Welcome to Windward

Windward Community College (WCC) sits on 60 lush acres against the majestic Ko‘olau range on the Windward side of O‘ahu. Each year, over 1,900 students come to Windward Community College from all parts of the island for its unique programs and nurturing approach to learning. You can enroll in a variety of liberal arts and career-technical education programs offered on the main campus, at off-campus locations in the community, and through distance education and Internet courses. The College’s diverse population includes many ethnic and socio-economic groups, with 38 percent of students having Native Hawaiian ancestry.

An Inspirational Place to Learn

As the University of Hawai‘i System’s youngest community college, Windward is primarily a liberal arts transfer institution, offering the Associate in Arts degree and certificates in a variety of areas of study. You can benefit from major new facilities, including a science complex with a state-of-the-art Imaginarium and telescope observatory, a humanities and arts complex and a campus center. The College will soon build a new library learning commons that will combine the current resource collection with computer labs and The Learning Center in a LEED-certified “green” building with a Silver rating.

Not all education takes place in the classroom. At Palikū Theatre, Hōkūlani Imaginarium, Lanihuli Observatory and Gallery ‘Iolani, students and the community enjoy original and adapted musicals, listen to concerts in acoustically perfect surroundings, appreciate unique art exhibits and discover virtual outer space adventures.

Creative Programs

The Windward Atelier is Hawai‘i’s only classical art program where students learn to draw and paint in the Realist Tradition. At the Hawai‘i Music Institute students can learn about the local music industry from seasoned entertainers. Journalism and creative writing students produce the award-winning Ka ‘Ohana campus newspaper and Rain Bird literary magazine. Windward is also home to the Office of University Partners, offering bachelor’s degree programs—with classes on the WCC campus—through partnerships with baccalaureate institutions.

On the cover: Sisters Kekai and Kili celebrate their graduation from Windward Community College. Both received Associate in Arts degrees in Liberal Arts. Kekai is transferring to UH-Mānoa to pursue elementary education studies. Kili is WCC’s first Certified Nurse’s Aide graduate to attend Kapi‘olani Community College’s nursing program.
Academics

Whether you’re planning to start your college degree, return to school, or seek a higher level of skills to advance your career, Windward Community College can help you achieve your goals. Small class sizes with personal attention from an excellent faculty, flexible schedules, and affordable tuition all make Windward Community College a great choice.

You can select from more than 320 courses and 14 degree and certificate programs in exciting fields such as biotechnology, marine science, business, art, Hawaiian studies, psycho-social development and agriculture technology—just to name a few. The Associate in Arts degree is valuable to anyone who wishes to enter the workforce with confidence or continue his or her education at a four-year university.

Degree and Certificate Programs offered at Windward

- Associate in Arts Liberal Arts degree
- Agricultural Technology
- Art
- Bio-Resources Technology: Plant Biotechnology
- Bio-Resources Technology: Development and Management
- Business
- Hawaiian Studies
- Information Computer Science: Applied Business & Information Technology
- Information Computer Science: Web Support
- Plant Landscaping
- Psycho-Social Developmental Studies
- Subtropical Urban Tree Care
- Veterinary Assisting
- WCC participates in the UH-Mānoa Marine Option Program

New certificates are being developed. Check the online catalog for a current listing.

“Windward gave me renewed hope and the drive to move forward in my quest for knowledge—to make a difference right here in Hawai‘i. With my AA degree, I can go on to studies in marine science and environmental law.”

—WCC graduate, Jake
We want you to succeed—in college and in life. To get where you want to go, you’ll need some help. Our academic and career advisors, peer mentors and faculty will work with you on a plan to help you accomplish your goals.

The Learning Center
Benefit from peer and professional tutoring in all major subjects and receive expert assistance in time management and study skills.

Academic Advising Center
Get to know the academic advisors. They will help you map out your own plan for your two years at Windward. Thinking of transferring to UH-Mānoa, Chaminade, HPU, or a mainland university? The advising team will share important information with you about academic programs and majors and the classes you will need to transfer successfully.

Career Center
Get the facts about careers and what education requirements are needed. Meet with the career counselor to help you bridge your life today with a career you will love in the future.
Hawaiian Studies
WCC embraces the study of Hawai‘i, its heritage and environment. Students can immerse themselves in more than 30 courses ranging from Hawaiian language and music to navigating the skies in Polynesian Voyaging. The Academic Subject Certificate in Hawaiian Studies with a focus on history and culture, language, or the Hawaiian environment provides a firm foundation for occupational pursuits and advanced degrees.

Sciences
Where in the world can students study volcanoes, coral reefs, rare Native Hawaiian plants and outer space with instructors who are Ph.D.s actively involved in research? Right here at WCC. In field expeditions and in the labs, students get hands-on training in geology, biotechnology, marine science, botany, chemistry, biology, GIS and astronomy. Students can go on to UH-Mānoa and UH-Hilo to earn higher degrees and enter the workforce.

Performing and Visual Arts
WCC vibrates with creative energy, from drawing and painting in the traditional style of the Old Masters to award-winning musical and theatrical performances. WCC’s ceramics studio is said to be the best on the island, and the photography lab is professional quality. At Gallery Iolani and Palikū Theatre, students are nurtured to develop their potential with many becoming successful artists within their field of study.
The Two-Year Associate in Arts Degree

With an Associate in Arts degree from Windward, you’ll be prepared to begin your junior year at UH-Mānoa, UH-Hilo, West O’ahu, or any four-year college or university.

Plan for Success

How do you earn an AA degree? Take 60 credits in challenging classes outlined in our catalog. Thirty-four of those 60 credits are standard requirements transferable within the UH System and to most universities. Then choose 26 elective credits to explore your interests.

34 Required credits + 26 Elective credits = 60 credits (Most classes are three credits each.)

Go Ahead and Dream!

Elective classes allow you to explore and discover hidden talents and grow in ways you may never have imagined. Classes are small and professors will get to know you and your interests. Find your academic passions and where you’re headed in choosing a major.

Sample Two-Year Plan

Here’s what your course of study might look like for an Associate in Arts degree at Windward Community College. This is a sample plan. You can meet with an academic advisor to tailor a degree plan that suits your individual interests and goals.

Fall Semester (Freshman Year)

- English 100
- World History – Hist 151
- College Algebra – Math 103
- Introduction to the Visual Arts – Art 101

Spring Semester (Freshman Year)

- World History – Hist 152
- Hawai‘i Center of the Pacific – HWST 107
- Plants in the Hawaiian Environment – Bot 130
- Drama and Theatre – Thea 101
- Psychology – Psy 100

Summer (Added Option)

- Atelier drawing and painting workshop

Fall Semester (Sophomore Year)

- Computer and Information Literacy – ICS 105
- World’s Major Religions – Rel 150
- American Literature – Eng 250
- Morals and Society – Phil 101
- Geology of the Hawaiian Islands – GG 103
- Geology Lab to Big Island – GG 211

Spring Semester (Sophomore Year)

- Principles of Economics – Econ 130
- Public Speaking – Sp 151
- Hawaiian Politics – Pols 180
- Archeoastronomy – Astr 130
- Coral Reefs – Biol 200

---WCC graduate Jedd
Goal: Physical Therapist
I found a better understanding of how I fit in the world. Windward has helped me discover more of who I am, and it has given me the confidence that I will need in my future career.

—WCC student Tiffany, exploring her interests toward a major

Windward’s Liberal Arts Core

The core curriculum—courses in philosophy, cultural studies, history, thought and expression, mathematics and English—is the foundation of every student’s academic experience at Windward Community College. The goal of Windward is to ensure that every student will have the ability to communicate, to solve problems by thinking critically and analyzing, to express themselves clearly and be able to work well with others.

Liberal Arts is the Connection

We prepare our students for the real world by helping them make connections within their own community and society as a whole. Employers appreciate employees who can listen to and get along with others, think critically and solve problems. Students say the skills that they have gained in their liberal arts program help them as they make important decisions in their lives and careers.
Financial aid helps pay for tuition, books, housing, childcare and other living expenses. Call 235-7449 to make an appointment with a financial aid advisor or visit windward.hawaii.edu/financial_aid for details.

**Types of Financial Aid**

**Grants**
Grants are federal and state monies that do not need to be repaid. You need to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to determine your eligibility. We encourage students to file the FAFSA early via the Internet. Upon determination of your aid eligibility, the WCC Financial Aid Office will inform you in writing of your award status.

**Loans**
- Federal and state loans are awarded on the basis of financial need. There is no repayment required until after graduation.
- Parent PLUS loans are available to parents of undergraduate students.

**Scholarships**
There are many scholarships available that have specific requirements such as talents, merit, ethnicity and major. Through the generous support of individuals and private organizations in the community, a variety of scholarships are available exclusively for Windward Community College students each year. The scholarship application period runs from February through early April of each year. View scholarships online at windward.hawaii.edu/financial_aid.

Contact the WCC Financial Aid Office at 235-7449 for applications and assistance.

**Work-Study**
Work-Study is money earned at an on-campus job associated with the college.

““ At WCC, I found my niche and what I want to do, and connected it with the Hawaiian in me. I learned how to link my culture with caring for others. ””

—WCC student Kaui, now attending UH-Hilo nursing program