



**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'I
AT MĀNOA**

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OF
OUTREACH COLLEGE

New Intensive Courses in English **NICE**

Academic

Professional

General 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 Waikiki.



Hamilton Library, UHM

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 professional courses, community programs, distance education, and programs for international participants.

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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)

10-WEEK SESSIONS for ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL, and GENERAL PURPOSES.

This program is described in detail on the following pages.

Other programs offered:

New Intensive Courses in English (NICE)

(3-week sessions in conversation and culture offered in winter, spring and summer)

Global English Online (GEO)

(Online courses that focus on improving real-world English speaking skills with conversational activities and discussions on a wide variety of topics and themes.)

Tutoring and Interchange Plus (TIP)

(All-year-round English tutoring and/or conversational sessions for students, online sessions are available upon request)

Non-credit Japanese and Chinese Programs

(Semester based courses on Chinese and Japanese language and culture focusing on conversational skills. Chinese calligraphy and painting courses also available.)

For more information please go to www.nice.hawaii.edu or request brochures on these programs.



New Intensive Courses in English (NICE)



Teaching English with Aloha Since 1975

10-WEEK SESSIONS begin 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 for success in today's global society in academic, professional, and social contexts. To fully serve students with different goals, the program offers a full-time program that emphasizes oral communication and cultural competence by:

- ☀ Providing a flexible curriculum suited to the students' interests, needs, and abilities while adhering to the overall curriculum guidelines for each course;
- ☀ Specializing in innovative methods for teaching listening and speaking skills;
- ☀ Developing and practicing real-world listening and speaking tasks, which 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."**



The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa New Intensive Courses in English (NICE) Program is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation for the period April 2022 through April 2032 and agrees to uphold the CEA Standards for English Language Programs and Institutions. CEA is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency for English language programs and institutions in the U.S. For further information about this accreditation, please contact CEA, 1001 N. Fairfax Street, Suite 630, Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 665-3400, www.cea-accredit.org.



NICE CURRICULUM



4 CLASSES

The full-time study program includes four core classes.
Each class meets 50 minutes per day, Monday through Friday. Classes may meet throughout the day between 8:30am and 4:20pm, with most classes in the morning from 8:30am-12:20pm.

GRAMMAR

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

LISTENING

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

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 throughout the term.

INTEGRATED SKILLS

Use and expand speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills while studying a variety of subjects.
Includes **Interchange**.
Textbook required.
Includes **Community Day**: visit local establishments to practice English and experience the culture.

5 LEVELS

New students are placed into levels based on placement tests given on the first day of the term.
Continuing students are placed based on their class evaluations and teacher assessment of their progress.
Students typically remain in one level for two terms to cover the complete curriculum for each level.

BASIC

Some prior English study, able to comprehend simple vocabulary and communicate with words, short phrases, and gestures.

HIGH BASIC

INTERMEDIATE

HIGH INTERMEDIATE

ADVANCED

A good grasp of the language, still working on perfecting complex language structures, natural and appropriate use of the language.

Course Goals and Curriculum Themes

All four NICE classes have goals, objectives, and student learning outcomes for each level. In addition, the **Oral Production** and **Integrated Skills** classes are organized around themes related to student's goals for studying English, focusing on academic, professional, or general subject matter. Whenever possible, students with similar goals are grouped together. In classes where student goals are mixed, instructors balance the course material to accommodate the various needs and interests.

Evaluation and Assessment of Progress

Throughout a term, students' achievement on student learning outcomes is monitored. At the mid-term and at the end of the term, students receive evaluation reports that give feedback on their progress and help them to set new language learning goals.

NICE students are expected to meet the overall grade point average, attendance, and performance requirements in order to receive a certificate of completion and to remain in the program.

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.

TOEFL and TOEIC Preparation and Testing

Each term either a TOEFL or TOEIC test preparation course is offered as an optional elective for an additional fee. Official institutional TOEFL and TOEIC exams are offered during the last week of every term.



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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Active Participation

Regular Attendance

Daily Homework

Comprehensive Evaluation
of Progress

ENGLISH ONLY!

Students meet NICE staff and teachers and make new friends at the **New Student Orientation** and **Welcome Reception** 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 Activities** in the community.

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



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.

APPLYING TO NICE 10-WEEK SESSION

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 or equivalent.
- ☀ NICE students must be non-native speakers of English.

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 within six months before the program start date, and no later than 30 days before the program start date. Applications are accepted on a first-come-first served basis until the program is full.

How To Apply

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

Online application can be found at **outreach.hawaii.edu/10weeknice**.

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 must 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 ([see website for updated minimum](#)). Bank document must be dated within six months before the program start date.

For transfer students, please also submit:

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

Application documents may be mailed or emailed to the NICE office. If emailed, please also send the original documents by mail.

NICE Registrar
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
2545 McCarthy Mall, Bilger 102
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822 USA
Email: ipinfo@hawaii.edu
Phone: (808) 956-7753

Additional Requirements Upon Arrival

All new students must come to the NICE office before the beginning of the study term to complete final registration. Students must bring...

1. PASSPORT

The NICE office will photocopy your passport and visa, I-94 card (in your passport), and your I-20 Certificate of Eligibility Form.

2. PROOF OF MEDICAL INSURANCE

Medical insurance should be purchased in the student's native country, but may be purchased upon arrival. Students will not be allowed to attend classes without medical insurance.

CONTACT US

NICE Location:

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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822

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The NICE Program is located in
Bilger Hall 102.

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR:

- ☀ Our most current dates and fees
- ☀ More on classes and curriculum
- ☀ Information on our other programs

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To view the entire campus map, go to
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