General Education in the Curriculum

Honolulu Community College believes in unlimited human potential. The General Education component in all programs is a part of the process that supports individuals by encouraging development in thought, communication, ethical deliberation, creativity, feeling, empathy, adaptability, and awareness by providing foundation skills necessary for successful living in an ever-changing, global environment.

In addition, General Education is a key to solving the problems of surviving and thriving for individuals, communities and nations because it provides a common basis of understanding that fosters collaboration and helps create a human community.

The Honolulu Community College General Education curriculum has comprehensive learning outcomes and ensures that students are able to meet those outcomes. These outcomes include the development of:

a) Understanding of the basic content and methodology of major areas of knowledge, including humanities and fine arts, natural sciences, and social sciences.

b) Skills necessary to be a productive individual and lifelong learner, which include oral and written communication, information competency, computer literacy, scientific and quantitative reasoning, critical analysis/logical thinking, and the acquisition of knowledge through a variety of means.

c) Qualities necessary to be an ethical human being and effective citizen. These include an appreciation of ethical principles, civility and interpersonal skills, respect for cultural diversity, historical and aesthetic sensitivity, and the willingness to assume civic, political and social responsibilities locally, nationally, and globally.

Program Mission: The mission of the Liberal Arts department is to offer comprehensive educational programs that provide meaningful learning and excellent teaching. The diverse disciplines in Liberal Arts supports an environment that fosters lifelong learning for the success of the individual as well as the community.

Liberal Arts Departments

Humanities

Division Chairs: Kara Kam-Kalani (845-9208, kamkara@hawaii.edu), Jennifer Higa-King (845-9160, higaking@hawaii.edu)

Faculty: Kara Kam-Kalani, Mieko Matsumoto, Chris Ann Moore, Sharleen Nakamoto-Levine, David Panisnick, Patrick Patterson, Ronald Pine, Cynthia Smith, David Wong

Emeritus Faculty: David Cleveland, Norman Hallett, Doric Little, Walter McGoldrick, Barbara Peterson, Alan Yonan

The Humanities Department offers courses in American Studies, Art, Asian Studies, History, Humanities, Music, Philosophy, Religion, Speech and Theater.

Information and Computer Science

Liaison: Richard (Jim) Poole (845-9168, pooleric@hawaii.edu)

Faculty: Michael Cress, Richard (Jim) Poole, Vern Takebayashi

Although the College does not offer a major in Computer Science, it does offer several courses designed to acquaint students with computer fundamentals and computer programming. The College offers courses that support the Liberal Arts and Pre-Business programs.
Kūlana Hawai’i (Hawaiian Programs)

**Liaison:** Mark Alapaki Luke, (808) 844-2372, markluke@hawaii.edu  
**Faculty:** Jerald Kimo Keaulana, Mark Alapaki Luke, Ka‘iulani Murphy

Kūlana Hawai’i is comprised of the Nā Papa Hawai’i-Hawaiian Language and Hawaiian Studies Programs, and the Hulili Ke Kukui-Hawaiian Center. Nā Papa Hawai’i offers courses in Hawaiian Language, Hawaiian Studies, Hawaiian plants, Hawaiian Literature, and Voyaging. Hulili Ke Kukui offers comprehensive support services including the Po‘i Nā Nalu-Hawaiian Career and Technical Education Program which provides peer assisted English, Math and Physics gateway courses. Kūlana Hawai’i’s mission is to perpetuate Hawaiian knowledge and traditional practices.

Language Arts

**Liaison:** Jeff Stearns (845-9276, stearns@hawaii.edu)  
**Faculty:** Muriel Fujii, Charlene Gima, Gary James, Brenda Kwon, Michael Leidemann, Jenny Lundahl, Chris McKinney, Conred Maddox, Derek Otsuji, Bed Paudyal, Jerry Saviano, Eric Shaffer, Jeff Stearns, Janelle Wells, Shioko Yonezawa  
**Emeritus Faculty:** Gloria Hooper

The Language Arts Department offers non-credit and credit courses in Composition, Literature, Technical Writing, Journalism, Linguistics, East Asian Languages and Literature (EALL), and English as a Second Language (ESL). It also offers Japanese, Korean, Chinese, Okinawan, Spanish, Arabic, and Persian language courses.

Mathematics

**Liaison:** Femar Lee (847-9841, femar@hawaii.edu)  
**Faculty:** Robert Bates, Sterling Foster, Carol Hiraoka, Michael Kaczmarski, Femar Lee, Sang (Mike) Lee, Steven Mandraccia, Frank Mauz, Cory Takemoto, Faye Tamakawa, Timothy Wilson, Arlene Yee  
**Emeritus Faculty:** Alice Bertram, Jim Reeder

Students planning to take courses in Mathematics at Honolulu Community College should be aware that the courses are arranged in a definite sequence, with each course either serving as preparation for a succeeding course or as a final course in one part of the sequence. To help the student better visualize this sequence, a schematic is presented in the “Course Descriptions” section of the catalog under Mathematics. Specific prerequisites also are listed in the Course Descriptions section. A grade of “C” or higher in prerequisite courses is required.

Natural Sciences

**Liaison:** Femar Lee (847-9841, femar@hawaii.edu)  
**Faculty:** Richard Brill, Michael Ferguson, Kakkala Gopalakrishnan, Shidong Kan, Brent Rubio, Eric Shaw, John Shen, Paul Sherard, Kerry Tanimoto, Gregory Witteman

The Natural Sciences Department offers courses in Astronomy, Biochemistry, Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Engineering, Geology and Geophysics, Meteorology, Microbiology, Oceanography, Physics, General Science and Zoology.

Social Sciences

**Division Chairs:** Kara Kam-Kalani (845-9208, kamkara@hawaii.edu), Jennifer Higa-King (845-9160, higaking@hawaii.edu)  
**Faculty:** John DeLay, Rob Edmondson, Jennifer Higa-King, Lena Low, Fumiko Takasugi, Reginald Wood

The Social Sciences Department offers courses in Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Social Science, Sociology and Women’s Studies.