Transfer Information

Transferring from Leeward Community College (CC) to University of Hawai‘i (UH) Baccalaureate Universities

- University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
- University of Hawai‘i at Hilo
- University of Hawai‘i–West O‘ahu

Students are advised to work closely with Leeward counselors in planning their course of study and to consult the current catalog of the specific University of Hawai‘i baccalaureate institution for further information. This section outlines basic information when planning to transfer to UH Mānoa, UH Hilo, or UH West O‘ahu.

If the student has not completed 24 credits of college-level courses at Leeward, the student will be subject to the same admission requirements as entering freshmen applying to UH Mānoa, UH Hilo, or UH West O‘ahu.

New applicants are required to submit a transcript of satisfactory high school work and official scores of the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT) in addition to official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions previously attended.

If the applicant had previously been admitted to UH Mānoa, UH Hilo, or UH West O‘ahu but elected to begin at Leeward, the student may reapply to transfer to the baccalaureate institution at any time. However, whatever admission requirements are in effect at the time of reapplication have to be met.

If the student has completed 24 credits in college-level courses with a cumulative GPR of 2.0 or higher as a resident applicant (or 2.5 GPR or higher as a non-resident applicant for UH Mānoa), the student could be admitted to the UH baccalaureate institution as a transfer student even if previously denied admission as a freshman applicant.

Automatic Admissions

Students graduating from any of the University of Hawai‘i’s seven community colleges with an Associate in Arts (AA) degree or selected Associate in Science (AS) degrees will be notified that they may be eligible for automatic admission to UH Mānoa, Hilo, or West O‘ahu.

Under automatic admission, the application fee is waived, and student transcripts are analyzed to help identify likely majors. Qualified students will receive an email notice that they are considered eligible for automatic admissions in October for spring transfer or February for fall transfer. Students must respond to this offer by a specified deadline in order to take advantage of this opportunity.

Submit Official Transcripts from All Colleges

Any Leeward student transferring to a UH System baccalaureate institution does not need to submit an official transcript. The baccalaureate institutions will view the student’s transcript through STAR. If there are additional institutions the student attended outside of the UH System, official transcripts from those schools will need to be submitted to the baccalaureate institution.

Transcripts of work completed at Leeward Community College may be viewed by the student’s home campus electronically. The student should check with the Admissions and Records Office at the baccalaureate home campus for evaluation and transfer procedures. The credits and grades earned will be evaluated by the UH System baccalaureate institution to determine eligibility for transfer.

General Definition of Transferable Courses

Courses acceptable for transfer to UH System baccalaureate institutions are generally those numbered 100 and above. Some Leeward courses numbered 1-99 (primarily skill and occupational courses) may be accepted at Mānoa for credit toward certain degrees. Although transfer credit may be granted for a course, it does not necessarily mean that the course will satisfy the curricular requirements of a particular college or degree program.
D Grades When Transferring

Currently, UH Mānoa, Hilo, or West O’ahu allow transfer credit for a course in which a grade of D was earned at Leeward; however, the course may be unacceptable toward fulfilling the course requirements for a particular major or degree.

Leeward courses in which a grade of W, N, NC, F, or I have been earned are not acceptable for credit at UH Mānoa, UH Hilo, and UH West O’ahu.

Number of Credits that May Transfer

Currently, Mānoa and UH Hilo do not impose a limit on the number of credits in courses numbered 100 or higher which may be transferred from a UH community college.

However, Mānoa accepts no more than 60 credits in transfer from junior or community colleges outside the University of Hawai‘i system.

Any student intending to complete more than 60 credits at Leeward should work out his or her course of study very carefully with Mānoa and Leeward CC counselors, taking into consideration any relevant policy changes, the specific curricular requirements of the college in which the student wishes to enroll, the courses required for the major field of study, and the minimum residency requirement at Mānoa.

Credit/No Credit Option

At UH System baccalaureate institutions, only elective courses may be completed on a "credit/no credit" basis. This option is not allowed for any course taken to fulfill a University, college, school, or department non-elective requirement, with the exception of those courses offered for mandatory credit/no credit. Students planning to transfer must be aware of this policy.

Due to the COVID-19 spring 2020 term disruption, students enrolled as follows were given the option to convert letter grades to CR/NC: all UH courses following the standard academic calendar, part of term, or 5-week courses ending after Spring Break. Within the UH System, students will be "held harmless" by the choice to select CR/NC in spring 2020 only. This policy supersedes all other relevant UH System or campus policies and requirements described in campus catalogs regarding Credit/No Credit grades or grading.

Transfer of Grade Point Average

Leeward students transferring to UH System baccalaureate institutions do not receive grade-point credit for courses completed at the community college. Although the grade point average is not transferred, it is considered for admission purposes by the various university programs.