ALOHA!

We are very excited to welcome you to our school and to beautiful Hawaii. To help prepare you for an amazing experience in Hawaii, we created this guide to provide you with some useful information about our school and our city.
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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 U.S. airport on your way to Honolulu, you can go straight to the Baggage Claim. If you go through US Customs and Immigration in Honolulu, it usually takes about 1 hour. You will be digitally photographed and finger printed. Exit the airport through the Individual Passenger Exit door (NOT Group Tour Exit).

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 Oceania, 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.

If Hawaii is your first stop in the U.S.

- Once arriving at Daniel K. Inouye International Airport, you will need to go through customs & immigration before exiting the international arrivals baggage claim.
- If someone is picking you up, when exiting the baggage claim, there will be someone waiting for you with a sign that has your name on it.

If Hawaii is NOT your first stop in the U.S.

- Once arriving at Daniel K. Inouye International Airport, you can go straight to baggage claim.
- When exiting the baggage claim, if you’ve requested an airport pick-up* there will be someone waiting for you with a sign that has your name on it.

* Airport pick-ups are by request only, unless you are staying in a homestay.
HISTORY OF HAWAII

Before becoming a part of the US, Hawaii was once its own Hawaiian kingdom. King Kamehameha united the warring factions of Hawaii Island and went on to unify all of the Hawaiian Islands into one royal kingdom in 1810. “The Aloha State” became the 50th state in 1959, but the history of Hawaii goes back centuries earlier. It is believed that roughly 1,500 years ago, Polynesians from the Marquesas Islands first set foot on Hawaii Island. With only the stars to guide them, they sailed over 2000 miles in canoes to migrate to the Islands.

In the 20th century, sugar and pineapple plantations fueled Hawaii’s economy, bringing an influx of Japanese, Chinese, Filipino and Portuguese immigrants. This mix of immigrant ethnicities is what makes Hawaii’s population so diverse today.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT HAWAII

During your stay in Hawaii, there are two Hawaiian words that you’ll often hear: “Aloha” and “Mahalo”. “Aloha” has many meanings, but generally it means “Hello” or “Good Bye”. “Mahalo” means “Thank you”.

• Nickname: The Aloha State
• Hawaii is made up of 8 major islands: Hawaii Island (Big Island), Maui, Kahoolawe, Lana‘i, Moloka‘i, Oahu, Kaua‘i, Niihau
• Only U.S. state with tropical rainforests
• Only U.S. state that grows coffee commercially
• Kilauea volcano, located on the Big Island, is the only active volcano in the United States
• State fish: humuhumunukunukuapua‘a
• English, Hawaiian, and Hawaiian Pidgin are the official state languages
LIVING IN HAWAII

We hope you are excited to come to Hawaii! Hawaii truly is a tropical paradise. To ensure that you have the best experience possible, we would like to give you a glimpse into what living in Hawaii is like.

BEAUTIFUL & ABUNDANT NATURE

In Hawaii, we are blessed with world class beaches, majestic mountains and rainforests, and endless waterfalls. Be sure to explore all that Hawaii has to offer by participating in the various water activities and hikes available at ICC Hawaii!

WEATHER IN HAWAII

Generally speaking, Hawaii has great weather all year round. Hawaii has “endless summers,” but the weather does get a little cooler during the winter months. Average temperatures during the winter (December-April) are around 75°F (24°C). In the summer (May-November), average temperatures are between 79-86°F (26-30°C). 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 much more comfortable than most other tropical locales.

Tropical climates do mean that pests, such as ants and mosquitoes are common, but you can minimize the presence of these pests by keeping your living spaces clean. The hurricane season in Hawaii is officially from June to November. However, the chance of a hurricane hitting Oahu is rare. The last hurricane to hit Hawaii was in 1992, and that mostly affected the outer island of Kauai.
OAHU NEIGHBORHOODS
Honolulu has a rich diversity of distinct neighborhoods, cultures, and communities. Here are a few neighborhoods that we recommend visiting while you are here!

1 **Ala Moana/Kaka’ako**
   ICC Hawaii is located in this district of Honolulu. Ala Moana is home to the Ala Moana Shopping Center, the biggest open air mall in the U.S. Tourists and locals alike come to this center to enjoy world-class shopping and eating! Just a few minutes away from Ala Moana Shopping Center is Kaka’ako, a revitalized urban community of retail, restaurants, and entertainment. Consolidated Theatres Ward (movie theater) is located in the Ward Village area of Kaka’ako.

2 **Waikiki**
   Waikiki is home to the world famous Waikiki beach, a gorgeous 2 mile (3.2 km) stretch of beach surrounded by clear, turquoise water. Our Student Residence at Island Colony is conveniently located in the heart of Waikiki, so students can enjoy walking to hundreds of restaurants, bars, nightclubs, world class shopping, and, of course, Waikiki beach!

3 **Downtown Honolulu**
   Downtown Honolulu is considered the financial district of Oahu. Here, you’ll discover places such as Chinatown, a variety of eclectic restaurants, bars, nightclubs and boutiques. Downtown is also the historical and cultural district of Oahu. Important landmarks like Iolani Palace, King Kamehameha the Great statue, and Aloha Tower are great places to check out when you’re in the area.

4 **Hawaii Kai**
   Hawaii Kai is a largely residential area of Honolulu and is located on the southeastern end of Oahu. A large proportion of homestay families are located in this safe and quiet neighborhood of Honolulu.

5 **Kailua**
   About 30 minutes away from Waikiki is a small beach town called Kailua. This quaint and charming residential community is home to some of America’s most beautiful beaches.

6 **North Shore (Oahu)**
   Oahu’s legendary North Shore is home to some of the most exhilarating surfing competitions. If you are here during the winter months (November – January), be sure to check out some of the surf competitions on the North shore. Other popular destinations in this area are historic Haleiwa town, garlic shrimp trucks in Kahuku, and the Polynesian Cultural Center.

SPIRIT OF ALOHA
Hawaii has some of the friendliest people in the U.S. Once you arrive in Hawaii, you will be greeted with the Hawaiian sense of Aloha (loving, welcoming spirit).

SAFETY
We are very lucky to be living in Honolulu, one of the safest cities in the U.S. However, as with any city, we advise that students take basic precautions during their time here. On your first day at ICC Hawaii, we will provide you with some important safety tips in our ALOHA GUIDE.
TIPPING CULTURE
In the U.S., it is customary to tip in restaurants and when using taxi services. When dining in restaurants or drinking at a bar, it is appropriate to tip between 15%-20%. Tipping in taxis is a minimum of 15%. Tipping is not required in cafeterias and fast food restaurants.

SMOKING & ALCOHOL
As of Jan. 1, 2016, the State of Hawaii prohibits individuals under the age of 21 from buying, possessing or consuming tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, and bans businesses from selling these products to those under the age of 21. Local restaurants are also enforcing this new law by prohibiting smoking inside the facility, especially when it comes to e-cigarettes.

The drinking age in Hawaii is 21. You will 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.

TELEPHONE
The area code of the entire state of Hawaii is 808. If you are calling from a local (Hawaii) phone, you only need to dial the last seven digits of a telephone number. If you are calling a number outside of Hawaii, you will need to dial 1-808 plus the seven digit telephone number.

The emergency number for all health, safety, and crime emergencies is 911. You can call from any phone or pay phone free of charge.

Pre-paid cellphones can be purchased and used throughout Hawaii. You can purchase pre-paid phones at various stores, including Walmart.

CLOTHING
Generally speaking, the weather in Hawaii is warm, so plan to bring a lot of cool, casual clothing. The air conditioning on the bus and in many buildings can be quite strong, so we recommend bringing a light jacket with you as well. If you plan on going to the beach, hiking, or doing any outdoor activities in Hawaii, be sure to pack swimwear, hiking shoes, and other activity specific clothing.

VOLTAGE
- Voltage: 120 V
- Frequency: 60 Hz
- Power sockets: type A / B

In Hawaii the power sockets used are of type A / B
WHAT TO PACK PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

Make sure to review luggage and carry-on bag policy with different airlines.

CLOTHING
- T-shirts
- Swimsuit
- Hat
- Running shoes, Flip-flops, Sandals
- Jeans
- Shorts
- Socks
- Rash guard
- Underwear
- Thin jacket, long-sleeve shirts

OTHER ITEMS TO CONSIDER
- Sunglasses
- Swim goggles
- Camera
- Dictionary
- 120V Plug
- Sunscreen
- Items you can share from your home country
- Study materials: notebook, pen/pencil

ITEMS TO BRING ON PLANE
- Passport
- I-20 (Students with student visas)
- ICC Hawaii Acceptance Letter
- Flight & Accommodation Information
- Any medication needed (prescription, pain reliever)
- Toiletries, change of clothes & underwear in case of flight delays or baggage problems
- Phone/Laptop
- Headphones/earphones
- Reading material
- Money/credit cards
- Pen
- Thin Jacket or blanket
- Snacks

TRAVEL INSURANCE
It is recommended that you purchase travel insurance in your country in case you need emergency medical care.
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
  - If you are going to take the bus, you will need $2.75 exact change.
  - Bus Pass – If you are going to get a bus pass, it will cost $70 (CASH only).
  - $25 English Only Deposit, required of all ESL students
- 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.
- 8:15 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 10 am: Class assignments are made and students receive books. Full time students at the Intermediate, High Intermediate and Advanced levels choose an elective.
- 10:00 am: Tour of the school
- 10:30 am: High Intermediate 1 & 2 and Advanced have first class Reading & Writing class.
- 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

- 8:00am 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:
  - A review of the Student Guide
  - Meeting 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
  - A tour of the school
  - 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.
- 8:30 – 10:20  Cambridge Test Preparation students have an orientation and take a sample test.
- 10:30 – 12:30 Full time High Intermediates and Advanced students have an elective class.
- 1:00 – 2:50   Intermediates 1 & 2 and Beginners have their second class in speaking, listening, reading, and writing.
- 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
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.

TEXTBOOKS
English for Communication (EC): your books and materials fee covers EC textbook costs. When elective courses require books, they are provided, but are for rent only. Students will be able to keep all core curriculum (non-elective) course books. There is the option of purchasing the elective books 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 $95.
# Daily Class Schedules

## English for Communication (EC) Students: High Intermediate 1 & 2 and Advanced

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## English for Communication (EC) Students: Intermediate 1 & 2 and Beginner

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<td>3:00 – 5:00</td>
<td>Enrichment (Full Time Students)</td>
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## Cambridge Exam Preparation Courses (CAE, CPE, FCE) Schedule

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<td>1-2 Writings per week with instructor feedback</td>
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<td>10:40 am - 12:30 pm</td>
<td>2-3 Grammar hours per week</td>
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<td>1-2 Speaking practice sessions per week</td>
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## Teens & Kids Programs

English Lessons:
9:00am – 12:00pm Monday – Friday
Activities start at 1:00pm.
Finishing times vary depending on activity.

## CELTA

9:00am – 10:00am Assisted Lesson Planning
10:00am – 12:00pm Practice Teaching & Feedback
2:00pm – 5:00pm Content Seminar
LOCATION & CONTACT INFORMATION

Address:  
1585 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1000  
Honolulu, HI 96814

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

ICC Hawaii Emergency:  
+1 808 946-2445

Email: info@icchawaii.edu

Website:  
www.icchawaii.edu

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

HOW TO FIND ICC HAWAII CLASSROOMS

1. Walk past Shokudo Restaurant and Bread and Butter Island Cafe until you see the blue elevators.  
2. Select floor 7. Once you arrive on floor 7, walk into the lobby and down the hallway until you find a second set of elevators.  
3. Select floor 10 and take the second elevator up.  
4. Once you exit the elevator you will be at our entrance.

GETTING AROUND OAHU

PUBLIC BUS

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The bus pass is based on the calendar month (January, February, March..) not 30 days.

Please see the front desk for more information about the U-Pass program (Discounted long-term bus pass).
GETTING TO ICC HAWAII BY BUS

From Waikiki (places such as Island Colony):
Bus 5, 8, 19, 20 (on Kuhio Avenue)
Get off: Atkinson + Ala Moana Blvd.

Bus 3, 9, 13, A
Get off: Kapiolani + Kaheka

From Kaimuki, Hawaii Kai:
Take: Bus 1 or 1L
Get off: S Beretania St + Opp Kalakaua Ave

From Kailua, Kaneohe and places on the North Shore:
Take any bus that says “Honolulu”, “Downtown” or “Ala Moana”. If you don’t have a monthly buss pass, get an all-day pass ($5.00 exact change).
Get off at Bishop and Hotel Street. Cross Hotel Street and go right to a major bus stop. Take Bus 3, 9 or 13 and get off at Kapiolani Blvd and Mahukona Street.

Bus 57A
Get off: Kona St + Opp Keeaumoku St

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!

The DaBus App

The DaBus app takes the guess work out of catching the bus on the island of Oahu. It uses the near real-time arrival information to provide the best estimated time on when the next bus will arrive. This app also tracks the current location of the bus you are interested using the GPS device installed on many of the buses. In addition, it also provides options to explore different bus routes and take a virtual ride to better understand its route. This app is fun, simple and intuitive to use. Best of all, it is absolutely FREE!
Taxis
On average, taxis in Hawaii can range from $3-$4 starting rate depending on what company you use. Some local taxis include The Cab and Charley’s Taxi.

Uber & Lyft
In the recent months, Uber and Lyft have become widely used among many commuters. By downloading these apps, you can now get a taxi in minutes. When you book for the first time with any of these companies, you will get up to $20 off your first trip. Both Lyft and Uber are convenient because they give you fare estimate prior to requesting a taxi. In addition, you have the choice of splitting the fare with others.

Mopeds
Moped rentals are a fun and economical way to get around Hawaii too. Moped rentals usually start at $40/day. Parking can be found on the 2nd level of Ala Moana Shopping Center.

Cars
To rent a car you must be 21 years or older and use a credit card. If you are between the age of 21 - 24, and plan on renting a car, you will be required to pay an extra fee for insurance. 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!

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! It is illegal to cross the street while looking at your phone.

Bicycles
Bicycles: You can buy a bicycle for less than $100 at Walmart store or rent a bike at one of the many “Biki” racks. Bicycle parking can be found on the 2nd level of Ala Moana Shopping Center. 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.
ACTIVITIES

At ICC there is a bulletin board where students sign up for group activities. There are about 5 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:

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES AT ICC HAWAII

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

To see a list of activities for each month in 2018, please visit www.icchawaii.edu/activities
SPECIAL EVENTS

Honolulu has some really great annual events. Here are the 2017 dates of the most popular ones:

March 10 - 12                Honolulu Festival
April 16 - 22                 Merrie Monarch Festival
May 1                        Lei Day Celebration
May 29                       Lantern Floating Ceremony
July 4                       Fireworks at various locations
June 9                       Kamehameha Floral Parade
June 11                      King Kamehameha Day
July 15 - 16                 Prince Lot Hula Festival
July 16                      Ukulele Festival
Sep. 9 - 30                  Aloha Festivals
Oct. 31                      Halloween in Waikiki
Dec. 5 - Dec. 20             Vans Triple Crown of Surfing
Dec. 5 - Jan. 1              Honolulu City Lights
Dec. 10                      Honolulu Marathon
If you need to contact an ICC Hawaii staff member for an emergency or any other important issue, you can contact:

**ICC HAWAII HOMESTAY: 808-342-4323**
If you need to report an emergency or some other important information regarding homestay, please contact our Homestay Coordinator at this number.

**STUDENT RESIDENCE (Island colony, Aloha Drive, Waikiki Gateway): 808-381-2689**
This cell phone is carried at all times by an ICC Hawaii staff member, who can help with emergencies related to Island Colony and Aloha Drive Student Housing.
MAHALO NUI LOA!
Thank you very much for joining us to study at Intercultural Communications College. We wish you a wonderful study experience!