Kūlana Hawai‘i: Hawaiian Programs Division
Honolulu Community College

Kūlana Hawai‘i is the name of the Hawaiian Programs Division at Honolulu Community College under the University College. Kūlana Hawai‘i is interpreted as the “Hawaiian Culture’s prominence or position” on campus and in the community. Kūlana Hawai‘i is comprised of the Nā Papa Hawai‘i: Hawaiian Language and Hawaiian Studies programs and the Hulili Ke Kukui: Hawaiian Center. The following is the Mission and Vision Statement of Kūlana Hawai‘i.

Mission Statement

Kūlana Hawai‘i’s mission is to perpetuate Hawaiian knowledge and traditional practices. We seek to build and increase the capacity of Native Hawaiian-serving staff and faculty while empowering students through:

1. ‘Āina (land, earth) based learning,
2. Providing opportunities and assistance to integrate Hawaiian values into curriculum and support services,
3. Nurturing a sense of place, values, and kuleana (responsibility) to cultivate contributing members and leaders in our local and global communities.

As the piko (connection), we strive to fulfill our kuleana to ho‘oulu lāhui (build a nation).

Vision Statement

Kūlana Hawai‘i is the kahua (foundation) for a healthy and thriving ‘āina and people.
Kūlana Hawai‘i (Hawaiian Programs)

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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.

**Liberal Arts Degree Programs**

**Hawaiian Studies (HWST)**

**Program Mission**

Provide an opportunity for students to gain an understanding and knowledge of the host culture of Hawai‘i, the Native Hawaiian language, culture and values.

**Program Description**

The Hawaiian Studies Associate in Arts will provide pathways, support, and recognition for students who are pursuing an AA at Honolulu Community College which is a two-year liberal arts degree that provides students with, 1) skills and perspectives fundamental to undertaking higher education; and, 2) a broad exposure to different domains of academic knowledge. This program will also ensure that students will enter a baccalaureate Hawaiian Studies program with the skills and knowledge required to promote success in the Hawaiian Studies major. The AA in Hawaiian Studies has comparable foundation, and diversification requirements to the Honolulu CC AA in Liberal Arts. It includes an expanded set of graduation requirements that, 1) provides students with a foundational introduction to the study of Hawaiian knowledge, cultural understanding, and values through exposure to origins, language, environment, craft, history, politics and culture; and, 2) supports the development and training of students toward the use of Hawaiian based knowledge and methods in the workforce and other areas of inquiry such as science, humanities, the arts, social sciences, and other professional endeavors.

**Program Student Learning Outcomes (SLO)**

Upon successful completion of the AA in Hawaiian Studies, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate competency in spoken and written Hawaiian language at an intermediate level and show a familiarity with the oral traditions and written literature of Hawai‘i.
- Identify elements of the geology and geography of Hawai‘i and the role of Hawaiian culture in understanding the ‘āina (land/earth).
- Demonstrate an understanding of the complex cultural, political and social history of Hawai‘i and its impact on contemporary issues.
- Recognize, analyze, evaluate and work to solve contemporary economic, political and social problems in Hawai‘i.
- Utilize the Hawaiian understanding of ethics, philosophy, religion, and the worldview in solving contemporary issues.
Program Status

The newly created Associate of Arts (AA) in Hawaiian Studies (HWST) has completed its first academic year, 2012-2013 at Honolulu Community College. The AA in HWST is comprised of core courses in Hawaiian Studies and Hawaiian Language, electives in several departments, with identical General Education requirements for the AA in Liberal Arts.

Program health is to be determined because the program is still in its infancy. In program year 12-13, there were three majors with one degree awarded and the same student transferring to a University of Hawai‘i four-year degree program. Two out of the three majors are Native Hawaiian and the program is projected to recruit more Native Hawaiians, which will support their academic initiatives to understand and apply their traditional knowledge in today’s society.

The core course requirements for the AA in HWST are also popular courses to fulfill course requirements for several other degree programs:

- AA in HWST Core Requirements
  - HAW 101 Elementary Hawaiian I (4)
  - and HAW 102 Elementary Hawaiian II (4)
  - and HAW 201 Intermediate Hawaiian I (4)
  - and HAW 202 Intermediate Hawaiian II (4)
  - HWST 107 Hawai‘i: Center of the Pacific (3)
  - BOT 105 Mea Kanu: Hawaiian Plants & Their Uses (3)
  - or HWST 105 Mea Kanu: Hawaiian Plants & Their Uses (3)
  - HWST 270 Hawaiian Mythology (3)

The Hawaiian language courses are popular choices for students pursuing 4-year degrees at UH Mānoa and other 4-year campus programs that require two years of language. The HWST 107, HWST 105, and HWST 270 courses are popular courses to fulfill Hawaiian Asian, and Pacific (HAP) issues focus requirements for other programs.

AA in HWST elective courses consist of classes in diverse departments:

- Electives
  - Choose 3-5 credits from the following Electives:
    - HAW 261 Hawaiian Literature in English (3)
    - HWST 110 Wa’a Ho’okele: Hawaiian Sailing Canoes (3)
      - and HWST 110L (1)
    - HWST 212 Hula ʻŌlapa: Traditional Hawaiian Dance (2)
    - HWST 281 Hoʻokele I: Hawaiian Astronomy and Weather (3)
      - and HWST 281L (1)
    - HWST 282 Hoʻokele II: Hawaiian Navigation, Weather, Canoe Design & Sail (3)
      - and HWST 282L (1)
    - BOT 130 Plants in the Hawaiian Environment (3)
      - and BOT 130 L (1)
With numerous students already taking the core and elective courses for the AA in HWST, we have stepped up recruitment and increased awareness through marketing in classes, advising, and in the media. For the academic year, 2013-2014, enrollment in the HWST major has increased and the enrollment for the HWST and HAW courses have been at capacity for Fall 2013. With this increase in HWST courses, instructors have been informing students of their options to major in HWST, especially because the General Education requirements are similar for the AA in Liberal Arts and for numerous Bachelors of Arts programs at UH Mānoa and UH West O‘ahu.

Nā Papa Hawai‘i: Hawaiian Language and Hawaiian Studies department offers courses in Hawaiian Language, Hawaiian Studies, Hawaiian Plants, Hawaiian Literature, and Voyaging. The creation of the new Associate of Arts in Hawaiian Studies degree program in all the University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges, and the creation of the Kūlana Hawai‘i: Hawaiian Programs Division in University College, has increased the demand for courses in Hawaiian Language and Hawaiian Studies. Majority of these courses are taught by part-time faculty (lecturers), who are also in demand across the system since the creation of the AA in Hawaiian Studies. Sixteen Hawaiian Studies and five Hawaiian Language courses are being offered for Fall 2013, all of which show promising enrollment at the start of registration. It is important to note that zero Hawaiian Studies courses have been cancelled in the last three years due to low enrollment. Instead, the demand has increased threefold in the last four academic years. Numerous students have inquired about more Hawaiian Language course offerings for evening and summer, with majority of current sections being taught by one full-time faculty member.

Nā Papa Hawai‘i provides gateway, diversification, foundation, WI, and the majority of HAP offerings for the college. Nā Papa Hawai‘i courses make up the majority of the AA in Hawaiian Studies program core and elective requirements. The AA in Hawaiian Studies is projected to increase in enrollment with the increased awareness that the degree is a pathway for students interested in majoring in other fields (besides Hawaiian Studies) at the Baccalaureate level. The AA in Hawaiian Studies has comparable foundation and diversification requirements to the Honolulu CC AA in Liberal Arts, with an expanded set of requirements that provides the students with a foundational introduction to the study of Hawaiian knowledge, cultural understanding and values. The AA in Hawaiian Studies also supports the development and training of students toward the use of Hawaiian based knowledge and applied training in the workforce and numerous areas of inquiries such as science, humanities, the arts, social sciences, and various professional fields; such as the following occupations or fields:

- Government agencies
- Hospitality
- Education
- Health care
• Law
• Engineering
• Agriculture
• Business
• Natural resource management/sustainability

Nā Papa Hawai‘i faculty and courses support diverse programs across campus and in the community:

• Voyaging lessons, collaboration with Polynesian Voyaging Society, and ocean activities for campus programs and the community.
• Taro and plant cultivation lessons and activities for campus programs, pre & K-12 schools (both public and private), and numerous community organizations.
• Support, instruction, lessons, and activities for the Hawaiian Center’s programs (summer courses, Makawaluu transfer program, internship programs, Mālama ‘Āina Days, etc.) with Po‘i Nā Nalu Technical and Trade program and the Native Hawaiian Counselor’s students’ programs.
• Hawaiian Language, oli, and mele (music) outreach and collaboration throughout Hawai‘i and the world.

When analyzing the revenue dollars for Nā Papa Hawai‘i, the following is an attempt to demonstrate the increased income to the college.

• 50% increased enrollment for the AA in HWST (UHCC AAHS Proposal, March 2012), with a continued increase in Native Hawaiian enrollment above goals from 2006-2015, as contained in the UHCC strategic plan (Title III application for designation as an eligible institution, January 2013).
• Increased $ revenue across various programs supported by courses, lessons, presentations, “hands-on” activities, outreach and collaboration with an addition of one full-time Hawaiian Studies faculty.

The Nā Papa Hawai‘i programs transect the entire campus; a program that strives to further the HCC Mission Statement by “supporting our Native Hawaiian community and its language, history, and culture.”