



# University of Hawaii at Hilo English Language Institute

*Learn More than Words*



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## Learn from Nature

Located on the Big Island of Hawaii in the United States, the University of Hawaii at Hilo offers students the perfect location to call their **home away from home** while they achieve their dream of earning an American university education.

### THE BIG ISLAND HAS

- 10 of the world's 13 climate zones
- Kilauea, an active volcano
- Mauna Kea, a 4,000 meter mountain with snow
- Tropical rainforest
- The Pacific Ocean on all sides
- A welcoming, multicultural community
- A safe environment in which to live and study

# Learn from Classmates from Around the World

In 2014, the University of Hawaii at Hilo was ranked as the *most diverse four-year public university in the United States* by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The Big Island of Hawaii has long been a place where people immigrated to from all over the world, creating a mix of cultures, food and a feeling of “aloha” – the welcoming of others to the campus and the community.

University of Hawaii at Hilo Chancellor Donald Straney comments: *“Being a diverse campus means that our students are able to study with people who have different experiences and different ways of thinking than they do and they learn more.”*



**Students not only learn from one another in the classroom, but they also have many opportunities to play together:**

Participating in International Nights, an annual night of celebration of our many cultures

Celebrating Chinese New Year

Eating food from around the world

Shopping for fresh, local fruits and vegetables at the Farmer’s Market

Watching the Merrie Monarch Festival, the largest hula competition in the world

Swimming with dolphins

Exploring green, black and white sand beaches

Hiking in Volcanoes National Park

Stargazing from the top of Mauna Kea

*“I have been to mainland America before and found out that Hawaii is one of the safest states in the U.S. In Hilo, we don’t hear a lot of news about incidents of violence or shootings or other social safety problems. That’s the main reason why I came here, because I want to spend my four years of college in a safe environment!”*

*– Yixiao Li, From: China  
Major: BA Linguistics & Japanese Studies, 2014. She is now pursuing a Masters degree in Second Language Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.*



# Learn from Professors Who Know Your Name

UH Hilo is a smaller university with an enrollment of about 4,000 students. Choosing a small university over a large one has a lot of advantages for students to achieve a high-quality education.

The average class size for undergraduate classes is 22 students, so your professors know your name – as you walk across campus, they'll stop to say hello and see how you are doing.

Not only are they distinguished experts in their fields, but they also love teaching and passing on their knowledge to students.

*"The thing I like the most about UH Hilo is the small class size. The small number of students in the class helps me to get to know everybody which helps me to be more comfortable and confident to interact with them. It makes it easier for me to engage more in class participation, to work more in groups, and to demonstrate my learning in the class. In addition to becoming a more active participant in the class, I also have more chances to meet with the professor during office hours or after class and ask for more help to facilitate my learning process."*

- Teresinha Santos Da Costa,  
From: Timor Leste  
Major: Communications with  
a Certificate in Education



Smaller classes also allow professors to offer students more one-to-one opportunities for **hands-on learning, internships and collaborative research with professors.**

Marine Science students are studying the evolving coral reefs

Astronomy students are studying the stars and planets from the summit Mauna Kea

Agriculture students are addressing the need for sustainable food systems through their research at the UH Hilo agricultural farm

Business students are gaining hands-on experiences through internships with local businesses

Computer Science majors are taking top honors in national competitions

Volcanologists are gaining valuable information from the only active volcano in the United States

Art students are inspired by the natural beauty and many cultures surrounding them

Linguistics, anthropology, and language majors are thriving in the diverse culture of Hawaii

Aquaculture students are learning fish farming and oyster cultivation at UH Hilo's Pacific Aquaculture & Coastal Resource Center



# Learn More than Words

## English Language Institute

The English Language Institute (ELI) at UH Hilo offers non-native speakers of English the opportunity to improve their academic English while taking classes toward their degree. Classes begin at the Intermediate level, so students can move through the program in as little as one semester to as long as three semesters. The ELI is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation, so you know that the quality is the highest in the U.S.

At the ELI at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, students learn more than just words, *ELI students are an important part of the campus community.* Because students are allowed to enroll in select classes that will count toward their degree at the same time that they are completing their ELI classes, they can:

- Meet more American students and friends
- Improve their English faster
- Learn about American culture
- Learn about cultures from around the world
- Learn about Hawaii & explore its natural environment
- Become integrated into the campus life
- Graduate more quickly!

*"My job requires a lot of traveling, so I encounter various cultures and meet many new people. However, it also requires a lot of debating with people. If you want to debate with them or convince them, you need to have strong English proficiency. When I started English Language Institute (ELI) classes in 2004, I could not speak or understand English very well. However, teachers from the ELI stood by me and kindly helped me go through all the classes. I learned so much from them and it would not have been possible to get this amazing job without their support."*

*Name: Keisuke Sasada, BA Math, 2009  
From: Japan  
Job: Mobile-Network Engineer at NTT DOCOMO*



## ELI CLASSES

The ELI offers 3 levels: Intermediate, High-Intermediate & Advanced

The ELI offers 4 skills at each level: Reading, Writing, Listening/Speaking, Grammar

**ELECTIVES:**  
American English Pronunciation  
American Culture & Community

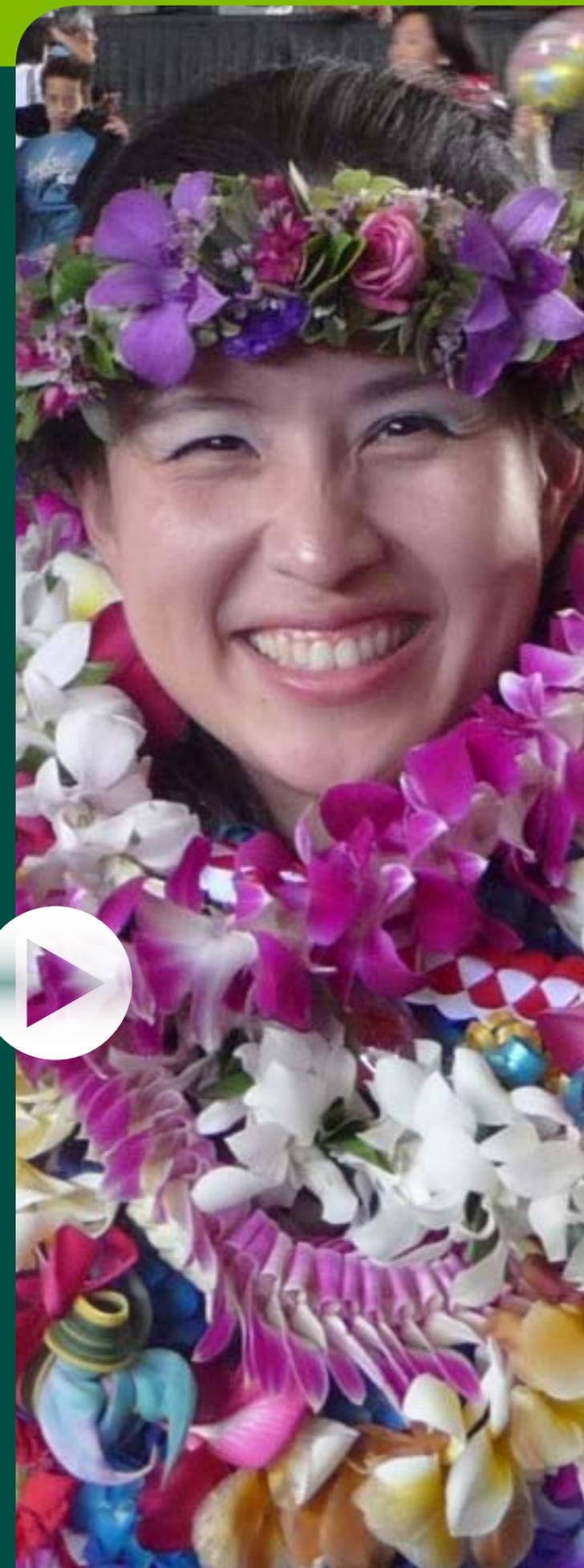
**ACTIVITIES:**  
Conversation Partner Program

Because ELI students are UH Hilo students, they have access to all of the services as every other student:

- Dorms with 24-hour security
- Tutoring Services
- Student Life Center
- Library
- Health Center
- Advising Center
- Career Services
- International Student Services Office
- Clubs, activities and weekend trips around the island!

Admission to UH Hilo Degree Program:  
TOEFL - 61/500  
IELTS - 5.5  
EIKEN - 2A

Admission to UH Hilo as an English Language Institute Student:  
No TOEFL, IELTS or EIKEN required



# Learn with Aloha



*“Once you get here, you see a beautiful city, a place where you feel safe, the magical Mauna Kea in the background, the delicious smell of fruits and flowers in the air, zero pollution, many beaches around town with clear waters and a huge variety of wildlife with all sorts of fish, amazing turtles, rays, sharks, and whales. But despite all of that, what really surprised me was the **spirit of aloha**, which is definitely present on a daily basis on this incredible island. This makes life so much better. Only when you experience this, you can really say that aloha is still present here.”*

Name: Andre Idalgo Chiarelli  
From: Brazil  
Major: Astronomy

## APPLICATION SCHEDULE

### FALL SEMESTER

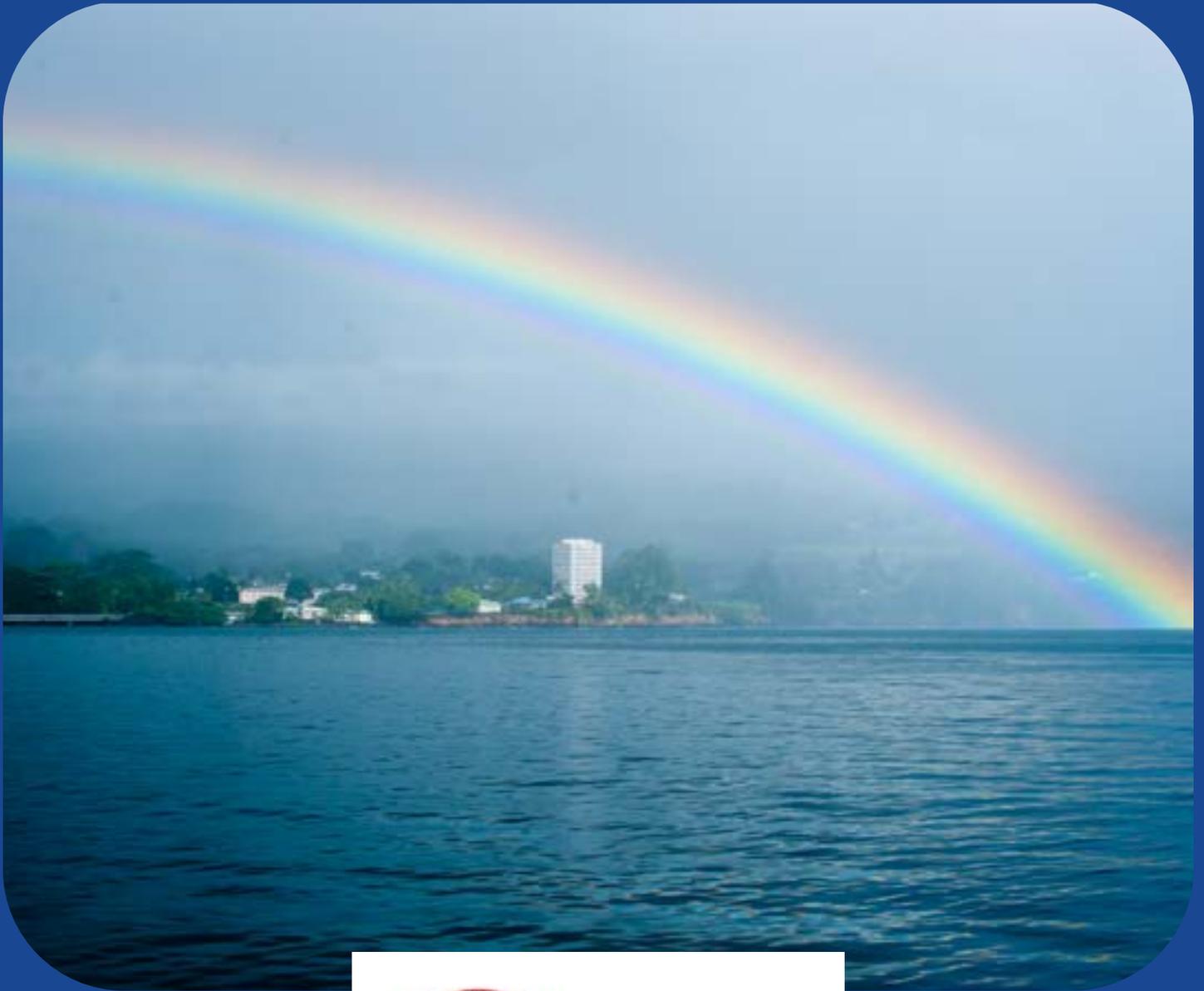
Recommended Application  
Deadline for F-1 Visa Students: June 1  
Application Deadline: July 1  
Orientation/Semester Begins: Mid-August

### SPRING SEMESTER

Recommended Application  
Deadline for F-1 Visa Students: October 1  
Application Deadline: November 1  
Orientation/Semester Begins: Early January

### LINKS:

Academic Calendar  
University of Hawaii at Hilo  
Admissions  
English Language Institute



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*E lawe i ke a'ō a mālama, a e 'oi mau ka na'auao.  
Those who take their learnings and apply them increase their knowledge.*

We will be acclaimed as a university community that works together across disciplines and diverse perspectives to prepare student scholars to thrive, compete, innovate and lead in their professional and personal lives.

We will engage every student in applied learning that links theory with practice, connects to the distinctive natural and cultural environments of Hawai'i, and promotes skilled participation in a global society.

*University of Hawaii at Hilo's Vision Statement*