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ICC Hawaii’s mission is to provide high quality instruction in English as a Second Language and other second languages. We help students to meet their academic, social, or professional language usage goals. As an extension of ICC’s commitment to quality instruction, we provide training for ESL instructors in the best methods and practices of ESL instruction.

At ICC we are committed to:
• A communicative approach to learning.
• Tailoring academic programs for students, as individuals with unique goals, learning styles and abilities.
• Providing choices in curriculum, activities and housing.
• Smoothing the student’s relocation process through a support system that provides a warm welcome and services that help students take care of needs, assistance in finding housing and activities to help in the full enjoyment of Hawaii.
• Assisting the student in full appreciation of the beauty, history and culture of Hawaii and its outdoor life.
• Providing an orientation to United States culture.
• Providing an intercultural experience by recruiting a diverse student body and maximizing student interaction with one another.
• Assisting with transitions to academic institutions for those who wish to pursue higher education in the United States.
ARRIVING AT THE HONOLULU AIRPORT

After you land, listen for your Baggage Claim letter (A-H). If you forget this letter, stop and ask someone or look at the arrival board. Don’t try to guess- it’s a long walk if you’re wrong!

If you went through US Customs & Immigration at another airport on your way to Honolulu, you can go straight to the Baggage Claim. If you go through US Customs and Immigration in Honolulu, exit the airport through the Individual Passenger Exit door (NOT Group Tour Exit). It usually takes about 1 hour. You will be digitally photographed and finger printed.

If someone from ICC Hawaii is picking you up, look for someone holding a sign with your name on it. If you are arriving from Europe, they will be waiting for you at the baggage claim. If you are arriving from Asia, Russia or Oceana, they will meet you at the International Arrivals Individual Passenger Exit.

If there are delays, if you can’t find your driver, or there are problems please contact ICC Hawaii’s student emergency number +1 (808) 381-2689. You can ask for a phone at the airport information for this emergency call.

Please see pages 11 & 12 about your first day of school.
**Address:**
810 Richards St., Suite 200
Honolulu, HI 96813, USA
(Take the elevator up to the 2nd floor)

**Phone:**  +1 808 946-2445
**Fax:**  +1 808 946-2231

**ICC Hawaii Emergency:**
+1 808 375-4657

**Student Residence Emergency:**
+1 808 381-2689

**Email:** info@icchawaii.edu

**Website:**
www.icchawaii.edu

**Hours:**
Monday – Friday
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

One bus trip costs $2.50. You can ask for a transfer that allows two free trips within two hours. If you will be on Oahu more than 2 weeks in any month, we recommend buying a bus pass.

A bus pass costs $60/month. With it you can ride any bus on Oahu at any time for that month. The bus pass is based on the calendar month (January, February, March...) not 30 days.

**Monthly Bus Pass**
BUS DIRECTIONS TO ICC HAWAII

From Waikiki (places such as Island Colony):  
Take any of these buses:  
Bus 2 or 2L – “School – Middle Street”  
Bus 19 or 20 – “Airport – Hickam”, “Downtown Aala Park” or “Airport – Pearl Ridge”  
Bus 13 - Liliha

From Hawaii Kai:  
Take: Bus 1 or 1L- “Kalihi Transit Center” or “Aala Park”

Get off at: Punchbowl and Beretania.  
Note the Capitol Building and open space on your left or ask the bus driver.

Cross Beretania Street. Walk through the Capitol building’s courtyard. Walk past the Iolani Palace to King Street. At King Street turn right and walk to Richards Street. Cross Richards Street and turn left. Look for 810 Richards Street. ICC Hawaii is on the 2nd floor.

From Kailua, Kaneohe and places on the North Shore:  
Take any bus that has one of these words: “Honolulu”, “Ala Moana”, or “Downtown”.

Get off at: Queen and Bishop. Watch for the street sign or ask the bus driver.

Cross Bishop Street. Walk straight ahead one block and cross Queen Street. Keep walking on St. to Richards street. Turn left on Richards and enter 810 Richards Street. ICC Hawaii is on the 2nd floor.

It’s OK to ask the bus driver to let you know where to get off. Remember: Exact $$ only - Bus Drivers can’t give change!

From Pearl City, Ewa beach and other places west of Downtown:  
Ask your homestay family about the bus and where to get on this bus.

Get off at:  
• Buses 1, 1L, 2, 3 and 9, get off at Hotel and Richards. Walk towards the park. Turn right on Richards and walk two blocks to 810 Richards Street. ICC Hawaii is on the 2nd floor.

• Most other buses, get off at King and Alakea. Cross Alakea and walk to Richards Street. Turn left on Richards. Walk to 810 Richards Street. ICC Hawaii is on the 2nd floor.
During your stay at ICC Hawaii, your teacher will work with you daily to make sure you are achieving your every goal and enjoying your experience with us. You will find our staff both professional and friendly, and always eager to help. We’re looking forward to seeing you in class!

**Douglas**
Director of Cambridge Preparation Courses & Instructor

**Devri**
English for Communication & Cambridge Test Preparation Instructor

**Whitney**
English for Communication Coordinator and Instructor

**Scott**
English for Communication Instructor

**Tad**
English for Communication Instructor

**Kristina**
English for Communication Instructor

**Dave**
English for Communication Instructor
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

In addition to your teacher, our Administrative Staff is here to help you have the best experience possible. Please don’t hesitate to call on us if you have any questions.

MIKA SASAMOTO
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
msasamoto@icchawaii.edu

Mika oversees all operations at ICC Hawaii. She is originally from Japan and knows the power of ESL personally. She can help you in English or Japanese.

LOUISE MINERVINO
DIRECTOR OF ACADEMICS
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Louise is available to help you with any questions regarding academics, including classes, levels, teachers, and materials. She can also advise you on higher education and ICC’s University Gateway Programs.

OLIVIA WONG
MANAGER FOR MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS
owong@icchawaii.edu

Olivia heads the marketing department at ICC and can answer any questions about partnerships, promotions, and social media. She works with agents to see that they have up-to-date information about ICC.

NATANIA S. PAYNE
REGISTRATION SPECIALIST & STUDENT RESIDENCE COORDINATOR
registrar@icchawaii.edu (Registration) npayne@icchawaii.edu (Student Residence)

Natania is an ICC alumnus. Originally from Switzerland, she can help you in German. She’s happy to help you register for classes, pay tuition, and answer any questions about visas.

Natania is also in charge of our Student Residence at Island Colony. She handles all student residence placements and can help with you Island Colony residence concerns. In the case of an emergency, you can contact Natania on the ICC emergency phone (24 hours a day).

HARMONI ELLIOTT
HOMESTAY COORDINATOR
homestay@icchawaii.edu

Harmoni is in charge of all homestay accommodations, including airport transfers and homestay placements. Harmoni can help you with homestay concerns.

KENNY CABANTING
ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR & MARKETING ASSISTANT
kcabanting@icchawaii.edu

Kenny will help you with Activities around the island! He is happy to give you more information on activities. You can sign up for activities and submit activity payments to Kenny.

KARINA DELGADO LEARY
FRONT DESK COORDINATOR & MARKETING ASSISTANT
info@icchawaii.edu

Karina will greet you at the front desk when you come to ICC. She will answer general inquiries and give overall student support.
English for Communication (EC) is our largest program for learning English. It is taught in 6 levels using the communicative approach where students learn English by using it. Full time students supplement this 16 hour/week program with a 4 hour a week elective.

Cambridge Examination Preparation Courses

ICC offers intensive courses to prepare students for the FCE, CAE and CPE tests which can be taken in Honolulu immediately following the course. For those deciding if Cambridge is right for them a short pre-preparation FCE course and introductory electives are offered at different times in the year.

Electives & Enrichment Courses

Electives and Enrichment courses are short courses designed to give students more content or practice in a skill in a specific area or an opportunity to apply English to a specific project. Some of these courses introduce students to the topics covered in the PET, FCE or PET tests. These courses can be 4 – 60 hours total. The most popular format is 16 hours: 4 hours/week for 4 weeks.

Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA)

This intensive 4 weeks University of Cambridge program prepares and certifies native and non-native English speaking students to teach English as a second language to adults.

Teen and Kids Programs

ICC has a 5-week summer program for teens ages 13 – 18 and a 3 week program for Kids ages 8 – 12. There are English lessons for 3 hours each morning (Monday – Friday) and in the afternoon teens and kids experience beautiful Hawaii through activities.

World Languages

ICC can teach most major world languages and some “less commonly taught” languages. Classes can be arranged for individuals or groups. ICC is on federal and state bid lists and can provide classes for government personnel.

Private Lessons: in Person or Online

At any time students can request more instruction and specify the areas they want to cover. These lessons can take place on campus while taking other courses at ICC or over SKYPE when students are in their home countries.
## DAILY CLASS SCHEDULES

### ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION (EC) STUDENTS: HIGH INTERMEDIATE 1 & 2 AND ADVANCED

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### CAMBRIDGE EXAM PREPARATION COURSES (CAE, CPE, FCE) SCHEDULE

- **12 Week Intensive 8:30am - 12:30pm** (Monday – Friday)
- **9 week Intensive 8:30am - 2:30pm** (Monday – Friday)

One extra hour of tutoring (5 hours a week), is available upon request for students in the Cambridge Test Preparation Classes

### TEEN PROGRAM

- English Lessons: 9am – 12:00 am Monday – Friday
- Monday – Friday
- Activities start at 12:30.
- Finishing times vary depending on activity.

### CELTA

- 9:00 – 10:00 Assisted Lesson Planning
- 10:00 – 12:00 Practice Teaching & Feedback
- 2:00 – 5:00 Content Seminar
YOUR FIRST TWO DAYS AT ICC HAWAII

All students will Need:

• Your passport
• I-20 Form – for students on student visas
• Hawaii contact information (address/phone while staying in Hawaii)
• Cash for
  o Bus Pass – If you are going to get a bus pass, it will cost $60.
  o $25 English Only Deposit, required
• Pen or Pencil.
• Paper for notes

Day 1 – English for Communication Students

• 7:45 to 8:00 am: Check in. All students must present their passports. Those with student visas must also present their I-20. Students will also have their pictures taken for their student ID.
• 8:00 am: Placement Tests – All new students will take a full Placement Test.
• 9:15 am: Orientation. Review Student Aloha Guide. Meet the staff who can help you with visa information, local accommodations and help you enjoy Hawaii through ICC Hawaii and other activities.
• Around 9:50 am: Class assignments are made. Full time students at the Intermediate, High Intermediate and Advanced levels choose an elective.
• 10:00 am: Tour of the school
• 10:20 am: Students receive books.
• 10:30 am: High Intermediate 1 & 2 and Advanced have first class Reading & Writing class.
• 12:30 - 1:00 pm: All students have a walking tour of neighborhood, inclusive of the Bus Pass Office
• 1:00 pm: Intermediates 1 and 2 and Beginners have their first class.

Day 1: Cambridge Test Preparation Students: Your First Day at ICC Hawaii

• 8:30 am Check in. All students must present their passports. Those with student visas must also present their I-20. Students will also have their pictures taken for their student ID.
• After check in you will have a sample test for your level. This is a Cambridge Test, usually one that has been used in the past.
• After the test there will be an Orientation which will include:
  o A review of the Student Guide
  o Meet the staff who can help you with visa information, local accommodations and help you enjoy Hawaii through ICC Hawaii and other activities. The Registration Specialist can answer your questions about immigration and your visa
  o A tour of the school
  o Your picture taken for your photo ID
• When your test results are ready, you will talk with your instructor who will counsel you on what they mean and what you have to do to prepare for the exam.
• Books are distributed.
• You will have a tour of ICC Hawaii’s neighborhood which includes a trip to the Bus Pass Office.
Day 2 – English for Communication & Cambridge Test Preparation

8:30 – 10:20  High Intermediates and Advanced students have their first listening and speaking class.

10:30 – 12:30  Full time High Intermediates and Advanced students have an elective class.

1:00 – 2:50  Intermediates 1 & 2 have their second class in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Beginners have their second class.

3:00 – 5:00  Full time Beginners and Intermediates 1 & 2 have their first enrichment class.

At any point in Day 1 or Day 2, if students feel they have been put in the wrong level, they should speak with either their teacher or the English for Communication Coordinator. Once a level is determined, students must meet all Student Learning Outcomes for that level to be promoted.

Day 1 & 2 – CELTA, Teens & Kids

You will receive information by email two weeks prior to the course in a separate Student Guide covering the first day and other elements of the course.
ENGLISH ONLY AND YOUR STUDENT ID

ICC Hawaii has an “English Only” policy that covers the entire campus programs and all activities with the exception of World Language classes and the computer lab. This is to help you practice your English skills and make friends with students from other cultures. In the computer lab you may Skype or use your cell phone to call people in your home country and speak your native language. Otherwise, you will only speak in English while in ICC Hawaii.

You’ll make a $25.00 cash deposit. If you speak in a language other than English, $5.00 will be deducted from your deposit. (Fines go to ICC Hawaii’s activity fund.) When you leave, present your EOD file to get your deposit back, minus any fines for breaking the “English Only” rule.

You must pick up your deposit at the front desk before you leave. ICC Hawaii will not mail or wire transfer deposits to you after your departure from ICC Hawaii nor will you be allowed to pick up your deposit if you come back to ICC Hawaii. Your deposit will not be returned or given to friends or other students.

Your student ID will look like this:

If you speak English Only at ICC Hawaii and ICC Hawaii events. You will get your full deposit back.

With this ID, you can get discounts at area attractions.

TEXTBOOKS

All ICC Hawaii students are required to pay a textbook fee (for every 16 week period).

English for Communication: this fee covers all textbook costs. Books used in elective courses will be provided, but are for rent only. Students will be able to keep all core curriculum (non-elective) course books with the exception of High Intermediate 1 Reading/Writing course Book Worms. The High Intermediate 1 Book Worms will be provided to students for rent only. However, there is the option of purchasing the High 1 book worms if students would like to keep any of the books.

Cambridge Test Preparation books are covered in the textbook fees.

CELTA books can be used at ICC Hawaii without extra charge. Those who want to write in these books or take them home can purchase them separately for under $90.
ALL STUDENTS: COUNSELING & ADVICE

As a student at ICC, you are considered a part of our family. It can be difficult transitioning into your new environment, and it’s not uncommon to feel stress or frustration while adjusting. We want you to know we are all here to help. If you are experiencing any trouble with English, with classmates, with your homestay/ accommodations, or anything else, we want you to come to us and let us find a solution. Your teachers and the whole ICC staff are prepared to listen and give assistance to any special situations that arise with complete confidentiality.

- **Academic**: Louise - Director of Academics – courses, transfers to other ICC courses or to US universities
- **English for Communication, Electives and Enrichment**: Whitney
- **Director of Cambridge Programs – are you ready for FCE, CAE or CPE?**: Douglas
- **Visas, Attendance and Immigrations**: Natania - Registration Specialist
- **Executive Director**: Mika
- **Housing (Student Residence Coordinator)**: Natania
- **Housing (Homestay Coordinator)**: Harmoni

### TRANSFERRING FROM ONE ICC PROGRAM TO ANOTHER

To transfer from one program to another CAN be done if these conditions are met. Before Arrival – If the student is 1) at the required level, 2) has the appropriate visa, 3) the class is still open, and 4) if there is a cost difference, it is paid.

After Arrival – 1) If all the pre-arrival criteria are met and 2) A $30 transfer fee is paid.

Transfers into EC, EB or Cambridge can be requested at any time. Students leaving EC for EB must do so at the start of a term and if they wish to return can only do so at the end of the term. After the second week of Cambridge there are no transfers.

### TRANSFERRING TO A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

ICC has agreements with some US colleges and universities that can smooth the admission process. Students interested in earning degrees in the US should talk with the Director of Academics.

- **Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA.** A recruiter visits ICC every fall to answer questions and recruit students to this competitive university.
- **Grossmont College, El Cajon, CA.** This is a two year college with many agreements for transfer to many 4 year colleges and universities
- **Herzing University** has campus locations in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- **Kapi‘olani Community College, Honolulu, HI** as part of the University of Hawaii system. KCC is a gateway to Universities in the UH system (Manoa, Hilo, West Oahu).
- **New York Film Academy** has locations in New York City and Los Angeles.
- **Pace University** has campuses in New York City and surrounding areas.
- **Tokai International College**, Honolulu, HI is a two year college with transfer agreements for these 4 year degree granting colleges and universities in Hawaii, on the US Mainland, in Japan and in England.
PLACEMENT

English for Communication

The Onsite Placement Test. After check in on the first day:
- There will be a speaking test and written tests of listening, grammar, vocabulary, and reading. This test takes about 60 minutes.
- Your score will determine your placement.
- If you feel the placement is wrong, talk with your teacher or the English for Communication Coordinator.
- This placement level will also be used for Electives and Enrichment courses.

Cambridge Preparation Testing

Prior to acceptance, all Cambridge Examination Students 1) show a Cambridge Certificate for the previous level or 2) the ICC pre-test. This will give a preliminary assessment of your proficiency. If it is not sufficient for the level you want to take, ICC will contact you or your agent to advise you of your options.

On the first day at ICC, a sample test is given. This gives you a clearer indication of your proficiency. You will be counseled by the Cambridge faculty as to your preparation needs.

Kids and Teens

Prior to acceptance Kids and Teens take a pre-test and the curriculum for each class is developed based on the results of this test.

CELTA

Students are selected by means of an interview and pre-interview task. There are no levels.
**HOW COURSES ARE TESTED**

English for Communication students are tested on the week’s material on the Friday of week 1, 2, and 3 of a term. In the last week, the test is on a Thursday. On the last Friday, students have a consultation with their instructor and receive a written Progress Assessment. If students have successfully completed each course in the level (a grade of 80% is considered successful completion), they are promoted to the next level.

Electives and Enrichment courses are graded Pass or Fail. The syllabus for each class list the skills students need to pass the course.

International Business English has weekly quizzes. Team work on case studies is assessed by a rubric.

Cambridge Test Preparation testing is frequent, including quizzes, long tests, sample tests and self and peer assessments.

Teens and Kids can earn badges from “Wave Rider” to “Wipe Out”.

CELTa assessment is defined in the Syllabus at: http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/images/21816-celta-syllbus.pdf

**ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION - GRADUATION**

On the last Friday of each term there are no classes. Students have a one-on-one consultation with their instructor. Students who have been at ICC more than 6 weeks can take and exit test to see how their skills compare with their skills upon enrollment. There is a graduation ceremony where students leaving ICC receive a certificate for the number of weeks that they have completed. They do not receive credit for weeks in which their attendance is 80% or lower.
US Immigration Policies Regarding F-1 Student Visa Holders

Full time enrollment at ICC is 20 hours per week for which most students from abroad will need an F-1 student visa. This visa, issued by the US Department of State, is required for non-US Citizens enrolling in 18 hours a week or more of classes. Exceptions are green card holders and their dependents that may enroll either a full time or part time.

While the minimum hours of school enrollment: 18 class hours per week at ICC, the schedule for full time students is 20 hours/week. There is no maximum for F1 student visa holders.

These regulations apply:

Address Change: You must notify your school within 10 days of an address change
- At ICC, notify the Registration Specialist
Staying in the US: You can stay in the US for up to
- 60 days of vacation in the U.S. after the completing school work on the date stated on your I-20.
- 15 days if you leave school before the date stated on your I-20.
- 0 days if your I-20 is terminated.
Staying longer than the I-20 date
- See the Registration Specialist to complete a “Change of Study Request Form” to extend your period of study and pay for the future study in full. This must be done before the end day.
Transfer to another school in the US
- See the DSO at the school to which you want to transfer to get a transfer form.
- The other school will use this to get your SEVIS record transferred.
- You must start at the new school within 60 days.
Vacations and Leaves of Absence
- See the Registration specialist to complete a “Change of Study Request Form” at least one week in advance.
- The request must be approved by the Registrar before you can take the time off.
- ICC must know if you will return to your country on your vacation because ICC must sign the third page so that you can re-enter the U.S.
- You may take a vacation or leave of absence of 1 week for every 12 weeks of study.
- If you miss class exams because of your vacation, you will not be allowed to change your class level and you will not receive credit for the 4-week term.
- If you are gone 6 weeks or more, you will need to take a Placement Test at 7:45am the Monday morning of your return.

Attendance

- All students who miss 4 days in a term will receive a probation letter. This means that you will not get this term’s credit on your graduation certificate.
- F-1 Students need to be aware that they can lose their student visa for poor attendance.
- If an I-20 is cancelled, the student must leave the US immediately.
Policies for International Students at ICC without Student Visas

Part time students are enrolled in a maximum of 16 hours a week of instruction. These students may be
• Holders of B1/B2 (Tourist) Visas, issued by the US Department of State. Students may study at ICC during the time listed on the visa.
• From one of the 38 “visa waiver” countries. “Visa Waiver” students can study at ICC for under 18 hours per week for up to 90 days without a visa. There is no extension of the 90 days.
• US citizens or green card holders or their dependents who can enroll full time or part time.

The courses at ICC which do not require student visas for most international students:
• English for Communication without the elective/enrichment supplement which totals 16 hours a week
• Teen and Kids’ programs – 15 hours a week
• Private Lessons, World Language and Custom programs that are under 18 hours per week.
• Custom designed courses for individuals, schools, or tour groups.

ALL STUDENTS: ATTENDANCE POLICIES

ICC allows only 3 absences for each 4-week period. If you have 3 absences in one four week period you will be given a warning. If you have 4 absences you will be given a probation letter and your certificate of completion will not include that 4-week period.

If you arrive after the first 10 minutes of class you are marked late. 3 late arrivals = 1 absence. If you miss more than 30 minutes of class you will be marked absent. If you are absent on more than 1 test day, you will not receive a grade for that course.

Exception: Cambridge students are allowed 3 absences in 12 weeks or 2 in 9 weeks (intensive program).
At ICC there is a bulletin board where students sign up for group activities. There are about 10 neighbor island visits (Maui, Hawaii and Kauai) a year. This is a great opportunity to see all Hawaii has to offer, get to know new friends, and practice your English skills in the real world!

Here are just a few of the most popular activities you can sign up for:

**ACTIVITIES**

- **Hiking**
- **Swimming with Dolphins**
- **UKulele**
- **Scuba Diving**
- **Ohana Potluck**
- **Hula**
OTHER ACTIVITIES AT ICC HAWAII

Beach BBQs, Sightseeing, Festivals, Snorkeling, Sunset Boat Rides, Movies, Polo Games, College Basketball and Football Games, Concerts, Hawaiian Culture Events, Outlet Shopping, Cooking Classes, Dining Out, Weekend Trips to the Hawaiian Islands, and much, much more!

STAY CONNECTED

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INFORMATION ABOUT HAWAII

Accommodations
We offer full-service accommodation services for students who would like to stay in a homestay, student residence, apartment, or hotel. With a homestay, you live with a local family and are provided breakfast and dinner. Homestay placements are according to availability and student preferences and may be a 30-60 minute bus ride from school. Our student residence is located at Island Colony Suites Hotel, within walking distance to the beach, shopping, and nightlife and a 20-minute bus ride to school.

Activities
We have fun activities outside of class that are led by teachers and staff. At activities you can get to know other students, learn the local culture, and practice speaking English. Some of the favorite activities are: swimming with dolphins, hiking, barbecues, surfing, and hula dancing. See the activities board or online calendar at http://icchawaii.edu/student-life/calendars/ to learn more.

Aloha and Mahalo
You will hear these two Hawaiian words during your stay very often. “Aloha” has many meanings, but generally means “Hello” or “Good Bye”, and “Mahalo” means “Thank you”.

Bicycles/Mopeds/Cars
Bicycles: You can buy a bicycle for less than $100 at Wal-Mart store or rent a bike. Bicycle parking in the ICC basement garage is free and safe. Do not ride your bicycle on the sidewalk and please wear a helmet! There are many bicycle racks in Honolulu. Some are shaped like bicycles.

Bus: Most ICC students ride the bus. See page 5 for bus pass information.

Mopeds
Moped rentals are a fun and economical way to get around Hawaii too. There is one near the Kamehameha Statue as you walk towards ICC and another at the Fort Street Mall. Parking in the ICC building varies from being free to up to $2/day.

Cars
To rent a car you must be 21 years or older and use a credit card. You must pay for your car parking at ICC or in area parking meters or lots. The bus generally makes travel in town easier and less expensive, though a car is the best way to visit the beautiful North Shore on the weekends!

Cell Phone & Local Telephone Cards
Using your home country’s cell phone can be very expensive. You can buy a cheap prepaid cell phone; the AT&T Go Phone is a good choice (at Wal-Mart) or a Prepaid Telephone Card. You may use the Internet in our Computer lab and call home on Skype (www.skype.com) for free.

Crossing the Street
You need to follow the traffic signs for “Walk” and “Don’t Walk.” If you disobey the signs, and are caught, the fine is $130!
Drinking Age in Hawaii is 21
You’ll be asked to show your driver’s license or national identity card as proof of age to buy alcohol at grocery stores or in a restaurant or bar. It is illegal to drink alcohol at the beach, in the parks, in cars, buses and in public areas. Drinking and driving any kind of vehicle is illegal in Hawaii. Doing so will result in large fines or jail.

Smoking
Under Hawaii’s “Smoke-Free” Law, there is no smoking in public spaces such as bars, restaurants, airports, theaters, offices, schools, at bus stops or within 20 feet (6 meters) of a window or doorway. ICC has a smoking area in the back of the building on the upper floor parking lot.

There is no smoking at these popular beaches: Kuhio Beach Park, Kapiolani Park and Beach, Duke Kahanamoku Beach, Hanauma Bay, Ala Moana Beach Park, Sandy Beach and others. On January 1, 2014, smoking was banned at all public recreational areas in Honolulu.

Special Events
Honolulu has some really great annual events. Here are the popular ones with 2016 dates:

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Tipping
It is customary to leave a tip of 15-20% in restaurants, bars, salons and spas. Tips for taxi drivers and valet attendants are 10-15%. Tipping is not required in cafeterias and fast food restaurants.

Travel Insurance
It is recommended that you purchase travel insurance in your country in case you need emergency medical care.

Weather
Although Hawaii is considered the land of the endless summers, we do have colder days, especially in the winter, and there will be some rainy days. Average temperatures during the winter (December-April) are around 75°F (24°C) and between 79-86°F (26-30°C) in the summer (May-November). The ocean water temperature varies from about 76-81°F (24-27°C). Humidity tends to be high, but the trade winds make the air comfortable.
IF YOU GET SICK

We advise you to arrive with a health insurance plan that is valid in the US. There are travel insurance packages available through agents and some credit cards. Without insurance, a visit to the doctor can be very costly. An emergency room visit can cost in the $1000s.

If you buy insurance in the US, it will not cover everything. Usually there will be a deductible, meaning that after you pay $10, $50 or $1000 (etc.), the insurance will pay for the remainder. Sometimes there is a co-pay meaning that both you and the company pay something. How much these deductibles and co-pays will cover depends on your plan. The more you pay, the more is covered. You will also need to consider if a plan covers only health or if it covers accidents as well.

If you need to see a doctor but it isn’t an emergency, don’t go to a hospital. Instead, look for a Clinic. The staff at ICC will gladly help you locate one close to your home. These are less expensive health care facilities for more common and easy-to-treat ailments like colds, allergies, viruses, or aches and pains. Here are a few clinics in the Honolulu area:

HONOLULU

- **Honolulu Clinic**  
  1010 Pensacola St., Honolulu HI  
  (808) 432-2000

- **Queen Emma Clinics**  
  1301 Punchbowl St, Honolulu, HI  
  (808) 547-4970

- **Straub Clinic & Hospital**  
  888 S King St, Honolulu, HI  
  (808) 522-4000

WAIKIKI

- **Waikiki Health Center**  
  277 Ohua Ave, Honolulu, HI  
  (808) 922-4787

- **Urgent Care Clinic of Waikiki**  
  2155 Kalakaua Ave #308, Honolulu, HI  
  (808) 924-3399

EAST OAHU

- **Straub Hawaii Kai Family Health Center**  
  Koko Marina Shopping Center  
  (808) 396-6321

- **Kahala Urgent Care**  
  4218 Waialae Ave, Honolulu, HI  
  (808) 735-0007
SAFETY & EMERGENCIES

We care very much about the safety of our students here at ICC Hawaii and have an emergency disaster plan in place to contact you in the event of an emergency.

In the event of a tsunami, hurricane, earthquake, or other area-wide emergency, you can get information from:

1. ICC Hawaii’s Facebook page: facebook.com/icchawaii
   Updated information regarding weather related and other disasters will be posted on our facebook page.

2. ICC Hawaii Emergency Number: (808) 375-4657
   Call this number in the case of an emergency. This cell phone is carried at all times by an ICC staff member who can help in the event of an emergency.

3. Island Colony Emergency phone number: (808) 381-2689
   For Island Colony (Student Residence) related emergencies, please call the Student Residence emergency phone. This cell phone is carried at all times by our ICC Hawaii Residence Manager, who can help in the event of an emergency.

4. ICC homepage http://www.icchawaii.edu/ will be updated with useful information

Emergency Telephone number if you need police or medical assistance: 911

Safety Tips:

• Don’t leave your belongings unattended (especially on the beach)- Honolulu is a fairly safe place, but it isn’t 100% crime-free. When you go to the beach or when you are at a park or restaurant, keep your things close or ask someone you trust to watch them if you step away.
• Don’t open the door to strangers and keep your apartment door locked all times.
• Don’t walk alone after dark or carry a lot of money with you. Robberies are rare, but they can happen.
• Ignore strangers who ask you for money. You will find there is a surprisingly visible homeless community living on the island. It’s best not to get into conversations with strangers, because they will often take advantage of a kind person.
• Be cautious when accepting an invitation. It’s great to meet new friends and get to know locals, too. Just use your best judgment in social situations.
• Don’t drive if you have been drinking, don’t pick up hitchhikers, and pay the little extra for insurance when you rent a car in case anything happens.
• Don’t go to the beach after dark (all beaches close at 10:00 PM). Police will get involved if you are hanging around too late.
• Don’t swim alone, always go with a friend and face towards the ocean when you are standing on the reef or rocks by the ocean. Big waves can knock you down.
• Don’t go hiking alone, always go with friend or group and make sure that someone knows your hiking trail. Only go hiking during the daytime and always check the weather forecast.
• Don’t drink alcohol on the beach: You can get a ticket or go to jail.
Mahalo nui loa (*thank you very much*) for joining us to study at Intercultural Communications College.

**We wish you a wonderful study experience!**