

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Hawaiian/Second Language Requirement Waivers

The General Education Program of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, which was approved by the Board of Regents on July 21, 2000, includes the following Hawaiian/Second Language graduation requirement: before graduation, all students must show competency at the 202 level in Hawaiian or a second language.

This requirement may be waived under the following conditions:

- The Hawaiian/Second Language Graduation Requirement may be reduced to one year, replaced by an algorithmic language, or waived by those Schools and Colleges whose programs have different missions and objectives and where students have different educational goals.
- Grounds for such waivers include accreditation limits, demonstrated impact on enrollment, peer institution comparisons, outside evaluation of program outcomes, alumni survey of relevancy and value, inappropriateness to a program or major's goals and needs, enhancing the ability of students to complete their program in four years, course scheduling conflicts that prevent a student from completing the requirement in the first two years at Mānoa, conflict with School or College Program requirements, or other legitimate curriculum concerns.
- The Hawaiian/Second Language Graduation Requirement can only be reduced, replaced, or waived after a vote of that School or College's Chartered Faculty Senate at which two thirds of the total Senators vote in support of the change for their major or majors, or in the absence of a Chartered Faculty Senate when two thirds of the faculty of that School or College faculty vote in support of the change.
- The School or College Faculty Senate or the Faculty who carried out the vote will consult with the UHM Faculty Senate, then notify the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs of their decision.

The following programs have waived or modified the Hawaiian/Second Language Requirement:

Business Administration: BBA; requirement replaced by a combination of 12 credits from (1) language study, (2) study abroad or international exchange programs, and/or (3) international areas study courses approved by CBA.

CTAHR: BS programs

ANSC, APDM, BE, FSHN—full waiver;

NREM, PEB, PEPS, TPSS—(1) Competency at the 202 level in Hawaiian, Second, or Sign Language, (2) competency at the 102 level in Hawaiian, Second, or Sign Language and 1 course each in social sciences and natural sciences, or (3) 2 courses in social sciences and 2 courses in natural sciences (one with lab);

FAMR—(1) Competency at the 202 level in Hawaiian, Second, or Sign Language or (2) competency at the 102 level in Hawaiian, Second, or Sign Language and two culture courses;

Education: BEd and BS; full waiver; effective Fall 2003

Engineering: BS programs; full waiver, effective Fall 1998

Nursing & Dental Hygiene: BS programs; full waiver; effective Fall 2001

SOEST: BA and BS programs; requirement reduced to one year of Hawaiian/Second Language, effective Fall 2001