We have created an online site in Lauima for distance learning students to “meet” and interact with one another. If you do not have access please contact Nancy Ooki (ooki@hawaii.edu) to ask for enrollment. Highlights of the site include:

**Help for Students** - tips and information to help you succeed in your courses.

**Orientation** - an introduction to Distance Learning.

**Study Skills and Resources** - documents and links to support good study habits and tools to keep organized.

**Discussion Boards** - for posting and replying to questions about programs, subject matter, and other details related to the courses and programs you are in.

**Chat Rooms** - to connect one-on-one, or several-on-several in more details and personalized conversations.

**Blogs** - Feeling chatty? Jot down some thoughts or insights you’ve gained and share them with your fellow students.

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*Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.*  
Malcolm Forbes

**UH Center Snapshot**

University Center has information and resources to help you succeed as a distance learning student. Feel free to stop by our offices to have your questions answered or to pick up flyers and pamphlets from our information table located in front hallway upstairs in Lauima building.
Hilo Launches Coral Health Information Websites

Researchers and students at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo have launched a pair of websites providing information on the health of various coral reefs around Hawai‘i Island.

A research team led by Misaki Takabayashi, UH Hilo associate professor in marine science, spent the past seven years conducting investigations. The team’s findings are available online with easy-to-follow formats.

The Coral Health Atlas website provides basic information about coral health and diseases along with the researchers’ data on coral disease prevalence at several sites around Hawai‘i Island.

For more information read the full article at: http://www.hawaii.edu/news/2012/11/09/hilo-launches-coral-health-information-websites/

New Classroom and Teaching Technique Tested at UH Mānoa

College classrooms at the University of Hawai‘i may soon have a whole new look and feel. Instead of a large group lecture, students will be separated into smaller groups, seated around tables, working together to learn the material.

“If you want to improve long-term learning and improve student retention, then don’t lecture to them,” said UH Mānoa Biology Interim Chair and Professor Steven Robinow. “Get them involved, get them engaged in the material.”

That space is room 101 in Webster Hall. It fits 64 students with eight large tables that seat up to eight students each. There’s a large monitor at each table where the professor displays his content and students can also use the monitors to display their work using their computers, iPads or smart phones.

For more information, read the full article at: http://www.hawaii.edu/news/2012/09/24/new-classroom-and-teaching-technique-tested-at-uh-manoa/
2012 Moloka‘i Gear UP

We had a nice time on Molokai during their “Gear Up Molokai” event.

The Education Center on Molokai invited several representative departments from the University of Hawai‘i Maui College and University Center.

We gave presentations at the high school and fielded good questions from the students.

Afterwards we provided information tables at the Education Center for students and the public to become more familiar with the programs and services offered through the college and the center.

As always, Molokai lived up to its “Friendly Isle” name.

Thank you to Donna Haytko-Paoa, Site Coordinator, Stephanie Dudoit, Kelley Dudoit, Nahiwa Naki, and faculty and staff for such a welcome reception and event. It was a pleasure to meet with the students and to make new connections.

Transition FAQs
Reprinted from UHWO website at http://westoahu.hawaii.edu

NEW CAMPUS
• Address: 91–1000 Farrington Hwy, Kapolei, HI 96707
• Main Phone Line: (808) 689--2800; toll free 1--866--299--8656

BOOKSTORE, THE WEST SHOP:
• Phone: 689--2550
• Website: www.TheWestShopUHWO.com
• Email: uhwobkst@hawaii.edu

LIBRARY:
• Phone: (808) 689-2700
• Website: http://www2.hawaii.edu/~uhwolib/

STUDENT SERVICES:
• Phone: 689-2689
• Office hours: M-F, 8am-4:30pm; W, 8am-5:30pm

Academic Advising & Counseling Services Office; Financial Aid Office
• Phone: (808) 689-2689; Fax: (808) 689--2691 Business Office: Phone (808) 689--2500
Tips for Distance Learners

Prepare for your class:

Get organized before the semester begins. We recommend a three-ring binder with dividers to file your class syllabi, handouts, notes, and other materials. Have a special place for your materials.

Read the class syllabus to answer many questions regarding assignments, readings, and tests.

Preview your textbook by reading the table of contents and major chapter headings and subheadings. This will give you an idea of what material your class will be covering.

Use effective study skills:

Schedule study sessions for the times when you are most alert and have the fewest distractions.

Read your textbook before you view or attend class.

Plan to spend approximately three hours per week (including time spent in class) for each credit you earn. This is as true for distance learning classes as it is for traditional on-campus classes.

Cultivate effective study habits:
  Review your notes frequently
  Write down questions that you want to ask your instructor, tutor, or classmates

Create a supportive study environment with few distractions. Ask your family or roommates to help by not interrupting you when you’re studying.

Avoid taking phone calls during your study time.

Learn with others. Form a study group in person, by phone, and/ or by e-mail so you can work together to review, discuss course concepts, ask each other questions, list of specialized vocabulary, and prepare for tests.

Plan for library research time, especially if you will be requesting materials from another library. Begin work on a research project well before the due date.

From UH Maui College (MCC) Student Handbook for Distance Learning revised 08/26/02

Calendars

It is important to remember deadlines and administrative details such as registration dates and tuition payments, which can make the difference between success or a stressful semester.

Some useful calendars to watch:

UH Hilo 8-month Calendar

UH Manoa Academic Calendar
http://www.catalog.hawaii.edu/about-uh/calendar.htm

UH West O‘ahu Student Calendar
http://www.uhwo.hawaii.edu/calendar

Did You Know...?

TV Studio Etiquette

When you enter the SkyBridge or HITS studio classroom, you’ll see cameras and microphones. This equipment allows everyone in the system to see and hear you. At first, it may be intimidating to talk into the microphone and to also see yourself on TV. You will find that after a few sessions the microphones and cameras will become routine.

When asking questions or interacting with other students:
1) always turn the microphone on before speaking and off afterwards
2) speak clearly into the microphone.
3) if you are using a telephone, speak clearly and directly into the phone.

Remember that the teacher can see you at all times, so refrain from talking, walking about, or eating in the TV studio, wherever it is located.