General Advising Pointers

- Visit YOUR academic advisors, especially when it comes to major requirements.
- Use the Advising Center website.
- “Good classes and instructors” vary depending on the student!
- Transfer students should resolve transfer issues ASAP. Students may petition the departments if they would like specific transfer credits to count for specific requirements (major, gen ed, graduation)
- Use STAR to look at your academic journey and what requirements you have left.

General Education

- **40 credits**
- Coursework must be lower division (100-200 level), but cannot be 199 and 299 coursework.
- Waived only IF a student earned an AA degree prior to officially starting at UH Hilo.

Basic General Education Requirements

- English Composition (3 credits)
  - ENG 100, ENG 100T, ESL 100
- Quantitative Reasoning (3 credits)
  - Any MATH course numbered 100-298
  - BEWARE! Some majors require specific math classes.
- World Cultures (6 credits) - Any combination of 2 between:
  
  | AG 230 | ANTH 100 | ENG 253, 254, 275 | GEOG 102 | HIST 151, 152 | KIND 240 |

Area General Education Requirements

Humanities (9 credits)

3 courses from 3 different academic areas totaling 9 credits

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Social Sciences (9 credits)

3 courses from 3 different academic areas totaling 9 credits

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Natural Sciences (10 credits)

3 courses from 3 different academic areas totaling 9 credits

Agricultural Sciences (AQUA, ANSC, HORT, FOR, PPTH, SOIL)

| ASTR | BIOL | CHEM | CS | GEOL |
| MARE | MATH | NSCI | PHYS |

1 credit lab course from one of the following areas totaling 1 credit:

| ASTR | BIOL | CHEM | GEOL | MARE | PHYS |
Graduation Requirements

- UHH Residency Credit Requirement
- Minimum total credit count
- Upper division credit count
- Writing Intensive
- Hawai‘i /Asia/Pacific Requirement

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**Graduation Requirements**

- **UHH Residency Credit Requirement**
  - All students must complete no less than 30 credits at UH Hilo

- **Minimum total credit count**
  - MOST degrees require 120 credits total.
    - Agriculture - 123
    - Biology (B.S.) - 123-123+
    - Business Administration - 121
    - Nursing - 128-129

- **Upper division credit count**
  - MOST degrees require 120 credits total.
    - Agriculture - 123
    - Biology (B.S.) - 123-123+
    - Business Administration - 121
    - Nursing - 128-129

- **Writing Intensive Requirement***
  - 0-54 transfer credit hours (3)
  - 55-88 transfer credit hours (2)**
  - 89+ transfer credit hours (1)**

*All students, no matter what their transfer credit count or required number of writing intensive courses, one MUST be upper division (300-400).
**Transfer courses from within the UH system that are WI can be counted toward this requirement.

- **Hawai‘i/Asia/Pacific Requirement***
  - 3 credits from coursework focusing on Hawai‘i, Asia, or the Pacific.

  - Transfer courses from within the UH system that are HAP can be counted toward this requirement.
  - Graduation Planning and Audit Pointers
  - Pay particular attention to the upper division credit requirement
  - Departments can provide insight to the student about course offerings.
  - Be careful when using STAR. It’s not 100% accurate.

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Other important policies:

3-Peat Rule

This refers to the policy that you may not enroll in a course and receive a grade (including "W") more than three times. The exception to this policy are those courses identified in the catalog as repeatable. Their course descriptions include the phrase "may be repeated for credit".

Repeating Courses

When a course is repeated, the GPA is computed by using the most recent grade received. Grades from both initial and repeat attempts remain a part of the student's permanent academic record. If a "W" is the "repeat" grade, the initial grade will be used to compute the GPA. If "F" is the "repeat" grade and the initial grade was "D" or higher, students will retroactively lose the credits and if applicable, writing intensive "credit", that they previously earned from the prior attempt.

Academic Bankruptcy

Academic bankruptcy is a policy that allows College of Arts and Sciences students to declare one semester of their UH Hilo career as "bankrupt." What this means is that you may select one semester and have all of the grades from that semester excluded from your GPA. Although the GPA will be recalculated to exclude all of the grades from the bankrupt semester, the grades will from that semester will remain on the transcript. A notation that you have declared bankruptcy will appear on the transcript. Under no circumstances can less than a full semester's work be declared bankrupt nor can an academic bankruptcy be revoked. Academic Bankruptcy forms are available at the Advising Center and college Dean's office.

If you received financial aid during your UH Hilo career, or plan to apply for aid in the future, it is required that you meet with a Financial Aid Office counselor to discuss the financial aid implications of declaring academic bankruptcy.