

GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULA COMPARISON

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs examined 28 of the member institutions of the NWAf. For this analysis, 20 institutions offering semester credits were compared with the UHM since the UHM similarly offers semester credits.

Institutions	Total Sem. Credits Req. for Graduation	General Ed. Sem. Credits	Written Communication	Symbolic Reasoning	Global & Multicultural Perspectives	Arts, Humanities, Literature	Biological, Physical, and Lab Sciences	Social Sciences
Univ. of Hawai'i, Manoa	124 credits	31 plus 8 courses for graduation requirements and second lang. competence	3 credits plus 5 writing intensive courses for graduation requirements	3 credits	6 credits	6 credits	7 credits, includes lab	6 credits
NWAf	120 - 128 credits	Required of all institutions 28 – 57 credits	Required of all institutions 3-9 credits	Required of all institutions 3-5 credits or evidence of proficiency	6 institutions had no requirement 3 – 9 credits	Required of all institutions 3 - 21 credits	Required of all institutions 4 – 12 credits. Most include labs.	Required of all institutions 3 – 12 credits

Institutions	Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Issues	Contemporary Ethical Issues	Oral Communication	Writing Intensive	Second Language
Univ. of Hawai'i, Manoa	One course	One course	One course	Five courses	Competence at 202 level
NWAf	All other institutions have no requirement	Required by only one other institution. 3 or 6 credits	6 institutions had no requirement Up to 3 credits	Required by only 3 other institutions. One to three courses or portfolio required.	10 institutions (50%) had no requirement. Requirements ranged from 1 yr. of high school language to second year proficiency.

Comments

- At least six institutions required wellness or fitness courses.
- All institutions had general education requirements. All institutions required courses in written communication; symbolic reasoning; arts, humanities and literature; biological, physical, and lab sciences; and social sciences.
- Few institutions required courses in contemporary ethical issues, and writing intensive courses.
- No other institution had a requirement for courses in Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific issues.
- The general education requirements comprised between 28 and 57 credits (approximately one-fourth to one-half of the total credits required for graduation).