

Fall 2013 New Student Orientation Assessment

Summery

Data Sources

The data for this assessment was gathered from three different areas. The section below titled "Orientation Demographics" uses the data collected from the Orientation Registration process. The section below titled "Orientation Evaluation" uses data collected from the Orientation Evaluation which was an online questionnaire sent out following the Orientation event. Additionally, some data is compared to the entire list of all New Students as gathered by the Admissions Office.

Quick Summery of some the numbers

Orientation Registration	n=491
Evaluation Survey	n=86
All New Students	n=1243

Orientation Attendance

First Time First Year Students	386
Transfer Students	105

Residency

In-State Students	233
Out of State Students	179
International Students	79

Gender:

Male	175
Female	315
Other	1

Majors

Majors represented	33 + Undeclared
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Highlighted Questions

"Orientation helped me feel welcomed to UH Hilo"

- 97% positive response

"Orientation helped me feel better prepared to start my first semester at UH Hilo"

- 99% positive response

"I would recommend this orientation program to other new students"

- 92% positive Response

"Overall the Orientation staff was friendly and helpful"

- 100% positive response

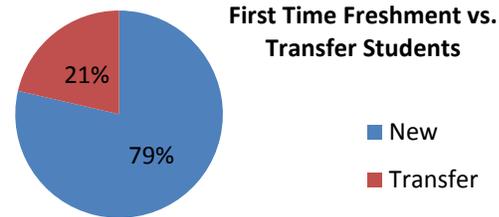
Orientation Demographics

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First Time Freshmen & Transfer Students

79% of the students who participated in Orientation were First Time First Year Students. This represents 76% of all First Time First Year Students. Additionally, 105 Transfer students represent 14% of all Transfer Students.

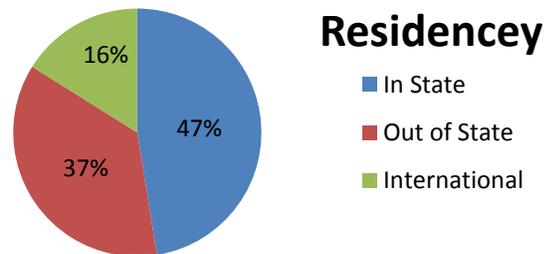
FTFY vs. Transfer		
First Time First Year	386	
Transfer	105	



Residency

47% of the students who attended Orientation are from the State of Hawaii

Residency		
In State	233	47%
Out of State	179	36%
International	79	16%



Hawaiian Residency

- 54% of In-State students come from the Big Island, and 62 of those come from Hilo, which is 13% of all students who attended Orientation.
- 125 students from the Big Island equals 23% of all students from the Big Island
- 108 students from Hilo equals 15% of all students from Hilo.
- Of the 62 students from Hilo, 48 of them were FTFY students and 14 Transfer students.

Orientation: HI Residency		
From the Big Island	125	54%
From Other Islands	108	46%

Orientation: Big Island Residency		
From Hilo (96720 Zip)	62	25%
Not from Hilo	63	22%

% of all students participating in Orientation	
From the Big Island	23%
From Hilo	15%

All New Students: Class standing vs. BI Residency		
FTFY & From Big Island	215	39%
FTFY & From Hilo	108	27%
Transfer & From Big Island	336	61%
Transfer & From Hilo	293	73%

International Residency

The largest population of International students who attended Orientation came from Asia. The largest countries represented were from Japan (21 students) and Korea (18 students)

Residency by Geographic Location	
North America (not USA)	3
South America	1
Europe	15
Pacific Islands / New Zealand	19
Asia	41

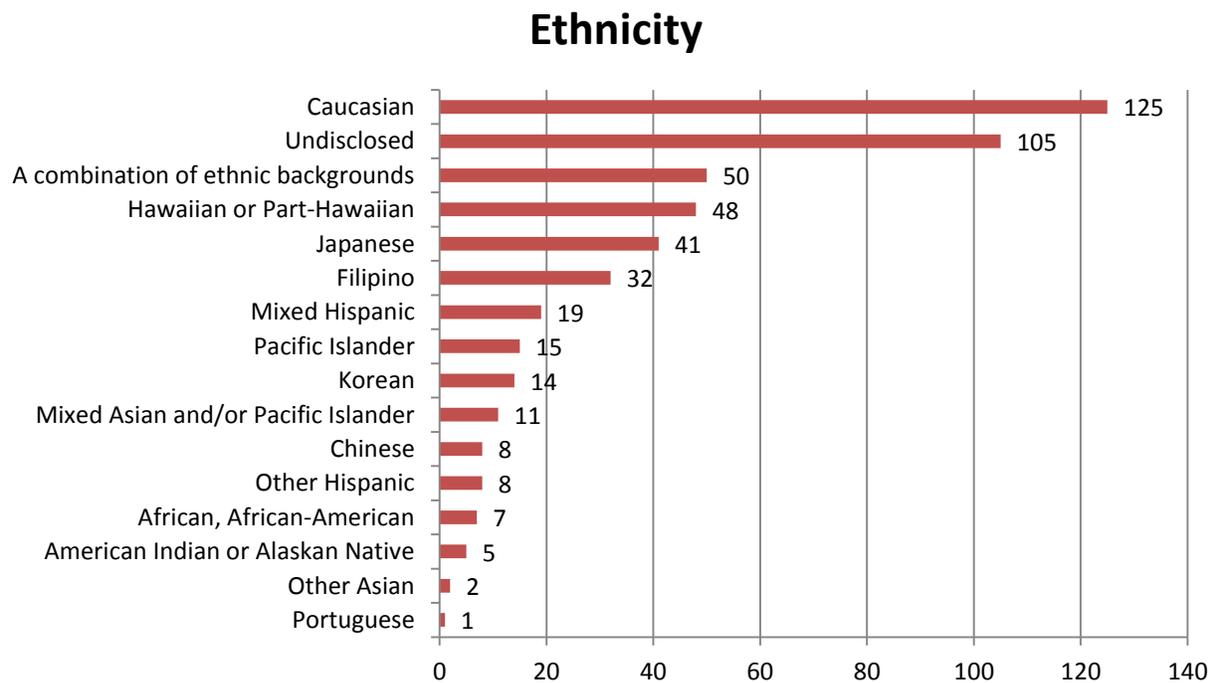
US Residency by Regions

Other than Pacific (which includes HI), most of our domestic students came from states in the Western region of the United States.

Residency by US Regions	
Pacific (<i>AK, HI</i>)	240
West (<i>WA, OR, CA, NV, ID, MT, WY, UT, AZ, CO, NM</i>)	118
Midwest (<i>ND, SD, NE, KS, MO, IA, MN, WI, IL, IN, OH, MI</i>)	25
Northeast (<i>ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI, NY, NJ, PA</i>)	19
South (<i>TX, OK, AR, LA, MS, AL, TN, KY, WV, VA, MD, DE, NC, SC, GA, FL</i>)	10

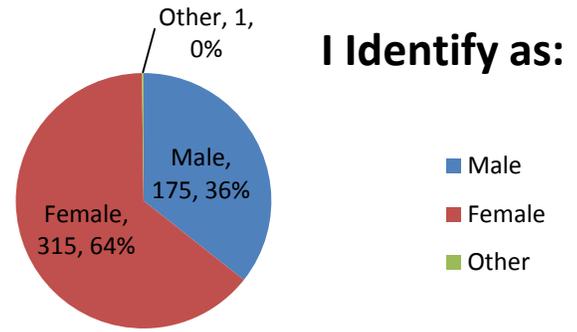
Ethnicity

The largest represented ethnicity is Caucasian. Only 48 people identified as Hawaiian or Part-Hawaiian. It is interesting to note that there were 233 In-State students. This indicates that only about 20% of our students from the state of Hawaii identify as Hawaiian or Part-Hawaiian as their primary ethnicity.



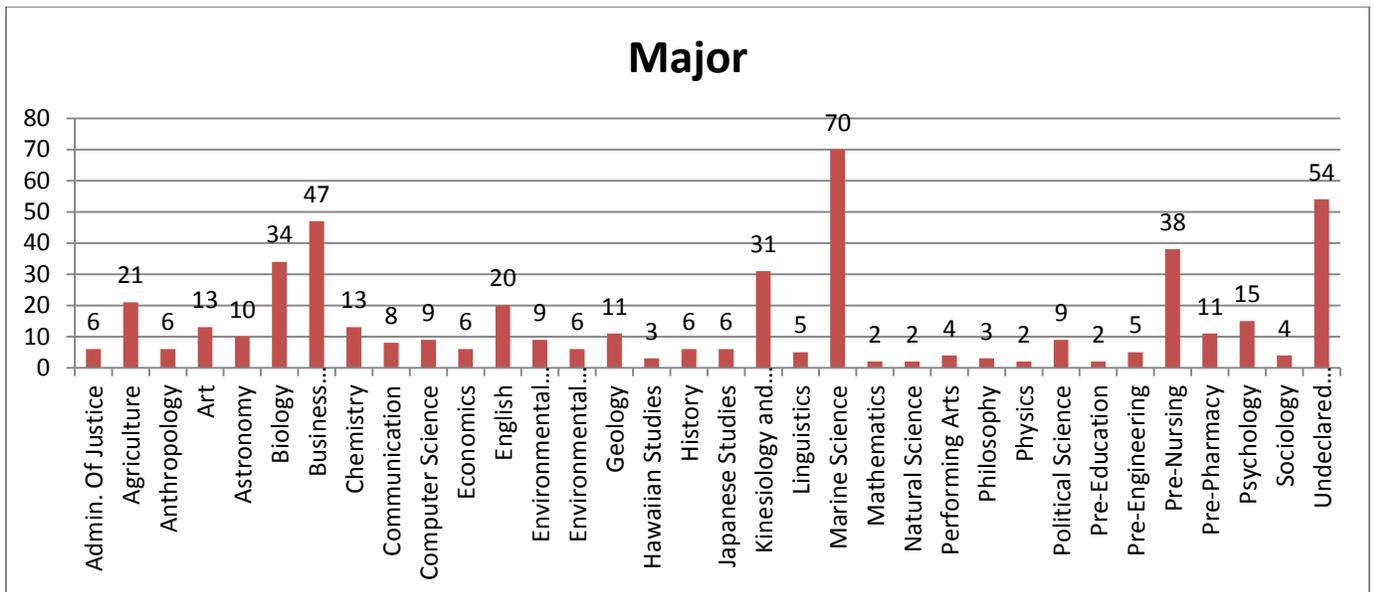
Gender

The breakdown of students who attended Orientation based on self-identified gender is 64% *Male*, 36% *Female*, and 1 person who self-identified as *Other*

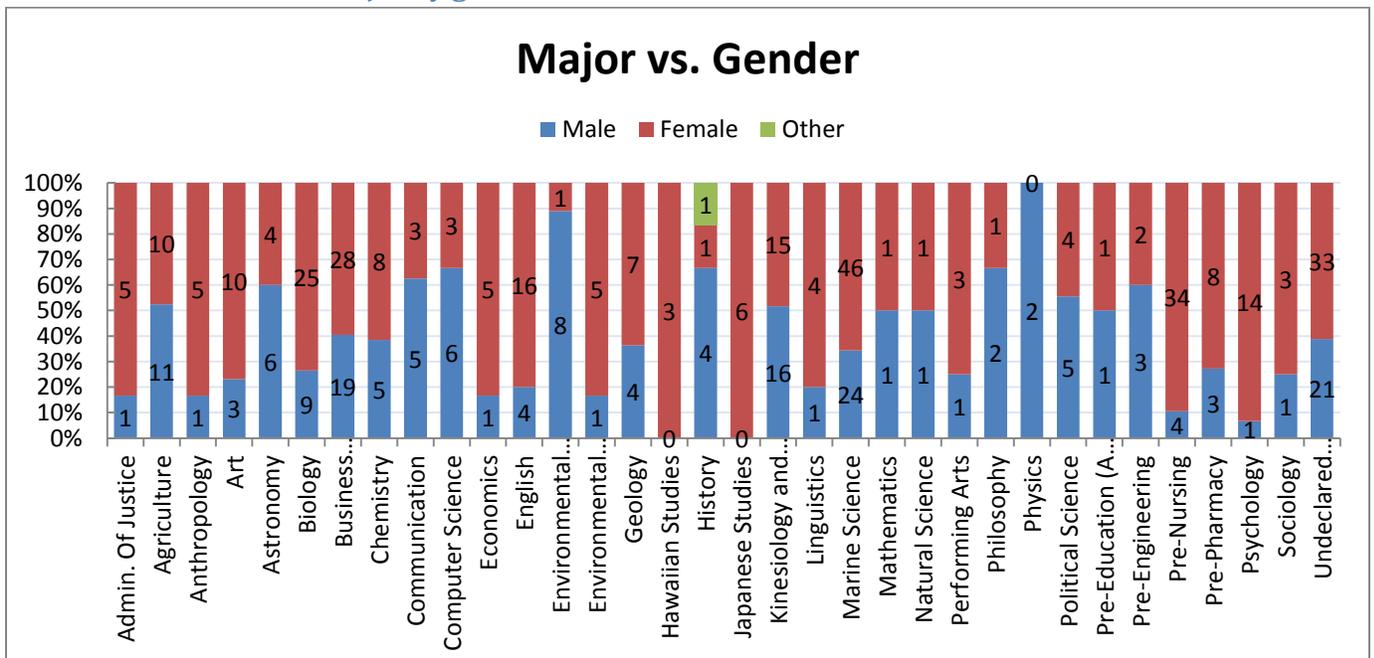


Major

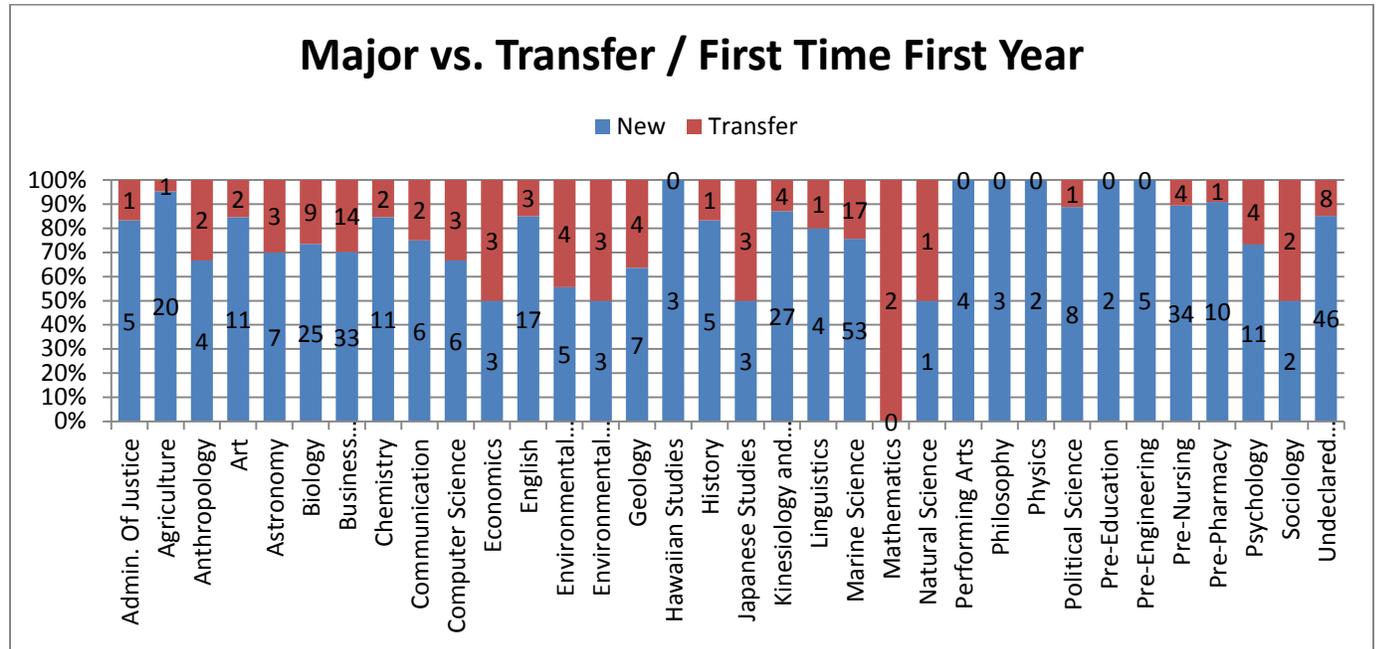
The largest Major represented was Marine Science with 70 students, followed by Business Administration with 47 students. 54 students were undeclared.



The breakdown of each major by gender

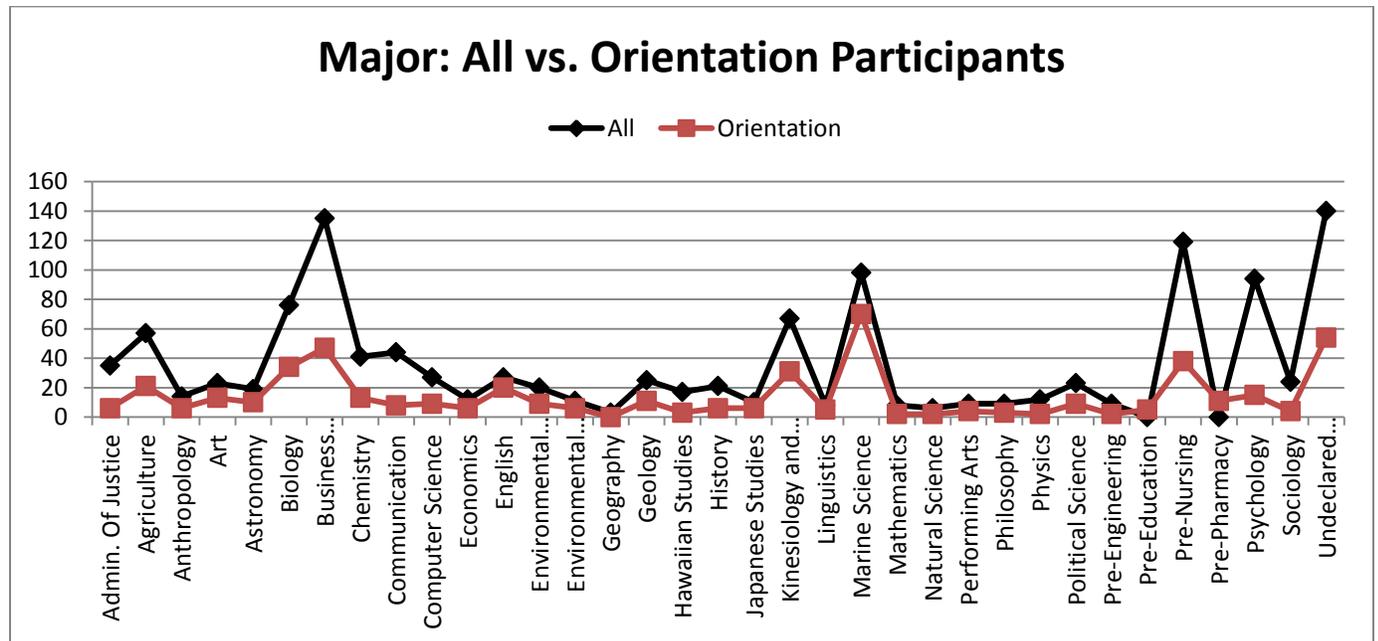


The breakdown of each major by Transfer Students vs. First Time First Year Students (new)



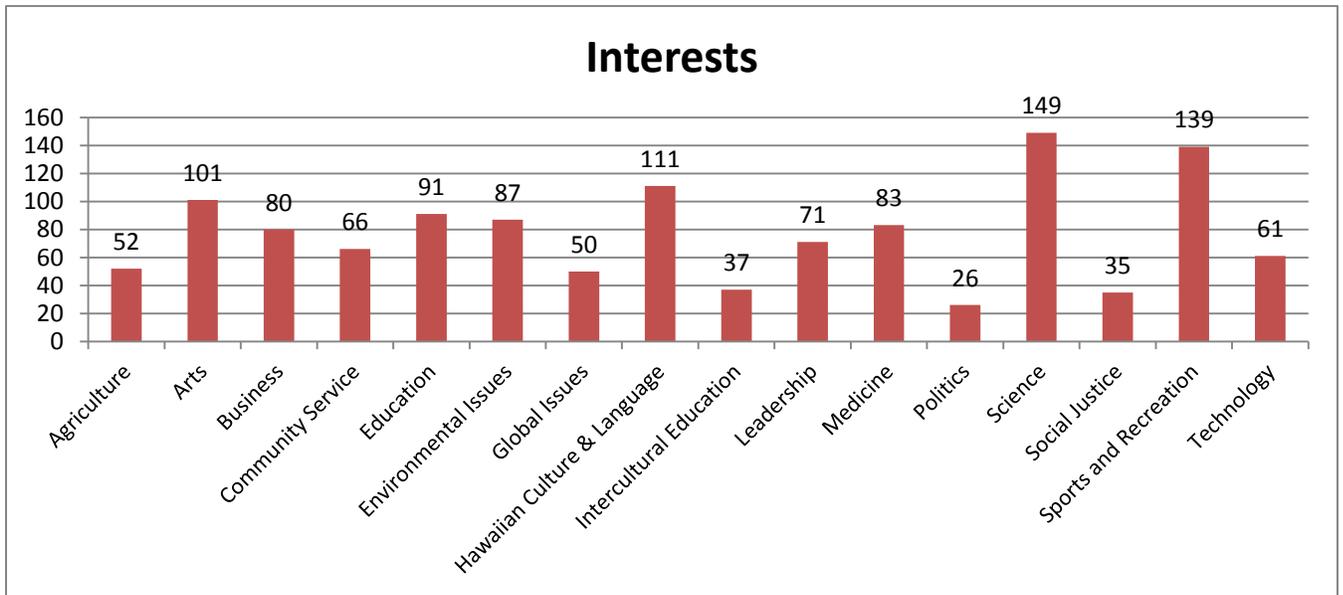
Comparison of indicated major vs. actual enrollment numbers

The number students per major who participated in Orientation very closely mirror the actual relative enrollment size of the majors. The black line below represents the actual enrollment size of FTFY & Transfer students as listed in their Admissions application.



Interests

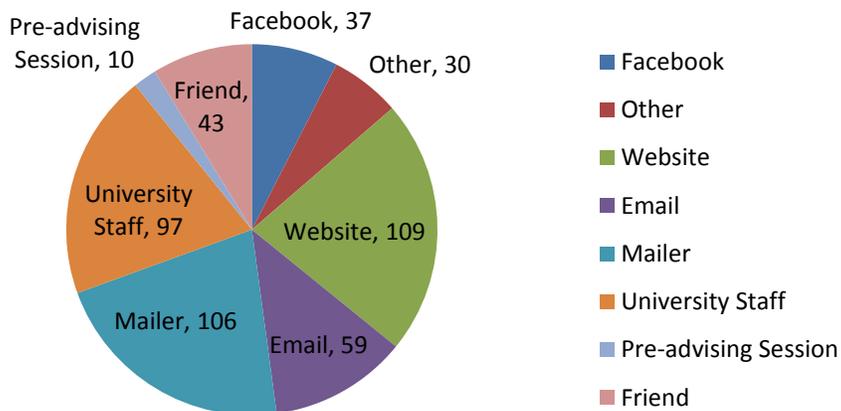
As a part of the Orientation Registration we asked students to identify areas of interest. These were then used to group people with similar interests into their Orientation Leader cohorts. *Students could check multiple answers.*



Marketing

Students were asked how they heard about Orientation. Website, Mailer, and University Staff were the top 3 most popular answers.

How did you hear about Orientation



Orientation Evaluation

n=86

Admissions Questions

Admissions requested two questions to be added to the survey.

- 1) How did you hear about UH Hilo
- 2) Why did you choose to attend UH Hilo

How did you hear about UH Hilo

The top three answers were Friend (41), Parent/Relative (35) and Teacher (32).

Students could choose multiple answers.

How did you hear about UH Hilo	
Parent/Relative	35
Friend	41
Teacher	32
Counselor	30
College Presentation	20
College Fair	23
Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	8
College Search Engine	20
College Magazine	1
Radio Ad	0
Television Ad	1

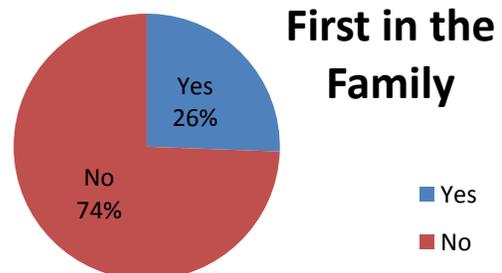
Why did you choose to attend UH Hilo

The top answer was *Affordability* (55). *Students could choose multiple answers.*

Why did you choose to attend UH Hilo	
Affordability	55
School Size (4,100 students)	42
Close Proximity to Home	28
Selected major	41
Ethnic Diversity	26
Great Environment	53

First in the Family

We asked students if they were the first in their family to attend College. 26% of the students identified themselves as a First Generation student.



Events and Workshops

We looked at satisfaction of the major events and workshops during Orientation.

- The highest rated event was *Meet your Orientation Leader* with a 76% positive rating.
- The lowest rated event was the *VCSA Lunch* with a 21% Negative rating.

Events and Workshops					
	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Didn't Attend
Evening of Aloha	1%	6%	27%	17%	49%
Meet your OL	1%	14%	39%	38%	8%
Convocation	1%	11%	39%	32%	17%
VCSA Lunch	2%	19%	29%	20%	29%
Making Initial Connections	1%	10%	29%	21%	38%
Making a "Major" Connection	2%	13%	28%	34%	23%
Student Panel	0%	11%	24%	17%	49%
Majors Fair	4%	9%	29%	18%	40%
Involvement Fair	0%	13%	25%	24%	38%
Excursions	1%	5%	12%	26%	57%
Vulcan Carnival	5%	10%	24%	26%	35%

Events and Workshops			
	Negative	Positive	Didn't Attend
Evening of Aloha	7%	44%	49%
Meet your OL	15%	76%	8%
Convocation	12%	71%	17%
VCSA Lunch	21%	49%	29%
Making Initial Connections	12%	50%	38%
Making a "Major" Connection	15%	62%	23%
Student Panel	11%	40%	49%
Majors Fair	13%	47%	40%
Involvement Fair	13%	49%	38%
Excursions	6%	37%	57%
Vulcan Carnival	15%	50%	35%

Open Ended Responses for Events & Workshops

We asked a series of open ended questions regarding the events and workshops. The following are the keyed responses. *(For a full transcript of the written responses see Appendix A)*

Which workshop did you find the most helpful and why?

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Workshop		Reason	
Making a "Major" Connection	23	Meet people	20
Student Panel	8	Learn about Major	10
Making Initial Connections	4	Connect with Professors	9
Meet your OL	4	Good Advice from Staff / Students	8
Get a campus Job	3	Gained a sense of belonging	5
Majors Fair	3	Learned how to find a job	4
VCSA Lunch	2	Learned about UH Hilo	4
Involvement Fair	2	Fun	3
Transfer Student Social	2	Learned about Academic tools	3
Managing Debt	2	Gained confidence in ability to be successful	3
Evening of Aloha	2	Opportunity to get involved	1
Convocation	2		
Vulcan Carnival	1		
Glow Luau	1		
Library Tour	1		
Study methods	1		
ESL Workshop	1		

Which workshop session did you find the least helpful and why?

Which workshop session did you find the least helpful and why?			
VCSA Lunch	7	Didn't learn anything new	11
Making Initial Connections	6	Wanted more	4
Student Panels	4	Bad location	3
Making a "Major" Connection	4	Boring	3
Meet your OL	3	Unclear about the point of the session	3
Convocation	2	Too many distractions	2
Vulcan Carnival	2	Not relevant	2
Time management	1	Session was unorganized	2
Speed Mixer	1	Uninterested about the topic	1
Welcome to Hilo	1		
Excursions	1		
How to get a job	1		

Orientation & Transition Questions

We asked questions to look at the overall impacts of the Orientation program as well as the transition to UH Hilo. Additionally we expanded the analysis to explore the differences in responses between First Time First Year students and Transfer students. The cells outlined below in Red indicate responses that were at least 10% different between First Time First Year and Transfer students.

Question	Orientation Overview				Overall		Negative (% of each classification)		Positive (% of each classification)	
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Negative	Positive	FTFY	Transfer	FTFY	Transfer
I feel like Orientation helped me meet new friends	0%	14%	49%	37%	14%	86%	11%	19%	89%	81%
Orientation helped me connect with professors	8%	29%	46%	16%	38%	62%	37%	38%	63%	63%
Through Orientation I learned about resources and offices on campus	0%	7%	64%	29%	7%	93%	9%	3%	91%	97%
I gained skills and knowledge to help me be academically successful here at UH Hilo	4%	12%	57%	27%	15%	85%	9%	25%	91%	75%
I am proud to be a Vulcan	0%	4%	50%	46%	4%	96%	4%	3%	96%	97%
Orientation helped me feel welcomed to UH Hilo	0%	3%	36%	60%	3%	97%	2%	6%	98%	94%
I have a better understanding of the academic requirements and expectations for which I am responsible	0%	9%	55%	36%	9%	91%	4%	19%	96%	81%
I feel like I know my Orientation Leader	12%	30%	41%	17%	42%	58%	33%	56%	67%	44%
Overall the Orientation staff was friendly and helpful	0%	0%	48%	52%	0%	100%	0%	0%	100%	100%
I know how I can get involved on campus, if I wanted to do so	0%	12%	52%	36%	12%	88%	9%	16%	91%	84%
I am planning to / have already got involved with a student organization or department on campus	2%	13%	55%	29%	15%	85%	17%	13%	83%	88%
Orientation helped me feel better prepared to start my first semester at UH Hilo	0%	1%	68%	31%	1%	99%	2%	0%	98%	100%
After Orientation, I feel confident that I made the right decision in attending UH Hilo	0%	5%	50%	45%	5%	95%	4%	6%	96%	94%

The information I received from my college/department during Orientation helped me feel confident about the program that I am enrolled in	1%	16%	47%	35%	18%	82%	11%	28%	89%	72%
Orientation helped me gain an understanding of how to use and navigate campus technology tools such as STAR, MyUH, Laulima, etc.	2%	20%	55%	22%	22%	78%	13%	38%	87%	63%
I would recommend this orientation program to other new students	0%	8%	49%	42%	8%	92%	7%	9%	93%	91%
Attending Orientation was a good use of my time	1%	9%	54%	35%	11%	89%	7%	16%	93%	84%
Orientation was worth the registration fee	5%	25%	45%	25%	30%	70%	24%	38%	76%	63%

Appendix A: Full Responses to Open Ended Questions

Which workshop session did you find the most helpful and why?

- Vulcan Carnival was very fun and I could make friends.
- I really liked the Initial Connections and Major Connections, because I was very interested in learning about how to find a job on campus as well as how the Biology programs work. Basically I left with all my questions answered.
- Making a major connection was really helpful. It was fun to be able to meet most of the professors.
- Chancellor Luncheon - There were a lot of really good advice from Chancellor and faculty members on how to adjust to a new environment. That really helped me. Encouraged me to do my best.
- The workshop I found the most helpful was the one that taught me how to get a job on campus because they went through the steps very clearly with lots of examples.
- I found the major connection workshop most helpful. It was great to see and interact with the professors before classes began.
- The one where we met the people from our college people and were able to meet our peers.
- The fairs. These put me in touch with people with similar interests and was the first step towards my making some friends and gaining a sense of belonging.
- none
- Majors fair because it helped me learn about my major more
- The Making a "Major" Connection helped me most because it made me aware of those in my major and enabled me to make connections with my professor.
- My new transfer student orientation. They showed you how to use laulima and the your star account.
- The workshop I found the most helpful for me was the "Freshman Student academic panel," I found this the most helpful because it helped me feel more confident in my approach to school.
- Vice Chancellor For student affairs luncheon. It was a great speech
- Majors fair and Transfer student social.
- I think you really outdid yourself on the Glow Luau, but I am not sure if this counts as a workshop?
- Making Initial Connection because they told me stuff about sources I could use that I didn't know about.
- The library workshop- It was informative.
- I enjoyed 'Making a "Major" Connection' because I was able to meet the professors I will be working with for the remainder of my education as an undergrad and talk to my advisor about my college path. It was also nice making connections with other students in my major.
- I learned a lot about my major at the Making a "Major" Connection and I met lots of friends there.
- I found the workshop on credit and debt to be very informational, along with the study methods class.
- The workshop that I found useful was the making a major connection because I got to meet the people that I'm going to be having classes with for the next 4 years.
- I liked the advising workshop. It helped me feel more welcome to go.
- meet your orientation leader because i met my leader
- I found the making connections in my major to be the most helpful. I was able to meet multiple professors in my major as well as other students, and learn a lot of useful info on my major.
- The Making a "Major" Connection was a wonderful opportunity to meet the professors I'm now working with, and I got to meet other students in the same field as me.
- Making a "major" connection because I wrote sociology as my major but I was not sure, so this is what really helped me make my decision final.
- club fair because it gave me the opportunity to be involved around school and the community.

- I found the Making a "Major" Connection the most helpful because I got detailed insight to what my major is going to entail and what I need to accomplish to receive my degree. I also got to meet some of my awesome instructors.
- Transfer Student Panel. The advice was really helpful and varied.
- Transfer Student workshop was amazing! I learned so much about the school while hearing first hand experiences from students. Very one on one attention to my questions.
- Evening of Aloha, at this session I met a lot of friends who from different countries. So, it was useful :)
- I found the making Major connections workshop the most helpful because it was a nice way to meet advisors and get to know the department.
- The most helpful workshop session that I had was the Making a "Major" Connections. It gave me an idea of what classes should I take in order to graduate on time. Also it gave me an overview on my major.
- The Making a "Major" Connection because I was able to meet other students and professors in Biology.
- How to budget my money was very helpful because I tend to buy a lot of supplies that I do not need and I learned how to save my money.
- I found the majors fair very helpful in choosing my major.
- Making a Major connection was most helpful because I learned more about the classes I needed to take throughout all the semesters.
- Making Major connections because I found many new study buddies.
- I did not attend the workshops because I did not find them applicable to me.
- I only attended one workshop and it wasn't the best, refer to question below.
- I found the convocation as the most helpful. I'm not sure if this counts as a workshop session, but if it does, I especially found it helpful because it reminded me why I am here. I am here for school and I am here to get a good education that will hopefully lead to a good job. It also showed me the Hawai'i spirit and it left me feeling content.
- I found meeting my orientation leader the most helpful, to be honest. I remember more of that event than of the other main workshops. Meeting my orientation leader helped to break the awkwardness and fear of meeting new people in a new environment.
- Making a major connection was most helpful because you got to interact with other students in the same major as you.
- The ESL workshop was most helpful. Because it made me feel more comfortable and less insecure about my level of English.
- Meeting my orientation leader because it was a way for me to meet new friends and knowing that I have an OL that I can ask questions to when in need.
- The major connections session was very helpful the most because as a first time freshmen I have no clue what to do and where to go and how my schedule would be like and with the help of orientation leaders, other school faculty and major advisors. Everything seems to be going good but still all new to me. Having the information of which classes to take to finish on time was a very big help not only to me but others who are in the same major as me. I would like to meet up with my advisor hopefully soon to discuss next semesters schedule just to be one step ahead.
- The job seeking workshop was really good, they gave you a paper that included a step by step process, and they really emphasized that an on campus job would be worth my time.
- In my opinion, the convocation was most helpful because I was greatly motivated by the vice chancellors' speech. It was a highlight and was a great way to start a new chapter in my life.
- "I would say Making Initial Connections and or Making a ""Major"" Connection.
- STAR is very helpful to a student to keep track on the course you have to take or taken for that specific major, and gives best insights on how well you doing. UH Portal/Laulima too.

- Making a "Major" Connection-meeting new friends who has the same interest as you was very helpful. In that way, you kinda know who to join for study groups. "
- The one where you met the teachers from your major and they explained what they taught etc.
- I thought that the how to get a job workshop was the most helpful because I know that I will need to get a job and I was unsure how to do that before attending.
- The student panels on academics. Hearing others personal experience helped me think about how to prepare for my own.
- The student panels were the most helpful because you get to hear about what actual students think about college and what kind of tips they can give based on their experience.
- Evening of Aloha, because it made me feel welcomed and ready to expect road blocks.
- Transfer Social. Meeting new friends
- The Academic Student Panel allowed me to see how I can best succeed here, and the tools and people that will help me do so
- "meet your orientation leader
- Reason: He helped us to know each other"
- I feel that the Student Panels was a great way to know more about UH Hilo through students.
- The workshop that was helpful was student panel workshop because I got to hear from four different people experiences here on campus and hearing what help them here and how to get through exams has motivated me to do my best here at the university.
- The workshop where I was able to meet with the Pre-Pharmacy advisor was very helpful because I was able to learn what unfolds ahead of me and learn about the college of pharmacy.

Which workshop session did you find the least helpful and why?

- Probably the Vice Chancellor's one. The content was great but I felt like it was a bad location because there were so many distractions around the plaza that hardly anyone was paying attention.
- Making initial connections because I found it boring
- None. Most of the workshops I attended were very helpful in different ways.
- The workshop I found least useful was combating procrastination because it was just general information done in a boring way and didn't use examples that made me feel connected to the information being given.
- The luncheon was the least helpful. I'm not really sure what the point of the session was.
- When we had the luncheon. I didn't really find that very helpful. It was kind of too informative of something I wasn't interested in.
- Student panels. The questions and answers were pre-prepared, and I didn't learn anything I had not already been told. There was some time at the end to ask questions but I did not manage to ask anything or discover anything that would have been useful.
- none
- None
- Although it was helpful, the Making Initial Connections was least help mostly by the time I go to UHH I already knew the website forwards and backwards; therefore I knew about STAR and how to find my advisors etc.
- The major connection because they didn't have one for all of the majors.
- N/A
- Convocation. Did not contain enough information.
- Student affairs luncheon
- Luncheon I didn't really connect to what they were saying ... the food was good though.
- Making Initial Connections- It was too redundant.
- Meet your Orientation Leader was awkward and boring. My orientation leader had no idea what she was supposed to be doing and didn't offer creative ways for us to get to know each other. Overall, we were all very uncomfortable and it couldn't have ended soon enough.
- Meet Your Orientation Leader was the least helpful. I couldn't hear what Keylan was saying I didn't get what he was talking about. He didn't have a whole lot of time to talk and I never had any interaction with him the rest of orientation, so I didn't get the point of having an orientation leader.
- I found that a majority of these workshops are for Freshmen, which is fine, I just wish there would have been others that were more focused on transfers/NSE students. I did go to the transfer panel, however the students on the panel were still from an Island and couldn't provide much information about those of us who are really far away from home.
- I found all of the workshops useful.
- I'm sorry I honestly can't remember.
- I found the student panels to be the least helpful because a lot of information that was relayed to me was things I already knew from previous college experience, although it was nice hearing about this specific school.
- I didn't think meeting with our orientation group/leader provided a lot. I don't think most people are developing lasting relations with the people in their groups.
- all workshops were helpful, although I didn't attend many workshop all were very resourceful for the school year.

- I found the Freshmen Student Panel (Academic) the least helpful because I only heard tips that I already knew about. I was hoping to hear something more geared toward college specifically, like the types of tests, how to study for midterms, etc.
- Making Initial Connections. Not because it was unhelpful itself, but because I already knew most of the information. I think it's a very valuable resource for anyone who didn't know the information already.
- Speed dating was a little intimidating and unorganized. There was a lot of confusion as to what was going on.
- The least helpful workshop session that I had was the Vulcan Carnival. There were not enough games to play with.
- I didn't attend enough workshops to find one that was the least helpful. They all were.
- None
- I found the convocation least helpful.
- I thought all workshop sessions were useful, but if I had to choose it would be making initial connections because most information I already knew.
- Welcome to Hilo, because I wanted to know what to do but it was more about the whole island. The description of the session did not fit the actual session.
- Making a "major" connection because we ended up in a small classroom, the lady took about half the time to get her presentation working, and when she did it was about how to get to this url to see what you need to graduate when it would be easier to just go to STAR. I don't think she knew what that was.
- Although the Vulcan Carnival was really fun, I didn't find it very helpful for orientation. It was a good way to end the orientation of course and I enjoyed it so it shouldn't be frowned upon but it wasn't very useful.
- I found the making a "Major" connection workshop to be the least helpful, since there was not much interaction. I did not get to learn what I wanted to know from the science majors department.
- I didn't find any workshop session that was least helpful because every workshop counted and will help me grow as a successful student.
- I found the exploring the big island excursions useful due to the fact that I already live on big island other than that everything else was helpful and useful information to me.
- I left the luncheon mid-way because The talks were very hard to stay focus with.
- N/A because all workshops were very interesting.
- How to get a job, Everything I already knew and didn't learn anything.
- I thought all the ones I went to helpful in some way.
- There were many choices to choose from and I wasn't forced to go to every single one, so I only went to the ones that suited my interest.
- I found Making Initial Connections the least helpful because I feel like that by now you should have known a lot of what was spoken about prior to college starting just by getting yourself familiar with the website tools and the portal. In addition, I felt like it was advertised as an academic counseling session where we could meet one-on-one with an class adviser and it was not.
- Lunch in with the chancellor, because I couldn't really hear the questions being asked and the advice wasn't all that great.
- n/a
- N/A
- None
- I feel that there was no workshop that was least helpful.
- I honestly think each workshop was helpful in its own way I don't think any workshop was least helpful.
- The majors connection was least helpful because the speaker just served us cookies and made us look at books and posters.

Any additional comments on any of the workshops you attended

- Marine Science is the bessssst
- I liked most of the workshops, I didn't actually expect for there to be things like that to do and having to move around campus made me learn the layout of the school much faster.
- The other workshops were helpful too.
- I didn't attend any excursions because they were all booked up before I even saw that they were coming up, but I'm sure they would have been excellent.
- Pre orientation was a bit frustrating. The A-I line to sign in was the longest and I waited 45minutes just to sign in. Should consider splitting the alphas A-E, F-I
- As an international student that has attended University for three years already, has picked a major, etc I found orientation to be a little bit unnecessary because it seemed that 90% of the workshops and stuff where aimed at freshmen that have never gone to university before. But I liked and found a good deal of the events satisfying.
- More food! (:
- "The weekend excursions were so much fun! I had a blast going canoeing and paddle boarding in the pool. They gave me a good idea of what it would be like to go on the weekend adventures, which I have been attending each weekend and having a great time.
- The only thing I would have liked is to go on the volcano and hot springs tours but they were full by the time I got in line. I do understand the lack of vehicles and staff and it was nice of the school to offer the opportunities for some students to go."
- The Vulcan Carnival was done really well and I LOVED the free snacks at the UCB.
- Next year there should be sections on most of the workshops based on upperclassmen and exchange students.
- More transfer oriented programs to help transfer students.
- Maybe announce them or try to rally people to go to them in Campus Center?
- There was definitely a lot to do, and it was a great way to familiarize oneself with the campus. It also offered many opportunities to meet people and get a good head start into college.
- I appreciated the one on getting an on campus job and the one on exchange programs, although the person who was supposed to speak about global exchange didn't show.
- None, thanks for providing plenty of choices.
- I like to go Wal-Mart using shuttle bus and also Famer's market...those system(providing bus by school) is really good to me and helpful!
- I had fun throughout all the workshops on the orientation week.
- I wish the Making a "Major" connection discussed future opportunities, such as Grad school, careers, internships, clubs, volunteering, etc.
- All the professors and advisors were great and very helpful in our transition into college.
- I was very misled when it said, meet people in your major. I thought that meant we were going to hang out with people in our major for an hour, instead, we ended up having to go through a boring presentation. Call it something like, a Major Workshop: how to graduate.
- I enjoyed the Students Activities Council workshop, but I wish they told us more about what clubs are currently available.
- I feel i made a right decision on coming to UH-Hilo because of the campus and classroom environment which is very friendly and helpful. And glad I took in the advice I got from friends family and alumni that i know personal.
- N/A
- I recommend that next year that orientation should have a orientation flash mob... as a opener to get everyone all hyped up for the orientation event.

- I don't recall all the workshops I attended, however I do remember that most of them were insightful and well worth my time. During most of the workshops the only bad thing was they kept switching the rooms, so I found myself running everywhere.
- The speed mixer should change not just one seat but like 5 seats at a time!
- N/A. All great
- The Pre-Pharmacy workshop lasted for about half (or less) of the time it was supposed to last for. I felt like it could have used more of the time to talk about the specifics. Needed more detail and information.
- Informative, good information.
- "I was amazed that there are many workshops in orientation week.
- Since I've never experienced such things in my college, I was impressed and happy to be welcomed warmly."
- none
- This was a fun orientation. I hope to the coming years I can join this organization and help those freshman like they've help me.

Now that you've had time to reflect on your experience at Orientation, is there anything you think should have been included that was not?

- N/A
- I thought it was awesome the way it was.
- No. Everything was well set up.
- Other things that I wish were provided was a guided tour around campus and a walkthrough in the gym to tell us rules and how to use all of the exercise equipment.
- No
- I wanted a little more group activities.
- "There was nothing in orientation that told me the following things: where the laundry and recycling facilities are and how to use them; how to use our student cards (including what the meal plan ""flex points"" are all about); how to use print / copy cards; the existence and whereabouts of computer rooms around campus; the fact that we must buy routers (and NOT cables) in order to have internet in the dorms. Some of this information may have been part of the library tour, but unfortunately I couldn't attend due to jetlag.
- wish my advisor showed up
- More events for transfer students.
- Maybe a little more activities to choose from, no idea what kinds however.
- No
- More transfer student events.
- More events for international students and NSE students so that you have a chance to meet people that are not freshmen and that might be in the same situation that you are.
- More outdoor excursions throughout the week so more people can go.
- I think you should have repeated some of the really important sessions. I missed "Making Initial Connections" so I was kind of lost when it came to the topics they discussed. If they did it another time I could have attended it and not been confused.
- I don't believe I found anything else that needed to be included other than my comments on the workshops. However, since I live in Hale 'Alahonua there were several things I was uninformed about needing inside my room like; a fan, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, etc. Oh, and more information on the buses would have been helpful.
- A more separate orientation for transfer students.
- No, I think there were activities that could benefit many different types of people.
- It would be nice to have someone who's been here a while give advice about how to get around Hilo, i.e. navigation, transportation, etc.
- no
- These are little tidbits that I think would be very helpful to incoming freshmen in the future. I think you should at some point remind students that if they are on a meal plan, they have to activate their student ID after they receive one (and where to activate it). Also, I strongly suggest that someone announce that R means Thursday, so classes that meet TR meet both Tuesdays and Thursdays, not just Thursdays. It was very confusing for us freshmen and many students missed their first classes because they were not aware that TR doesn't mean Thursdays.
- More activities for all students because I noticed some were pretty specific to certain population freshmen transfer etc.
- No.
- I think it covered enough things.

- I think that I should have gone to all of the excursions that happened during the week. I also think that I should have gone to the Imua Fitness workshops to experience what type of activities they offer.
- no
- I think orientation was great, and there were so many activities that could help you make an easy transition into college. I would change a thing.
- During the major connection session the people in charge were talking with each other more than helping us. It did not fit the explanation and me and my friends were just talking story the whole time. It was fun getting to know my friends but we all wanted to know more. We did not want to interrupt the people during their conversations so we left without questions answered.
- Nope
- I feel like Orientation was good! I can't think of anything that would improve it much.
- I think if there had been place where we could specifically look for an organization to get involved in would have interested me more. I want to get more involved in school, but I'm still not sure how to efficiently get involved.
- No I feel everything was covered.
- N/A
- "the orientation opener flash mob for all new incoming students
- More food!
- N/A
- More time with orientation leaders so that we get to know them better.
- There was a lot to offer, but maybe more excursions?
- I felt that everything was there
- I think that where some of the events that were held could be in different areas.
- I think that orientation should have day dances or speed mixers because some people weren't able to attend the night ones.

In your experience, what was the best thing about Orientation?

- Time with international students was good.
- Definitely the wide variety of things to do and all the helpful resources that were provided.
- MY ORIENTATION LEADER!
- I think all the informational sessions was one of the best things offered at Orientation. All the ones I attended helped me out in some way to get a better understanding of how college will be like for me so far.
- Meeting and making new friends...
- Best thing about orientation was all the people I met, it forced me to be social from the start which opened me up to a lot of friends.
- The best thing about Orientation was meeting new people.
- There were different types of mixers and events going on every day and night
- The parties were pretty fun.
- The fact that there was as much focus on personal welfare and development as there was on academic matters.
- seeing my friends from high school
- My orientation leader was awesome and helpful
- I really dug meeting new people and therefore getting myself more involved fresh at the start of semester.
- Meeting new people.
- Just the ability to go around campus and see the campus that I'll be attending for the next 4 years.
- Meeting people
- Meeting new people.
- Free food
- Getting to know all the new people and the great food at evening at aloha.
- Outdoor adventures
- The free snacks and meals
- I really enjoyed the trips that were offered. Being able to go have small glimpses of the Island was insightful.
- I liked the enthusiastic orientation leaders. Without them, it *might have been dull.
- Learning about my major.
- The Luau and pool party. Great fun and great food.
- The best thing about Orientation is the night activities.
- From a practical standpoint, it was very helpful that each workshop was in different buildings. With the signs to guide us, it was nice to get to know our way around campus before the crazy first week of school began. But the best thing for me was getting to know my professors and knowing what my major entails.
- campus tour, friendly staffs
- Pool dive in movie!
- Well, the best thing about Orientation was to socialize with other people from around the world.
- The activities that allowed for people to get to know each other, such as the speed meeting, glow luau, and pool party.
- Socializing with people from in and out of the state was the best thing about Orientation.
- I love the speed mixer, the glow lu'au, and the pool party/movie night.
- The best thing about orientation is the opportunity to meet new people and have all your college questions answered.

- Meeting new people and getting to know my orientation leader. Song was very upbeat and energetic and it made me feel very welcomed. I really enjoyed meeting people that are in the same major as I am. I found a lot of people that are planning to become pharmacist.
- Meeting new people and getting to familiarize yourself with the whole school before everybody came, so you don't look like a wandering puppy.
- I think the best thing was listening to upperclassmen and professors talk about their experiences. It's really nice taking in knowledge from people that have done what you are planning to do.
- The best thing about Orientation was meeting my orientation leader, like I mentioned earlier. I felt a bit more at ease, since it forced me to interact with other people.
- "Meeting new people and getting to know the school more so that I can feel comfortable walking around
- Campus. "
- Getting to see all the different types of clubs available.
- Winning free stuff and meeting new people.
- it was a new experience for me which was nice.
- Having to adapt to the college life and let go of what was in high school
- I think anything related to my major I attended was well worth my time because it reinsured me why I want to become nurse and the process I will have to endure. The late night activities was really fun the flow luau, the speed mixer, and etc. I literally made all the close friends i have now from that.
- Meeting new people and making new friends.
- Meeting new people from different places, and sharing or expressing thoughts. I had fun!
- Getting to know what is around Hilo
- I was able to get to know the other Astronomy majors early on which allowed me to know the people who I will be working with for the next four years. We had already set up how we were going to study before school even started.
- The orientation leaders. They were friendly and eased our nerves that new students usually get about college.
- Getting to see how current students felt about the college and seeing how much school spirit they have.
- Evening of aloha
- Excursion and the Campus Tour
- Just the general atmosphere of orientation, the way I could make friends
- "I could meet new friends.
- Being able to ask people for help without worrying about people thinking any less of me, and making me feel welcome to this new life style.
- The best thing about orientation was knowing more about my campus
- The best thing about orientation was all the workshop because I wouldn't have known more about my major or meet new people.
- Best part of Orientation is definitely meeting new people!

In your experience, what was one thing that could have been improved?

- I kind of wish there were more social things to do. The mixer event was really uncomfortable because of the tight space, loud volume, and the constant shifting around. I also wish the excursion events had more transportation room particularly on the volcano/springs trips. I didn't get to go on them.
- Spending a longer time with your orientation group would have been excellent. I felt like if we were given more time for activities together, students would be a lot closer.
- At least two of the workshops I went to had technical difficulties which cut into how much time we had.
- explaining how orientation worked such as parent involvement
- Less awkward parties.
- More methodical campus tours, so as to make it easier to remember what is next to what and develop a map in one's mind. Also please only point out the buildings we need to know about and not workshops and places we'll never go. Please include the bus stop in the tour, and explain which side of the road to be on for which bus. Please also include laundry rooms and laundry card machines. Please mention that the bookstore sells basic essentials like toiletries. Tell us how to get to the 7-11.
- what is with the loud music? . . .can't hear anyone speak. Can't get information over loud noise?
- More slots for the off campus activities
- I honestly thought that Orientation went smooth enough that nothing really had to be improved.
- No.
- Not much really, the orientation program seemed to do exactly what it was created for.
- More food
- More information about research opportunities.
- More spots open for the different excursions and trips. I literally paid \$75 for a tour around campus that I got for free the day before, so I feel I didn't get my money's worth.
- Orientation leaders should be more informed on what they are supposed to do during Meet Your Orientation Leader. I didn't really understand why we even had a leader because we didn't do anything with them afterwards anyways.
- Informing students about where things are, how to check grades, and what buildings to take advantage of.
- The one thing that needed to be improved is the preparation of events. In general the event started and then I would have to figure out details further down the line instead of knowing up front.
- I think the getting my ID station could have been improved. That line was absolutely ridiculous.
- more workshops at the same time
- Just mentioning those tidbits that I pointed out earlier. And I also would have liked to know a little more about STAR and how to use it (but I'm sure that was one of the workshops that I didn't have time to go to).
- Management for exchange students. we cannot understand quickly as well as other students.
- The organization and punctuality of events,
- Time was needed to be improved, but overall everything was organized throughout the Orientation week.
- I honestly can't think of anything.
- In my opinion, everything was good.
- The carnival
- One thing that could have been improved is the time with our leaders. More time with them would have been great.
- The descriptions for each session. Many did not follow the descriptions.
- Making a Major Connection, because once I went to one lame workshop, it dissuaded me to go to more, and instead hang out with new people.

- The long lines! I feel like half of the time I was standing in line. It was nice getting to know people in line but it was a waste of time too.
- I think some of the events could have been spaced out better, since there were a few events that I wanted to attend that conflicted with each other.
- The carnival should have more prizes.
- Having more ID set ups because the line was so long to retrieve it.
- "The games for each orientation leaders group
- I didn't know where all the buildings for the workshops were, so they did a lot of room changes, that should have not happened.
- The line to get a new ID was ridiculous.
- N/A
- More student run activities.
- I didn't think the majors fair was all that interesting. Maybe I just got there to early but it seemed boring and I'm not sure my major even had a table set up.
- More enthusiasm to get those shy students out of their shell!
- The Evening of Aloha was advertised as such that we would be able to meet with various professors and talk to them; but there was no opportunity to.
- Lunch with the chancellor
- I think orientation groups should have been more involved in activities together, so we could have made more friends
- Nothing :)
- the registration fee had better be brought price down.
- The organization of the times of the activities.
- The Vulcan Carnival
- One thing that could have been improved is having little games in between workshops because some people wouldn't go workshops but if there was other things going around they wouldn't be as bored and just leave orientation.
- When I attended the Vulcan Carnival, my friends and I all expected to go on rides and be at a big event. It very disappointing when we arrived at the event. Maybe changing the name or description would help.

Please share any additional comments about your New Student Orientation experience?

- N/A
- It made me feel more like a part of the school.
- It's fun and it helps give you an idea of how things are gonna be like in the environment.
- Overall orientation was really fun.
- I made new friends.
- I did not know I was a Vulcan until I read this page. I thought Vulcans were the student teams appointed to oversee each dorm. On the whole, I thought Orientation was extremely good, enjoyable, and helpful.
- shorten the sign in lines
- It was overall very helpful and informative.
- The people working on orientation were great and were super fun and nice.
- I am a non-traditional transfer student and, even though I am not freshman age or a new student, I really got a lot out of attending orientation. I didn't feel singled out because of my age or where I'm from. In fact, I felt right at home because of the incredible diversity in age and ethnicity on campus. I'm glad I am attending UH Hilo and I would highly recommend attending it to my friends and family.
- Overall, orientation was great.
- The staff was very friendly and approachable which is nice coming from a different school.
- I think there are a lot of things one can attend to have a broad idea of how school works here, and also opportunities to learn specific information.
- I think it was done very well all the way around.
- Overall, it was good opportunity to meet with friends but less time-managements and organization.
- None, Thanks again.
- I loved the bubbly and energetic attitudes that the orientation leaders had. It created a more comfortable and enjoyable environment.
- N/A
- It was very helpful in my transition into college, I recommend this program to new upcoming freshmen.
- Thanks for the target gift card! Totally awesome :)
- I had a great time!
- Overall it was fun.
- FLASH MOB as an opener.. THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX ORIENTATION STAFF :)
- I thought it was very good because Manoa doesn't have this.
- It was fun weeding out patches and making connections with the Hope services.
- I didn't expect that UH Hilo is like this. Nice people, very helpful, feel comfortable welcoming us. Great experience actually.
- It was overall good, there were some long lines that are probably unavoidable.
- Thanks guys, was pretty cool. All of the OLs were awesome people
- When I came here, I was nervous but thanks for the orientation, I could get used to the new life. Thank you.
- I didn't get to attend many of the activities due to participation in athletics and the time schedules but overall it was enjoyable.
- none