

**COLLEGE OF HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE
KA HAKA 'ULA O KE'ELIKŌLANI**

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MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) IN HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

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Program Description:

The M.A. in Hawaiian Language and Literature was UH Hilo's first graduate program and the first focusing on a Native American language in the United States. The program draws upon the tremendous wealth of Hawaiian literary resources from the 19th and 20th centuries—regarded by some scholars as the largest repository of any indigenous people in the world.

The M.A. seeks to produce graduates prepared to meet the increasing demands for in-depth knowledge of Hawaiian language and literature in all sectors of contemporary life in Hawaii. With government promotion of the language mandated by the Hawaii State Constitution, Hawaiian is the language area of greatest need in Hawaii's public schools. The only language other than English used as a full medium of instruction in the public schools, Hawaiian is presently the medium through which a full academic curriculum is delivered to nearly 2,000 children on all islands except Lanai. In addition, Hawaiian language-learning programs throughout the University of Hawaii system and in high schools enjoy large enrollments and, by constitutional mandate, are a part of the education of all elementary public school children. The substance, stability, and growth of such programs will depend heavily upon individuals with graduate level training in Hawaiian language and literature.

Entrance Requirements

1. B.A. or B.S. degree from an accredited college or university;

2. 30 upper division credits in HAW or HWST courses with no grade lower than a "B" and a minimum 3.5 grade point average;
3. Three letters of recommendation;
4. Successful completion of an examination in Hawaiian language and culture;
5. Interview by Hawaiian Studies faculty;
6. Graduate Record Examination scores.

Graduation Requirements

Complete all seven of the following requirements for a total of 36 semester hours:

1. Earn 12 semester hours from the following 4 courses: HAW 630, 631, 654; and HWST 663.
2. Earn 3 semester hours from HWST 661 **or** 662.
3. Earn 3 semester hours from HWST 664 **or** 665.
4. Earn 3 semester hours from either HAW 690 **or** HWST 699V (course must be approved by program chair). Students typically study for at least six weeks with another endangered language community outside Hawai'i.
5. Earn 6 semester hours in HAW 700.
6. Earn 9 semester hours in upper division and graduate Hawaiian Language or Hawaiian Studies courses from the following list, with not more than 6 hours at the 400 level: HAW or HWST 400-498, 600-699V (except HAW 490); KED 600-699V (except KEd 641-644); KANT 486; Kind 601-602.
7. Earn no grade lower than a "B."

Under certain circumstances a student may request a transfer from the Masters in Hawaiian Language and Literature to the Ph.D. in Hawaiian and Indigenous Language and Culture Revitalization after completing a minimum of 18 credits of graduate work.