MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS FROM THE UH SYSTEM

1. UH System Mission and Vision

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**UH Mission**

‘The primary mission of the University of Hawaii is to provide environments in which faculty and students can discover, examine critically, preserve and transmit the knowledge, wisdom and values that will help ensure the survival of the present and future generations with improvement in the quality of life.

In carrying out that mission it is the basic purpose of the University of Hawaii to afford all qualified people of Hawaii an equal opportunity for quality college and university education at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

At the only provider of public higher education in Hawaii, the University embraces its unique responsibilities to the indigenous people of Hawaii and to Hawaii’s indigenous language and culture. To fulfill this responsibility, the University ensures active support for the participation of Native Hawaiians at the University and support vigorous programs of study and support for the Hawaiian language, history and culture.’

**UH Vision**

The university espouses a vision grounded in the Hawaiian concept of ahupua’a, which include reverence for the land and sharing and diverse but finite resources for the benefit of all.
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| UH Hilo            | **BoR policy version:** University of Hawai‘i at Hilo is a comprehensive, primarily baccalaureate institution with a regional mission, offering baccalaureate degrees in the liberal arts, agriculture, nursing and business, as well as selected master’s degrees. **UH Hilo version:** The University of Hawai‘i at Hilo is a comprehensive, primarily baccalaureate institution on the island of Hawai‘i, offering a rigorous education in a caring, personalized atmosphere. As a regional, state-supported university, UH Hilo serves students from Hawai‘i Island and from around the state. Additionally, UH Hilo enrolls students from the U.S. mainland and from many other nations, especially from Asia and the Pacific islands. The primary mission of UH Hilo is to offer high quality undergraduate liberal arts and professional programs. Selected graduate degree programs are also offered where need warrants and the university has strong expertise. UH Hilo offers "hands-on" learning, service, and leadership opportunities and especially encourages close student-faculty interaction and collaboration on research projects. The university encourages theoretical and applied research, and benefits Hawai‘i Island and the state through resource centers, community partnerships, continuing education, and distance learning programs. Hawai‘i’s incomparable natural and cultural environment serves as a learning laboratory, the setting for many teaching, research, and service activities. The university also offers unusually rich opportunities for intercultural exchange, since we are located in the most ethnically diverse county in the U.S. and attract students from around the world. Providing an environment that is responsive to the needs of a diverse student population is central to the UH Hilo philosophy. As the university's housing capacity grows, increasing numbers of students will benefit from immersion in our stimulating, diverse, and supportive residential environment. | Over the next eight years, the ultimate goal for the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo is to become the premier residential campus in Hawai‘i, while also providing an exemplary education, with aloha, to commuting students, non-traditional students, and distance learners. Already known for our success in Hawaiian language revitalization and for using the island as a learning and research laboratory, UH Hilo will become noted for:  
- Academic excellence in liberal arts, professional, and agricultural programs  
- A vibrant, enriched campus life  
- Leadership in studies of Hawaiian, East Asian, Pacific, and indigenous cultures  
- Leadership in studies of the tropical environment  
- Active learning in research, internships, and community service  
- Scholarship in theoretical and applied areas  
- Commitment to community development |
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<td>UH Manoa</td>
<td><strong>BoR policy version:</strong> University of Hawai‘i at Manoa is a doctoral/research university with selective admissions. It offers baccalaureate, master’s and PhD degrees in an array of liberal arts and professional fields, degrees in law and medicine and carries out organized research activities. <strong>UH Manoa version:</strong> Leadership • Excellence • Innovation</td>
<td>Mānoa is a premier research institution whose scholars are leaders in their disciplines and whose students are prepared for leadership roles in society. Mānoa strives for excellence in teaching, research, and public service. Mānoa is an innovative institution, comfortable with change. Mānoa celebrates its diversity and uniqueness as a Hawaiian place of learning. We build on our strengths including our unparalleled natural environment and tradition of outstanding Asia-Pacific scholarship.</td>
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<td>UH West O‘ahu</td>
<td><strong>BoR policy version:</strong> University of Hawai‘i West O’ahu is a four-year baccalaureate institution founded in liberal arts, serving professional, career-related, and applied fields, based on state and regional needs, and providing access through partnerships and distance learning. <strong>UH West O‘ahu version:</strong> UH West O‘ahu is a four-year, comprehensive university with an emphasis on baccalaureate education founded in the liberal arts, service professional, career-related, and applied fields, based on State and regional needs. UH West O'ahu is committed to providing access to residents throughout the State of Hawai‘i through its partnerships with the University of Hawai‘i community colleges and its delivery of distance education programs</td>
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<td>UH Maui College</td>
<td><strong>BoR policy version:</strong> The University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges are open-door, low-tuition institutions offering associate degrees and certificate programs in academic, technical and occupational subjects. <strong>UH Maui College version:</strong> University of Hawaii Maui College is a learning-centered institution that provides affordable, high quality credit and non-credit educational opportunities to a diverse community of lifelong learners.</td>
<td>We envision a world-class college that meets current and emerging Maui County education and training needs through innovative, high quality programs offered in stimulating learning environments. The College mission, goals, and actions will be guided by the Native Hawaiian reverence for the ahupua‘a, a practice of sustaining and sharing diverse but finite resources for the benefit of all.</td>
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