

Welcome to



**HAWAI'I
PACIFIC**
UNIVERSITY

Congratulations! You're a Shark!



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Aloha and Welcome



One of my favorite Hawaiian phrases, pūpūkahi i holomua, teaches us that we must work together to move forward. The guidance is powerfully fulfilled at Hawai'i Pacific University, where our work together begins on our one-of-a-kind campus and spreads across our extended 'ohana in the Islands and across the globe.

Ours is a community that cares. HPU cares about educating tomorrow's leaders and making a difference in the world. Our faculty care about teaching, mentoring and working with each student. Our students care about the role that they will play in society. And our alumni are proud of and care deeply about their alma mater.

Here at HPU, you will find and meet a great many people who care about you. This booklet provides you with the background and resources to support the important transition to becoming a Shark and to help launch your exciting journey at HPU.

I greatly look forward to meeting you in person and wish you the very best.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John Y. Gotanda". The signature is stylized with large, flowing loops.

John Y. Gotanda, J.D.
President, Hawai'i Pacific University

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MISSION

Hawai'i Pacific University is an international learning community set in the rich cultural context of Hawai'i. Students from around the world join us for an American education built on a liberal arts foundation. Our innovative undergraduate and graduate programs anticipate the changing needs of the community and prepare our graduates to live, work, and learn as active members of a global society.

VISION

Hawai'i Pacific University's highly personalized, student-centered approach offering applied, experiential, and innovative educational programs will prepare our graduates to make a positive impact in their workplaces and their communities.

VALUES

The faculty, staff, students, and university community of Hawai'i Pacific embrace the following values which represent our spiritual, ethical, and philosophical principles. Examples of how we live by these values are seen in the university's work and in our programs.

Pono

meaning righteous,
honest and moral, and an
energy of necessity.

Kuleana

meaning responsibility
and rights, and concern
for all interests, property,
and people.

Aloha

meaning hello, goodbye,
love, kindness and grace,
unity, humility, patience
and waiting for the right
moment.





WHY DO STUDENTS CHOOSE HPU?

Students choose Hawai'i Pacific University for so many reasons. Academic programs, fantastic professors, cultural diversity of Hawai'i and the HPU community, friendships that are made, and the attention students receive from counselors, advisors and peer mentors are just some of the reasons.

"If a friend of mine was thinking about studying at HPU, I'd tell him or her to just do it. Because you're going to learn a lot about yourself and the courses are very fun and practical. And you do have enough freetime to explore the nature, the island and enjoy the beautiful weather of Hawai'i."

Céleste Vandenheede
HPU MASCOM Student from Belgium



Checklist

This Checklist will help you to be prepared for the first day of classes.

The steps are explained one by one afterwards.



- ☐ Activate your MyHPU student portal
- ☐ Pay your enrollment deposit
- ☐ Review your Financial Aid options
- ☐ Review Health Clearance Requirements
- ☐ Register for your Courses
- ☐ Find Your Textbooks
- ☐ Send us any outstanding Transcripts and Testscores
- ☐ Get in touch with us
- ☐ Review your bill and pay tuition
- ☐ Check out Housing Resources
- ☐ Check out Parking and Transportation Resources
- ☐ Get your student ID
- ☐ Save the date for Student Orientation*



Your First Steps

- IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3

1

Login to your MyHPU portal

Receive your my.hpu.edu username via e-mail and create your password. If you haven't received your HPU e-mail address/username via e-mail, please follow the steps on the linked page to confirm your identity.



2

Pay your HPU enrollment deposit



To secure your spot at Hawai'i Pacific University, and start your journey at the top private university in the state of Hawai'i, a \$200 non-refundable deposit is required.

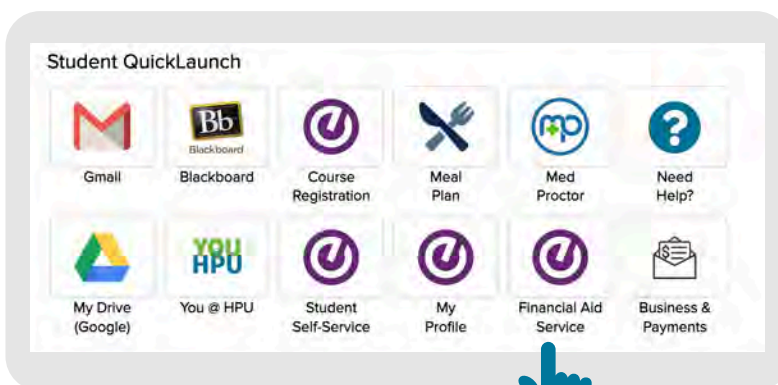
*If you are using VA Education Benefits, contact va@hpu.edu to request an enrollment deposit waiver.

** Students admitted to HPUS's graduate Online hybrid programs require a \$600 supplementary program deposit. Submit online at hpu.edu/supdeposit.

*** International Students: It's recommended to complete your [pre-arrival checklist](#) for F-1 or J-1 student visas from the [Office of International Students and Scholars](#) prior to confirming your intent to enroll.

3

Review your Financial Aid & Scholarship options



- If you have not done so already, complete the FAFSA* at fafsa.ed.gov

*domestic students
HPU's school code is 007279

- Graduate Scholarships at hpu.edu/gradscholarships



Our [HPU Financial Services Team](#) is also here to help to answer questions about your financial aid offer and guide you through the FAFSA application process. E-mail: financialaid@hpu.edu or 808-544-0253.

General Information under hpu.edu/financial-aid and studentaid.gov.



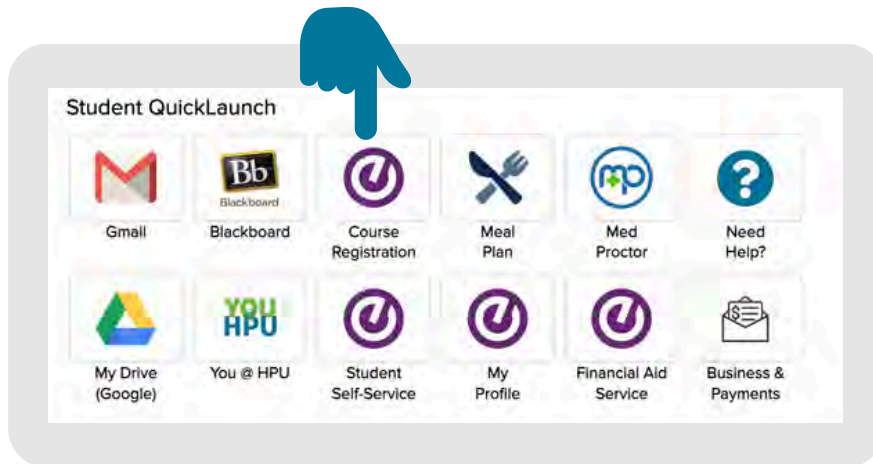
4 Health Clearance Requirements

- Review our [health clearance requirements](#).
- Create Med+Proctor Account
 - Upload your personal immunization records (any type of immunization verification will work).
Note that documents can be uploaded from your phone/tablet, or computer),
OR
 - Download and print the Immunization Verification and Tuberculosis Clearance Forms. Have a licensed medical provider complete and Form D and Form E. (A licensed provider can sign the form; it does not have to be the provider who originally vaccinated you)
- Once your form has been completed and signed by a health care provider, upload it to Med+Proctor.
- Covid19 Information and Resources may be found [here](#).



5 Course Registration

- Course registration is made online via your [student portal](#). For step-by-step instructions on how to register for courses, [click here](#).
- Contact your [program advisor](#) from your respective program to discuss your degree pathway.



Note: Program advisors for the online graduate nursing, DPT, OTD programs will register students and provide course schedules.

- View the [registration schedule](#) and [academic calendar](#) online to familiarize yourself with important dates. HPU's Business Office lists current [tuition and fees](#) and [payment deadlines](#).



6 Find Textbooks

Purchase your textbooks and HPU gear at the [HPU Bookstore](#). With the Shark Bundle, HPU offers affordable and convenient access to required textbooks and course materials. Students will pay \$25.75 per credit hour* to get all required textbooks, lab manuals, access codes, and electronic book versions before the first day of your semester classes. The average student is estimated to save as much as \$300 on textbooks for a semester.

Learn more about the Shark Bundle [here](#).



7 Transcripts and Test Scores

Submit any outstanding official transcripts and/or test scores via e-mail to grad@hpu.edu or postal mail to:

Admissions Office
1 Aloha Tower Drive
Honolulu, HI 96813



Connect with Us

Visit Us for a Campus Tour! Virtually or In-Person.

All future sharks are invited to join us both online and on-campus. We want you to learn more about what life will be like at HPU, surrounded by all of the excitement of attending college in the Aloha State. Schedule your tour at hpu.edu/visit.



Follow Us on Social Media! We'd love to hear from you!



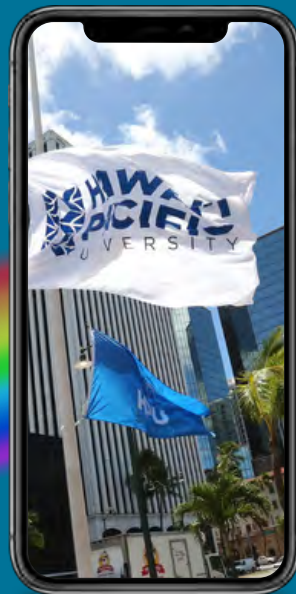
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...and don't forget you will be invited to join our HPU's Master's & Doctoral Students Facebook and LinkedIn Groups once you have confirmed your intent to enroll.



hpu.edu/grad



grad@hpu.edu

Hawai'i Life

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO LIVE IN HAWAI'I?

People born and/or raised in Hawai'i are kama'aina (or local), and to them, Hawai'i is simply their hometown and where they grew up. To those new to living in Hawai'i, the experience is life-changing, filled with cultural exchanges, outdoor activities, experiencing diversity and hands-on learning about important global issues like sustainability and preserving our ecosystem. There is nowhere else in the world like Hawai'i, and truly understanding the culture and lifestyle will come after experiencing first hand the meaning of aloha.



HISTORY

1,500 years ago, Polynesians arrived in Hawai'i after navigating the ocean and using only the stars to guide them. For many years, Hawai'i was ruled by a monarchy with King Kamehameha I as the land's defining leader. 'Iolani Palace in Downtown Honolulu is the only royal palace in the United States. In 1959, Hawai'i became the 50th state in the United States.

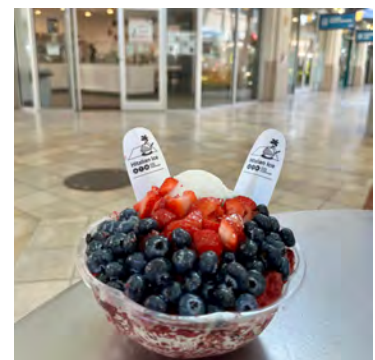
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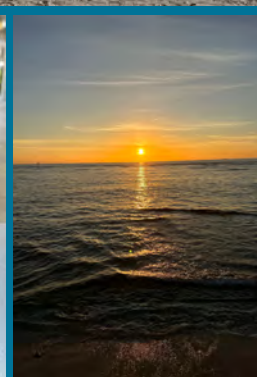
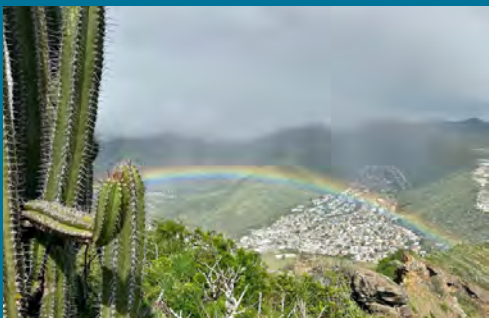
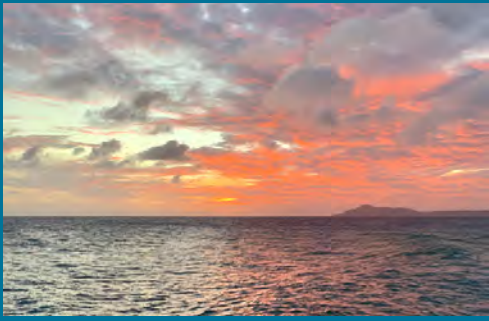
Hawai'i has been called a "melting pot" with residents whose origins come from

Polynesia, Japan, China, Philippines, Europe, North and South America, Australia, New Zealand and Africa. All of these ethnicities contribute to a community that is diverse, caring, and respectful of one another. The Native Hawaiian community is also an important and integral part of life in Hawai'i as preservation and reverence for their culture is a priority for the state and Hawai'i Pacific University as well.

FOOD

The food in Hawai'i is "no ka oi" or the best. You can find any type of cuisine in Hawai'i, from casual take-out options to James Beard Award-winning restaurants. Asian food is very popular and rice is always an option with a meal. There are also several Farmers Markets near the Hawai'i Pacific University campus and dorms so that students may find fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables.





HAWAII PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

HOUSING

Although it can be challenging to find a place to live in Hawai'i, HPU can support you with on and/or off campus resources.

Housing Contact
(808) 544-1436
housing@hpu.edu
hpu.edu/housing



- **Preparation is key**
- **Avoid Housing Scams**
- **Start early, but not too early**



TRAVELING TO HPU

Whether you are traveling from abroad, moving from the mainland, or resident of Hawai'i, it is important to plan ahead and make sure all your transportation needs are addressed. Find a list of resources to make your travels to Honolulu, Hawai'i and HPU a smoother process under hpu.edu/travelingtohpu.



TRANSPORTATION

You can get around on O'ahu very convenient and easy. For information about transportation, parking options and much more, visit hpu.edu/transportation.



COOL THINGS TO DO

Hiking

There are many scenic hiking trails throughout O'ahu as well as on the neighbor islands. Some hikes are relatively "easy" such as the Makpu'u Lighthouse hike which is paved, and others are more strenuous such as "Pillbox" in Kailua.



Surfing

Hawai'i is one of the best places in the world for surfing, whether off Waikiki Beach or on O'ahu's North Shore. Practice safety first and make sure you're using a surfboard that is the right match for your ability.



Shopping

Enjoy the shops and department stores at one of the worlds' largest shopping centers: Ala Moana Center, just a few miles from Hawai'i Pacific University's Downtown Campus.

Arts & Culture

From concerts at the Blaisdell Center Arena or the Waikiki Shell to the Honolulu Museum of Art and Bishop Museum, there are endless ways to immerse oneself in arts, culture, and entertainment.

Outrigger Canoe Paddling

Hawai'i Pacific University now has a six-person canoe called Manō Hae at Ala Moana Beach Park. Student Recreation groups enjoy their first lessons in the canoe.

...and so much more!

HPU IS HERE FOR YOU.

As an HPU student, you have access to a variety of campus-wide health and wellness services, that can help you at no additional cost. Just remember, all you have to do is ask for help if you need it. To learn more about peer-to-peer support, counseling, campus recreation activities and much more visit hpu.edu/healthcare.



Counseling and Behavioral Health Services

The Counseling and Behavioral Health Services (CBHS) department provides free and confidential quality counseling services for current registered HPU students to assist them in improving the quality of their lives and achieving academic success. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call the main line at (808) 687-7076.



On-Campus Health Services

HPU students have access to the on-campus health services office at Aloha Tower Marketplace which is open during the fall and spring semesters. A third-party provider, SP Health Clinic, staffs the office (ATM Ste. 1315; 808-544-9361; studenthealth@spclinic.org).



You.Hpu.Edu

You.Hpu.Edu is a path to self-exploration that connects students to personalized resources, whenever and wherever, to help them make the most of their college experience and to support their goals to Succeed, Thrive and Matter. YOU@HPU help students build skills, set goals, and learn more about the topics that matter most to them. Get started today by going to YOU.HPU.EDU and entering your HPU username and password. The web portal prioritizes privacy so students can be honest and feel safe exploring.



Accessibility Services

As part of HPU's continuing commitment to upholding the letter and spirit of the laws that ensure equal treatment of people with disabilities, the university established and maintains Accessibility Services (AS). Under the administration of Center for Academic Success (CAS), the office implements and coordinates reasonable accommodations and disability-related services that afford equal access to university programs and activities. If you have questions regarding AS please email access@hpu.edu.



Tutoring

The Center for Academic Success (CAS) provides free, individualized tutoring assistance - online and in-person - to all registered HPU students. Virtual tutoring appointments are available and may be made via walk-in, phone call (808) 544-9334, or by emailing tutoring@my.hpu.edu / signinasst@my.hpu.edu.



Other Support Resources

If you need further assistance regarding your next steps, reach out to your admissions counselor to schedule a date and time to connect.

If you have any other questions, call or email your respective HPU office at the following:

Office of Graduate Admissions

Hawai'i Pacific University
1 Aloha Tower Drive
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
grad@hpu.edu
(808) 544-0238
Toll-free US and Canada (866) 225-5478

Military and Veterans Center

900 Fort Street Mall, Suite 200
Honolulu, Hi 96813
va@hpu.edu
(808) 356-5222
hpu.edu/military

Registrar's Office

registrar@hpu.edu
(808) 544-0239

Career Development Center

cdc@hpu.edu
(808) 544-0230

Business Office

businessoffice@hpu.edu
(808) 356-5272

Continuing Education Courses

catalog.mindedge.com/hpu

Financial Aid

financialaid@hpu.edu
(808) 544-0253

Technical Support

help.hpu.edu
help@hpu.edu
(808) 566-2411
Online Students have access to 24/7 IT support

Housing

housing@hpu.edu
(808) 544-1436

Office of International Students And Scholars

General Inquiries: iss@hpu.edu
I-20 related Inquiries: i20@hpu.edu
(808) 356-5299

Libraries

hpu.edu/library
circulation@hpu.edu
Library at Waterfront: (808) 544-0210
Atherton Library: (808) 566-2411

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