

Computer Requirements for UH West O'ahu Online and Hybrid Courses

Welcome to the UH West O'ahu distance education program! Since the courses are offered on the World Wide Web, you can take them from the comfort of your home, office, or wherever you have access to the appropriate equipment and software. This document lists the minimum requirements needed for a successful online experience.

Note that the following requirements also apply to hybrid courses. Hybrid courses may be delivered in-person, over the Hawai'i Interactive Television System (HITS), or via streaming video and include an online component.

Please make sure that your system meets all the minimum requirements *before* classes begin.

For any online or hybrid course at UH West O'ahu, you need:

1. Timely access to a **Personal Computer (PC) or a Macintosh (Mac) system** capable of sound.

Be sure your system has enough resources to run a web browser and any other software required for your course. Check the comments in the Schedule of Classes for special requirements for courses: <http://www.uhwo.hawaii.edu/schedule>

Campus facilities may also be used to access online courses; however, they should not be your primary source for online access. Please check with your local campus lab facility for hours of operation.

Note: West O'ahu students on O'ahu, please check the UH West O'ahu Computer Lab web page for updates on lab hours: <http://uhwolab.com> The Computer Lab hours are subject to change without notice.

2. A reliable Internet Service Provider, or ISP. Broadband, such as RoadRunner Cable or Hawaiian Tel DSL, is required. Dial-up is not acceptable.
3. A web browser to access web pages and LauLima, the course management software used for online classes. Mozilla's Firefox browser works well with LauLima and is available free of charge from <http://mozilla.com>.
4. A recent version of **Microsoft Word for Windows** to send and receive attachments for class assignments.

5. Some instructors may have lessons or streaming video available for online viewing using **RealPlayer**. RealPlayer can be downloaded free of charge from <http://www.real.com>. Look for the free RealPlayer. The “plus” version is not needed.
6. Many online classes have information available in Portable Document Facility (PDF) format. To view these documents, the **Adobe Acrobat Reader** is required. Acrobat Reader is available as a free download from <http://www.hawaii.edu/askus/575>.

Need Help?

Students new to Lulima should view the online tutorials before classes begin:

<http://www.uhwo.hawaii.edu/dltutorials>

For more in-depth information on how to use Lulima tools and features, refer to the Lulima Student Orientation, Tutorials, and FAQ provided by Information Technology Services:

http://www.hawaii.edu/talent/lulima_students.htm

If you have any questions about UH West O’ahu distance education courses (course selection, online registration, dropping a course, etc.), contact the UH West O’ahu Student Services Office:

O’ahu: (808) 454-4700

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