



## MULTI-CAMPUS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT AMONG

Hawai'i Community College  
Honolulu Community College  
Kapi'olani Community College  
Kaua'i Community College  
Leeward Community College  
Windward Community College  
University of Hawai'i Maui College  
and  
University of Hawai'i West O'ahu

In support of the UH System-wide  
Academy for Creative Media Collaboration  
Including "2+2" Transfer Options from Community College  
Associate Degree Programs to the  
University of Hawai'i West O'ahu's

Bachelor of Arts in Creative Media with Concentrations in Communications  
and New Media Technologies, Design and Media, General Creative Media,  
or Video Game Design and Development



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## **Overview of the Academy for Creative Media System (ACM)**

"ACM seeks to establish a globally competitive media studies program in Hawai'i, with instructional programs that span the entire academic spectrum, from certificates to associate, baccalaureate, masters, and eventually doctoral degrees. Because of the challenges associated with building a media school from the ground up in the 21st century, ACM's initial strategy is to leverage existing resources and faculty assets across the ten-campus University of Hawai'i system. By identifying and coordinating the media studies efforts of all ten campuses, ACM has the opportunity to open interdisciplinary channels of cooperation and information exchange between colleges and programs, thereby reinforcing existing strengths and creating new pathways and infrastructure for future endeavors ... The academic programs of ACM will be production-oriented programs, wherein students are systematically involved in creating original intellectual property for portfolio, research and exhibition purposes. Visualization increasingly cuts across all disciplines including society's vested interest in techno-scientific issues, storytelling and concept development. ACM seeks to foment successive generations of cultural creators and innovators who produce compelling narratives for a global audience."

-From the Collaborative Minutes of the Regents'  
Committee on Academic Affairs January 15, 2004

"...there is established within the University of Hawai'i the Academy for Creative Media, which shall be a system-wide, statewide program administered by the University of Hawai'i. The Academy for Creative Media shall offer courses and confer degrees as deemed appropriate and as authorized by the board of regents, including certificate programs and Associates', Bachelors', Masters', and Doctorate degrees. The Academy for Creative Media shall articulate its courses and coordinate its offerings at University of Hawaii campuses statewide and shall encourage and support mentor opportunities at all school levels throughout the State."

- Hawai'i State Legislature SB 1273, 2013

To implement the goals of SB 1273, the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu has joined the system-wide partnership through its Bachelor of Arts in Creative Media. Moreover, the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu will become the "hub" of the ACM System. A "2+2" completion program between the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu and the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges will allow graduates of Associate degrees in media programs the opportunity to complete a Bachelor's degree at the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu. Taking full advantage of the system-wide approach, this program will enable each student to develop his/her unique skill set at the Community Colleges and then transfer seamlessly to the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu for continued scholarship and professional development.

## **Purpose of this Agreement**

In support of the University of Hawai'i's Academy for Creative Media System, the purpose of this agreement is to establish partnerships and collaboration among the above campuses with the overarching goal of promoting Creative Media courses and academic programs to students

throughout the various institutions. In an effort to provide as many students as possible with both Associate's and Bachelor's degree opportunities, the academic pathways in the addendum to this agreement are meant to facilitate a smooth transition for students who complete an Associate degree in media or liberal arts programs to a Bachelor's degree at the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu.

While the academic pathways indicated in the addendum to this agreement (including the highly recommended course options) will represent the most efficient coursework progressions currently available from the specified AA, AS or AAS programs to the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu Bachelor's degree options, these pathways are intended only to be a helpful guide to students and advisors. The academic pathways and highly recommended courses are not so prescriptive to the extent that a student cannot transfer to UH West O'ahu's Creative Media program without having taken all of the listed courses. Consequently, there is no need for a student to "declare" him/herself as an "articulation student" in this program.

Should a student not take the highly recommended course options, additional coursework may be required to fulfill all major, concentration, general education and/or graduation requirements at the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu. Individual transfer course substitutions and waivers may be made on a case-by-case basis by the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu Creative Media faculty; however, required core, concentration, general education, focus, and graduation requirements must still be met in those individual cases.

The respective Creative Media programs at the various campuses are likely to change and expand as new faculty and courses are added and the programs evolve. Therefore, the addendum to this agreement will be reviewed annually to update the academic pathways.

As additional opportunities for collaboration develop, the partner University of Hawai'i institutions agree to work together in an effort to benefit creative media students in the University of Hawai'i system. Examples of potential areas of collaboration to be explored are dual enrollment, cross-listed courses, co-faculty teaching, and more distance learning options.

### **Admission to UH West O'ahu**

Under the terms of this agreement, students who complete an identified Associate's degree at their respective institutions may transfer as classified students to the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu's Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Creative Media with a concentration in Communications and New Media Technologies, Design and Media, General Creative Media, or Video Game Design and Development. Although an Associate degree is not a requirement to enter the BA program at the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu, it is likely the most efficient way to obtain the required coursework if starting an academic program in Creative Media at one of the Community Colleges.

Students who complete an Associate degree program with a minimum of 60 credits of 100-200 level coursework, according to their respective catalogs, may be eligible for transfer admission to the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu; however, to maximize the number of credits that will transfer to the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu and count towards one of the Creative Media concentration options, students are advised to follow the highly recommended course selections outlined in the addendum, and to consult with a counselor at their respective colleges or with a college success advisor at the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu for the most efficient transfer possible.

Current requirements and course recommendations for the various Associate degree programs and the Bachelor degree programs are provided in the addendum. Subsequent changes to the curricular requirements of either program may require revisions to the addendum. Coursework that transfers into the Creative Media Bachelor's degree pathways without having completed one of the identified Associate degree programs will be considered on a case- by-case basis by the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu Creative Media faculty.

As mentioned above, transfer students do not need to identify themselves as "articulation students" because the academic pathways are identified to help the students make efficient course selections in order to graduate within roughly 120-130 overall credits, rather than to provide a rigid list of required courses. If transfer students with an Associate's degree do not take the highly recommended courses, they will likely need to take additional courses to meet all requirements.

Note that a maximum of 75 lower-division (100-200 level) credits will be applied towards the credits required for a baccalaureate degree with the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu. A minimum of 45 upper- division (300-400 level) credits must be completed as part of the Bachelor's degree requirements.

This Multi-Campus Articulation Agreement will remain in effect until August 2024. It will be subject to review in Spring 2024, and may be continued, revised or discontinued with the consent of individual or all parties. If any or all parties consent to the termination of this Agreement, students who have entered a specified Associate's degree academic program by Spring 2024 will have the option of transferring to UH West O'ahu to fulfill the program requirements, contingent upon necessary courses being offered at both institutions.