

Exchange Information for University of Hawaii at Hilo

Fall 2015-Spring 2016

UNIVERSITY AND AREA	
Name of University	University of Hawaii at Hilo
Location	<p>Hilo on the Island of Hawai'i (Big Island) Hilo is located on the southernmost island of the Hawaiian Island chain. Hilo is a city of about 40,000 people and located on Hilo Bay under the picturesque background of the snow-covered Mauna Kea – the largest mountain the Pacific. Hilo is surrounded by a tropical rainforest on the warm, wet side of the Big Island. The temperature is consistent year-round staying between 17- 29 degrees Celsius throughout the year. Hilo can be reached by a 45 minute airplane flight from Honolulu.</p> <p>For more information about Hilo and the Big Island see: http://www.downtownhilo.com/</p>
Total number of students	About 4,000. About 7 percent are international students from about 40 countries.
Websites	<p>University: http://hilo.hawaii.edu</p> <p>Center for Global Education and Exchange: http://hilo.hawaii.edu/exchange/International/</p> <p>English Language Institute: http://hilo.hawaii.edu/academics/eli/index.php</p> <p>See video about UH Hilo (Study at UH Hilo) at :https://www.youtube.com/user/uhhglobe/videos</p>
ACADEMIC CALENDAR	
Academic Year	<p>Fall 2015 Semester: Orientation: August 17– August 22 (tentative dates) Classes: August 24 – December 18</p> <p>Spring 2016 Semester: Orientation: January 5 - January 9 (tentative dates) Classes: January 11 – May 13</p>
APPLICATION GUIDELINES	
Application Deadlines	<p>Fall 2015 Semester: March 1, 2015 Spring 2016 Semester: October 1, 2015</p>
Academic Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B average and one year of college completed. • Recommended 61 iBT TOEFL, 5.5 IELTS • Students with TOEFL less than 61 iBT or IELTS less than 5.5 or no TOEFL or IELTS score will be admitted into English Language Institute and required to take ESL classes.

Application Procedures	<p>Applications should be faxed or mailed to the Center for Global Education and Exchange. For initial acceptance and processing of the housing application, the application and housing application can be faxed to 808-932-7487. The complete documents should be mailed to Todd Shumway, at the Center for Global Education and Exchange.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter of Nomination (on webpage) http://hilo.hawaii.edu/exchange/International/ 2. Application DO NOT SEND APPLICATION ON-LINE (on webpage) http://hilo.hawaii.edu/exchange/International/ 3. Supplementary Information Form for International Students (on webpage) http://hilo.hawaii.edu/exchange/International/ 4. Bank Statement Students need to provide a bank statement indicating that a sponsor has funds to cover the cost of living expenses and books while the students are in the United States. Two Semesters: \$ 17,500 One Semester: \$ 9,000 5. Passport copy 6. Academic transcript in English 7. English Language Test Score <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) TOEFL score (paper, computer or internet) 2) IELTS score 8. Housing Application Form http://hilo.hawaii.edu/exchange/International/ <p>These are the documents that we need to receive have a completed application package:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Letter of Nomination 2) A copy of the student application 3) Supplementary Information Form for Foreign Students 4) Bank statement 5) Copy of passport 6) Copy of transcript 7) TOEFL or IELTS score 8) Housing application
Mailing address for Applications	University of Hawaii at Hilo Center for Global Education and Exchange 200 W. Kawili St. Hilo, HI 96720 USA
Fax number for Application	808-932-7487
Course Catalogue	http://hilo.hawaii.edu/catalog/undergraduate-courses.html (catalog) https://www.sis.hawaii.edu/uhdad/avail.classes?i=HIL (course listing)
Full-time Academic Load	Minimum: 12 credits per semester Maximum: 18 credits per semester
Transcripts	One transcript for each student will be sent to the home university. If students or universities want additional transcripts, they can be ordered from the UH Hilo website at: http://hilo.hawaii.edu/registrar/transcripts.php

ACCOMMODATION	
Accommodation Options	<p>Exchange students can apply for on-campus dormitory housing or arrange off-campus accommodations.</p> <p>The University of Hawaii at Hilo cannot guarantee housing. However, we will assist student in locating suitable housing near campus. Due to a shortage of on-campus housing, it is essential that students meet the application deadlines to receive on-campus housing. Those who do not get on-campus housing will be assisted by the Center for Global Education and Exchange. Those who choose to make their own housing arrangements can use the housing office website for information about off- campus options.</p>
Housing Office Website	http://hilo.hawaii.edu/housing/
Housing E-mail	uhhouse@hawaii.edu
Application	<p>Housing Application Form (\$10 application fee)</p> <p>See website for application: http://hilo.hawaii.edu/exchange/International/</p>
Housing Application Deadlines	<p>Fall 2015 Semester: March 1, 2015</p> <p>Spring 2016 Semester: October 4, 2015</p>
COSTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
Tuition	Students on direct exchange pay tuition at their home university.
Required Student Fees	<p>Activity Fee: \$210 per semester (student life center, health center, student publications and activities)</p> <p>Orientation: \$75 (includes gift bag, informational sessions and special activities)* (not required but recommended)</p>
Insurance	<p>All international exchange students need to have health insurance coverage while they are studying at UH Hilo. Visit the International Student Service website to see the requirements and options for health insurance. You can purchase insurance in your home country, although you will need to provide proof of insurance in English when you arrive.</p> <p>HMSA student insurance can also be purchased online. The cost is approximately \$900 per semester. The actual rates will be determined a few months prior to the start of the school year. For more information view the HMSA website: http://www.hmsa.com/portal/?gid=student</p> <p>A copy of your health insurance needs to be filed with the International Student Services upon arrival.</p>
Living Costs (Estimated -- \$2,067-\$2,392 per semester. (depending on meal plan)	<p>On-campus (Estimated)</p> <p>Housing: \$1,607-\$3,500 per semester. (depending on type of room)</p> <p>Food service: \$2,067-\$2,392 per semester. (depending on meal plan)</p> <p>Off campus (Estimated)</p> <p>Housing: \$550 to \$700 per month.</p> <p>Personal expenses (food, supplies, transport): \$2,000 per semester</p>
Other Expenses	<p>Transportation: The city bus is \$1.00 for students with i.d. Many students choose to buy bicycles which range from \$150 to \$1,000. Some students buy used cars which can cost from \$2,500 and up. Students with cars are legally required to have automobile insurance and a valid Hawaii state driver's licence or a current international driver's license.</p>

Visa Information	All exchange students must have a valid passport and an F-1 student visa. The university will provide an I-20 to be used to get the visa from a U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Students must bring the I-20 and passport when entering the United States.
Pre-Arrival Information	Accepted students will be contacted directly by the Center for Global Education and Exchange as well as the Director of International Student Services with information about arrival and orientation. Students should be sure to read all emails very carefully. Airport pickup is available on designated days prior to orientation. Those dates will be announced by email after students have been accepted. Students who arrive outside of the designated pickup dates can take a taxi to the campus from the airport. The campus is about 15 minutes from the airport and the taxi ride costs \$15-\$20. Please visit the International Student Services website for more information: Please visit the International Student Services website for more information: http://hilo.hawaii.edu/international/

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