn **at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) at the time of graduation.**

## Relevant Information

*You may repeat a non-repeatable class up to 3 times. The most recent grade earned in the class will replace the former grade. Your cumulative GPA will be recalculated, however you will not earn additional semester hours for the course.*

# Minimum total semester hours

The university requires that students earn **a minimum of 120 semester hours (credits) of coursework.**

The 120 total can include semester hours earned at UH Hilo and at other transfer institutions, provided they appear on a student's transfer credit evaluation.

## **Relevant Information**

*Some majors require more than 120 semester hours. Please consult with your faculty advisor, check the university catalog, and your STAR online degree audit to see how many semester hours you must complete for your program.*

# 30 semester hours in residence

The university requires **a minimum of 30 semester hours (credits) of coursework be earned at UH Hilo.**

## *What does this mean for transfer students?*

*You will not be able to graduate with a Bachelor's degree from UH Hilo until you earn 30 semester hours from this campus.*

# Credit Limits

## *Credit by Exam*

Students at UH Hilo are eligible for several forms of credit by examination and are allowed a **maximum of 30 semester hours** earned through:

**College Level Examination Program (CLEP)** - *contact admissions*

**Advanced Placement Examination Program (AP)** - *contact admissions*

**International Baccalaureate** - *contact admissions*

**General Certificate on Education Examination Held Overseas** - *contact admissions*

**Credit by Institutional Examination** - *see university catalog*

**Credit for Previous Foreign Language Study** - *see university catalog*

**Foreign Language Placement Tests** - *contact chairperson of language department*

# Credit Limits

## *Credit/No Credit*

Students, provided they are not on academic probation, may exercise their option to take a maximum 2 courses per semester on a “credit/no credit” basis.

Courses completed under the CR/NC option may not be used to satisfy requirements for a major, minor, or certificate, unless specific CR/NC courses are required for the program.

**Students are allowed no more than 12 semester hours of CR/NC.**

# Credit Limits

## *Directed Reading/Studies*

A student may register for not more than 6 semester hours of directed reading/studies per semester.

Each directed reading/studies course cannot be granted more than 3 semester hours.

**No more than 12 semester hours received from directed reading/studies courses may apply toward the bachelor's degree.**

# Upper division semester hours

With the exception of the BS in Agriculture, all baccalaureate degrees require **coursework at the upper division level (300-400 level)**.

Most degrees require 45 upper division semester hours, however some degrees may require fewer upper division semester hours. Please consult with your faculty advisor and your Star online degree audit to see how many upper division semester hours are required for your degree.

## **How are upper division semester hours counted?**

*All semester hours earned through coursework at the 300-400 level no matter if they are electives or for the major, contribute to the upper division count.*

# Writing Intensive Courses

With the exception of the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resource Management, the other degree-granting colleges require writing intensive courses.

- \* ***If you enter UHH as a freshman or sophomore (0-54 transferred credits), you will need 3 writing intensive courses and 1 must be at the 300-400 level.***
- \* ***If you enter UHH as a junior (55-88 transferred credits), you will need 2 writing intensive courses and 1 must be at the 300-400 level.***
- \* ***If you enter UHH as a senior (89+ transferred credits), you will need 1 upper division writing intensive course.***

Courses used to satisfy this requirement may also be used to satisfy a general education, writing intensive, and/or major, minor, or certificate requirement

***Will the WI classes I took at one of the UH system schools count toward my total?***

*Yes, just be sure the WI appears in your transfer credit evaluation.*

# Hawai'i/Asia/Pacific Requirement

With the exception of the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resource Management, the other degree-granting colleges require a **minimum 3 semester hours in courses whose content emphasizes Hawai'i, Asia, or some Pacific region, culture, or theme.**

Courses used to satisfy this requirement may also be used to satisfy a general education, writing intensive, and/or major, minor, or certificate requirement.

**Will the GAHP classes I took at one of the UH system schools count toward this requirement?**

*Yes, just be sure the GAHP appears in your transfer credit evaluation.*

# Major GPA

The university requires that students earn **at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) in courses for the major.**

## Relevant Information

*Some departments may have imposed their own requirements for GPAs and/or minimal grades for major requirements. Please consult with your faculty advisor and your Star online degree audit to see what the GPA and/or minimal grads are for your program.*

We've come to the end of the 2010-2011 UH Hilo Graduation Requirements. If you have additional questions about these requirements, please contact us.

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