UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I
AT MĀNOA

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OF
OUTREACH COLLEGE

New
Intensive
Courses in English

NICE

ACADEMIC
BUSINESS
COMMUNICATION

Hawai‘i’s Premier
Intensive English as a Second
Language Program

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Welcome to Hawai‘i
The natural beauty of Hawai‘i and the multi-cultural society of the island of O‘ahu provide a perfect place for English study and many other educational opportunities.

The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UHM)
www.manoa.hawaii.edu
UHM is the main campus of the state’s ten-campus university system. It is located in beautiful Mānoa Valley just minutes from downtown Honolulu and the beaches of Waikīkī.

Outreach College
www.outreach.hawaii.edu
Outreach College, the continuing education division of UHM, supports the university and community with unique and high quality educational opportunities. Programs include credit and noncredit courses, community programs, distance education, and programs for international participants.

International Programs of Outreach College
The International Programs division of Outreach College offers programs for students and visitors coming from abroad as well as for international people living in Hawai‘i. A variety of programs are offered for both individuals and groups.

New Intensive Courses in English (NICE) offers 10-week intensive English program sessions four times a year.

This program is described in detail on the following pages.

Other programs for individuals include:

NICE CONVERSATION AND CULTURE
(3-week sessions offered in February and August)

NICE PART-TIME CLASSES
(single classes offered in the morning or afternoon)

Student GROUPS are welcome to join an existing NICE program, or group sponsors may request a customized Special English Program (SEP). Seminars, workshops, and lectures on various subjects can also be customized for GROUPS upon request.

For more information please see our website, www.nice.hawaii.edu or request brochures on these programs.
New Intensive Courses in English (NICE)

Teaching English with Aloha Since 1975

INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM

10-week sessions beginning in January, April, July, and October
See insert or website for current term dates and fees.

The MISSION of NICE is to equip speakers of other languages with the language and cultural skills necessary in academic, professional, and social situations. To fully serve students with different goals, the program offers a full-time program with three tracks—Academic, Business, and Communication. All tracks emphasize oral communication and cultural competence and fulfill the overall mission by:

- Specializing in innovative methods for teaching listening and speaking skills;
- Offering a flexible curriculum suited to the students’ interests, needs, and abilities while adhering to the overall curriculum guidelines for each course;
- Guiding students to develop and practice real-world listening and speaking tasks, which may include authentic readings as input and realistic writing as output;
- Maximizing opportunities to use the communication skills learned in the classroom on campus and in the community;
- Providing a culturally diverse, enriching, and supportive learning environment while fostering a sense of “aloha.”

NICE is currently accredited through 2021 by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation. All aspects of the program have been critically reviewed by experts in the field of English as a second language, and so students and sponsors can be sure that NICE is among the best intensive English programs in the U.S.!

www.cea-accredit.org
3 TRACKS

Students choose the curriculum focus that best matches their goals for learning English. The tracks address similar language skills, but vary primarily by subject matter.

A

ACADEMIC

Excellent preparation for students planning to enter an American university or participate in an academic environment.

Example Curriculum Topics:
- Academic life
- Current social issues
- Environment
- Health and wellness

Learning to make academic presentations is valuable university preparation.

B

BUSINESS

The best choice for students preparing to use English for business or in professional settings.

Example Curriculum Topics:
- Advertising your business
- Problem-solving at work
- Cross-cultural negotiations
- Customer service

Students tour a five-star hotel to learn about Hawai‘i’s travel industry.

C

COMMUNICATION

Perfect for developing general English skills for living in an English-speaking community, for world travel and general communication with international people.

Example Curriculum Topics:
- Travel
- Hawaiian culture
- Food
- Living in the U.S.A.

Communication in the community is emphasized in this track.
4 CLASSES
The full-time study program includes four core classes. Each class meets 50 minutes per day, Monday through Friday. Classes meet throughout the day between 8:30am and 4:30pm.

GRAMMAR
Work on the structures of English needed to communicate clearly and accurately in writing and speaking, in both formal and informal settings.

NOTE: All tracks offer the same Grammar curriculum.

LISTENING
Work on understanding spoken English. Course includes listening to audio/visual material, note-taking skills, and learning new vocabulary.

ORAL PRODUCTION
Build oral fluency with emphasis on the functions of the language and pronunciation.
Includes Interchange: Practice English in small groups with American students twice a week.

INTEGRATED SKILLS
Use and expand speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills while studying contemporary topics.
Includes Community Day: visit local establishments to practice English and experience the culture.

5 LEVELS
Students are placed into each class based on placement tests (new students) or class evaluations and exit testing (continuing students). Students typically remain in one level for two terms to cover the complete curriculum for each level.

BASIC
HIGH BASIC
INTERMEDIATE
HIGH INTERMEDIATE
ADVANCED

Track A is offered at High Basic through Advanced levels, Track B at Intermediate through Advanced levels and Track C at Basic through Intermediate levels.

In the event that a student's first track preference is unavailable, every attempt is made to place the student into his/her second preference. Due to fluctuation in enrollment, it may be necessary at times to combine tracks or levels.

PART-TIME STUDY AT NICE
Students with limited time to study are welcome to take one, two or three of the core classes, or a NICE elective.

Students on an F-1 student visa must take all four core classes.

NICE ELECTIVES
Each term, elective classes are offered in addition to the four core classes.

TOEFL and TOEIC Preparation classes and institutional exams are offered every term.
Other classes, such as Academic Writing and Pronunciation, may also be offered.
Students meet NICE staff and teachers and make new friends at the **New Student Orientation** and **Welcome Meeting** at the beginning of the term. UHM students lead new students on a **Campus Tour**.

**Interchange** and the **International Language Exchange** are both great ways to practice real-world English and meet UH students.

The community becomes the classroom on **Community Day** each term.

Some NICE students practice English while providing service through **Volunteer Work** in the community.

Serious students like to have fun, too! **Social Gatherings** are organized each term.

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**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

- Active Participation
- Regular Attendance
- Daily Homework
- Comprehensive Evaluation of Progress

ENGLISH ONLY!
Admissions Eligibility

- NICE welcomes applicants from all countries.
- NICE accepts students from beginning to advanced levels.
- Applicants must be 18 years or older by the beginning of the study term.
- NICE students must be high school graduates.

Visa Requirements

Full-time international students must enter the U.S. on an F-1 student visa. (Full-time study at NICE = 20 hours or more per week.) This school is authorized under Federal Law to enroll non-immigrant alien students. Persons in the U.S. on a tourist visa (B-2) or visa waiver (WT) are not permitted to study in a 10-week session on a full-time basis.

Steps to getting an F-1 Student Visa

1. Student submits all application materials, including fees (see below);
2. NICE registers the student into the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS);
3. NICE sends the I-20 Form to the student;
4. The student pays the SEVIS fee online, and makes an appointment for an interview at the nearest American embassy;
5. The student takes the I-20 Form to the interview to obtain a student (F-1) visa.

When To Apply

Students requiring an I-20 Form and F-1 student visa should apply at least ten (10) weeks before the beginning of the study term. Applications are accepted on a first-come-first–served basis until the program is full.

How To Apply

(Online or Paper Application)

NOTE: Admission to NICE does NOT equal admission to the University of Hawai‘i.

All Applicants must submit:

1. NICE application (paper or online), including photo and signature on Risk & Release section. Apply online at: www.nice.hawaii.edu.
2. Copy of Passport.
3. Full registration and course fees for one session. Pay online with credit card, or mail check/money order payable to “University of Hawaii”. Contact NICE office for wire transfer information.
4. Health Certification form filled out and signed by physician. Download form and current requirements from website or request from NICE office.

For applicants who need an F-1 student visa, also submit:

5. Official current financial statement on bank letterhead with name of student or sponsor, name and address of bank, account number, account balance (minimum $7,000 for 10-week session), signature of bank official. Bank document must be dated within six months before the beginning of the study term.

For transfer students, please also submit:

6. Transfer verification form, signed by designated school official from previous school. Request form from the NICE office.

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The term ends with a big celebration. Students are recognized with Certificates and awards at a Graduation ceremony and lunch on the last day. Students make speeches and offer entertainment.
Our most current dates and fees
More on tracks and classes
Sample lessons and photos
Housing options
Recreational activities on Oahu
Information on our other programs

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR:

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Campus

To view the entire campus map, go to manoa.hawaii.edu/campusmap