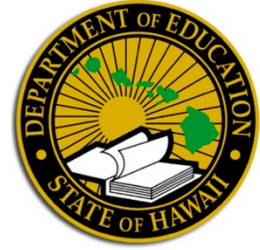




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UH West O'ahu to offer free advanced placement college credits to Hawai'i high school students through DOE HAPPS agreement **Qualifying students will receive three credits for Introduction to Business course**

KAPOLEI – The University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu and the Hawai'i State Department of Education (DOE) are working together to make it easier and more cost-effective to earn a college degree by offering students the opportunity to receive free college credits upon the successful completion of high school coursework.

UH West O'ahu Chancellor Rockne Freitas and Hawai'i DOE Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi recently signed the Hawai'i Advanced Placement Programs of Study (HAPPS) articulation agreement that enables students from high schools that participate in DOE Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs to receive advanced placement college credit for high school Business Career Pathway courses. Students who successfully complete the accelerated high school business curriculum and pass a specialized comprehensive exam will receive three free advanced placement college credits for UH West O'ahu's BUSA 120: Introduction to Business course upon acceptance and enrollment at the University.

"We are excited to provide the opportunity to Hawai'i's high school students to receive credits for the hard work they've completed before setting foot in a college classroom," said UH West O'ahu Chancellor, Rockne Freitas. "Offering advanced placement credits for relevant business coursework saves them money and shortens their time to graduation, allowing students to move into the workforce or continue on to graduate studies even sooner."

"We are grateful to UH West O'ahu for the opportunity to open more doors for our students to get a jump start on college success," said Schools Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi.

To receive three free advanced placement credits for UH West O'ahu's BUSA 120: Introduction to Business course, high school seniors are required to:

- Receive a “C” average or higher in Business Career Pathway coursework from a DOE CTE participating high school
- Pass a comprehensive exam administered by the DOE with a 70% score or higher. The exam includes questions related to general business, marketing and entrepreneurship.
- Be accepted and enroll at UH West O’ahu

Students are eligible to receive the advanced placement college credits starting in fall 2014. UH West O’ahu is accepting applications for the fall 2014 semester until July 1, 2014. For more information, visit <http://www.uhwo.hawaii.edu/admissions>, email uhwo.admissions@hawaii.edu or call (808) 689-2900.

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UH West O’ahu became a four-year, regional comprehensive university when it served its first class of freshmen in fall 2007. The University offers quality education, small classes and personalized attention at convenient locations. UH West O’ahu serves approximately 2,400 students at its brand new, state-of-the-art campus that opened in the City of Kapolei in 2012. For more information, visit uhwo.hawaii.edu, twitter.com/uhwestoahu, facebook.com/uhwestoahu or call (808) 689-2800 or toll-free (866) 299-8656.

The Hawai’i State Department of Education is the ninth-largest U.S. school district and the only statewide educational system in the country. It is comprised of 255 schools and 33 charter schools, and serves more than 185,000 students. King Kamehameha III established Hawai’i’s public school system in 1840. The DOE is in the midst of a range of historic efforts to transform its public education system to ensure graduates succeed in college or careers.