

UH Mānoa Program Reviews Report on Activities, 2006–2007

The review of academic programs is guided by Board of Regents, University of Hawai'i, and campus policies. Section 5-1.a in Chapter 5, Academic Affairs, of the Board of Regents Policies provides policies that guide the establishment of new academic programs and the review of provisional programs. According to Section 5-1.a (2), new programs, once approved, have provisional status until the completion of a full program cycle. Provisional programs are then reviewed to determine whether the program should be continued or terminated. Section 5-1.b (1) requires the in-depth review of established programs at UH Mānoa every seventh year.

University of Hawai'i Executive Policy E5.201, Approval of New Academic Programs and Review of Provisional Academic Programs, requires the review of provisional programs during the year following completion of the program's provisional cycle.

University of Hawai'i Executive Policy E5.202, Review of Established Programs, mandates the periodic examination of academic programs by faculty and administration to determine the extent to which the programs are meeting their objectives and if these objectives remain relevant to the missions of the campus, unit, and University. Executive Policy E5.202 provides for the review of established programs at least once every five years.

UH Mānoa's academic program review process involves systematic evaluations of established programs and of provisional programs by either a campus Council on Program Reviews (COPR) or the Graduate Council. Reviews conducted by COPR generally focus on departments and on all approved academic programs (undergraduate and graduate) offered by a department or unit. Reviews that involve only graduate programs are usually conducted by the Graduate Council.

The review process begins with the completion of a self-study report by the department. Three-member faculty review teams carry out program reviews, draft team reports, and report their findings to COPR and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The Vice Chancellor then holds exit interviews with the academic dean and department chair. One year after the exit interviews, departments submit progress reports to the Vice Chancellor through the academic dean.

In 2006-07, the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, in consultation with the Graduate Division, reviewed guidelines and instructions regarding program reviews with the goal of streamlining the process. The Council worked to "fast-track" reviews by assigning COPR members to review the self-studies and identify areas of concern or questions upon which to follow up. In addition, the Office created a cross-walk of the self-study outline against the requirements of various professional accrediting agencies to see to what extent the materials prepared for professional accreditation could serve dual purposes for program review.

The following programs were reviewed/under review during 2006-2007:

Reviews Completed in 2006–2007:

<u>Department/Program</u>	<u>Date</u>
Communication and Information Sciences, PhD	April 2007
Hawaiian & Indo-Pacific Languages & Literature	April 2007
Mathematics	May 2007
Tropical Plant and Soil Science, Agribusiness Management, Undergraduate Certificate	March 2007

Continuing Reviews

Hawaiian Studies BA
Conflict Resolution, Graduate Certificate
Public Administration, MPA
Graduate Certificate
Accounting, BBA, and MAcc
Biomedical Sciences—Cell and Molecular Biology, Epidemiology, Physiology, Tropical Medicine—MS and PhD
Business Administration
BBA (consolidated review, excludes Accounting)
MBA
Master's in Human Resource Management
Plant and Environmental Biotechnology, BS
English, BA, MA, PhD, Professional Writing Certificate

New Reviews Initiated in 2006–2007:

Early Childhood Education, MEd
Disability and Diversity Studies Graduate Certificate

Reviews Scheduled for 2007-2008 (under School/College Review):

College of Natural Sciences
Astronomy, MS and PhD
Bioengineering, BS and MS
Biology, BA and BS
Chemistry, BA, BS, MS, and PhD
Information & Computer Science, BA, BS, MS, and PhD
Library and Information Science, MLIS degree
Marine Biology, BS
Undergraduate Certificate (Marine Option)
Microbiology, BA, BS, MS, and PhD
Physics, BA, BS, MS, and PhD
Zoology, BA, BS, MS, and PhD

College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources

Animal Science, BS and MS
Apparel Product Design and Merchandising, BS
Family Resources, BS
Food Science and Human Nutrition, BS

Food Science, MS
Molecular Biosciences and Bioengineering, MS and PhD
Natural Resources & Environmental Management, BS, MS, and PhD
Nutritional Sciences, MS

School of Pacific & Asian Studies (formerly SHAPS)

Asian Studies, BA and MA
Graduate Certificates
Pacific Islands Studies, BA (Interdisciplinary Studies), MA
Graduate Certificate

College of Languages, Linguistics, & Literature

East Asian Languages and Literature, BA(s), MA and PhD
Undergraduate Certificates
Languages & Literatures of Europe and the Americas, BA, MA,
Undergraduate Certificate
Linguistics, MA, PhD, Undergraduate Certificates
Second Language Studies, MA and PhD

Self-Study Reports in Preparation for 2007–2008 Review:

Botany
Plant and Environmental Protection Sciences
Entomology, MS and PhD
Plant & Environmental Protection Sciences, BS
Plant Pathology, MS and PhD