



CASSAS' First Semester Survival Guide For A&S Students



Fall 2009 Dates



Timely Suggestions

<p>Various Dates Placement Exams</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Click here to see which courses require placement exams and when they are offered
<p>August 17-19 -Assigned registration for incoming students August 24 -Late registration begins (\$30 late fee)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Registration information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ http://manoa.hawaii.edu/records/register/index.html ◦ Students who attend NSO will have an earlier registration time. ➤ Seek academic advising! This is a busy time for the advising office so take advantage of NSO/Warrior Welcome Week advising sessions and our walk-in hours specifically for new students. You are also welcome to schedule an individual appointment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Click on the above hyperlink for appointment information.
<p>August 19 and 24 -Walk-in Advising for new A&S students Time: Between 9 am-1 pm Check-in at QLC 113</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Come to advising appointments prepared with your Advising Handbook and A&S Program Sheet. If you don't already have them, click on the hyperlinks to download a copy of both!
Week 1	
<p>August 24 -First Day of Classes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Make sure you read your course syllabi so you know what you are responsible for and what to expect. The syllabus will usually list important items such as exam dates, homework assignments, and instructor office hours. ➤ Get a calendar or planner and write in academic deadlines and all of your exam dates and locations so you can manage your time and be prepared for your busiest weeks. ➤ Go to class...no really, go to class. It's been proven that the students who go to class are more successful—just saying! ➤ Introduce yourself to your professors and/or TAs. ➤ Tip—Take this time management survey on the George Mason University website and read about how much time you should devote each week to studying outside of class: http://counseling.gmu.edu/time.htm
Week 2	
<p>August 31 Last day to DROP sections without "W" grade (4 pm) September 2 -Last day to ADD a course (4 pm) -Last day to receive a 100% tuition refund (4 pm) -Payment receipt deadline (4 pm)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Keep these dates in mind in case you need to make changes to your schedule after experiencing the first week or for other reasons. Speak with an advisor if you have questions. ➤ Between September 1-October 23, you may still be able to withdraw from a course. However, you will need an instructor's signature on a "Drop" form (instructors retain the right to approve whether you can withdraw from a course). This form must be processed by Admissions and Records. You will receive a "W" on your transcript for a course you withdraw from after August 31. Again, speak with an advisor if you have questions about this! ➤ Be sure to clear up any financial obligations by Sept. 2 or a hold will be placed on your registration. ➤ Start early –seek out learning strategies, tutoring, and other academic resources. College is a lot different than high school, so don't wait until mid-terms to begin studying and asking for help! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Visit the Learning Assistance Center in Sinclair Library: http://manoa.hawaii.edu/learning/tutoring.html ◦ Visit the Student Success Center in Sinclair Library: http://gohere.manoa.hawaii.edu/
Week 3	
<p>September 7 -Labor Day Holiday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Start building your campus community! Get involved through clubs, athletics, intramurals, and various other groups—take advantage of what a large research university has to offer. Start by browsing co-curricular opportunities and deciding on an activity that matches with your interests and/or goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ http://www.hawaii.edu/caps/ ◦ Remember not to over-extend yourself. Academics come first! ➤ Two heads are better than one! Form study groups with your peers.
Week 4	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Now that you are getting settled, take some time to familiarize yourself with campus resources and opportunities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Make a trip to Queen Lili'uokalani Center (Student Services Building) to see what is available to you. ◦ Look through the list of resources and recommended reading in your Advising Handbook
Week 5	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review your Program Requirement sheet to get a handle on what the next four years has in store. Additional copies can be found by clicking here. ➤ Reflect on and answer the questions on the "Freshman Planning Sheet" (also found in your Advising Handbook). ➤ As an A&S student, you have so much freedom in crafting your educational journey. Think

	of ways to make the most of it!
Week 6	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review your syllabi to see if you have assignments or exams coming up. ➤ You may have mid-terms starting this week. If not, they are just around the corner! Don't wait until the last minute. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Give yourself plenty of time to review the material. ◦ Talk with the instructor if you don't understand certain concepts. Instructors usually appreciate students who show genuine interest in the subject and want to learn!
Week 7	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Take advantage of all UH-M has to offer! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Browse through the Events Calendar and attend a lecture, performance, info session, or other activity of interest.
Week 8	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Become more familiar with the advising resources available at UH-Manoa. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Browse through all of the tutorials and information on the CASSAS website.
Week 9	
October 23 -Last day to withdrawal from course with a "W" (4 pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If you are considering withdrawing from a course, don't wait until the deadline because you'll need to get your instructor's signature and turn in a "Drop" form to Admissions and Records! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Ask your instructor and academic advisor for input before you make the decision. ◦ Consider the impact on your full-time student status and progress.
Week 10 - 11	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Continue working hard to build relationships with your instructors, advisors, and peers. ➤ Don't forget about the academic help available to you (click here). ➤ Explore the plethora of available resources in the Career Development and Student Employment office!
Week 12	
November 11 - Veteran's Day Holiday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ See a CASSAS advisor and major advisor to discuss your Spring 2010 schedule. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Bring your "Freshman Planning Sheet," "Program Requirement Sheet," and Advising Handbook to appointments. ➤ Consider registering for a Freshman Seminar during the spring.
Week 13	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Keep an eye out for the <i>Schedule of Classes</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Pick up a hardcopy, usually available at Admissions and Records. ◦ Become familiar with the focus list on page 21 and look into grade and pre-requisite requirements for courses in the Catalog. ◦ Always refer to the online version as well, since it will contain the most updated course information and availability.
Week 14	
November 26 -Thanksgiving Holiday November 27 -Instructional Holiday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Enjoy your holiday, but remember that finals are just a few weeks away. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Start studying now and make a plan to budget your time for each of your final exams/papers.
Week 15	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Registration will begin soon! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Make sure you check your registration time on MyUH.
Week 16	
December 10 -Last day of classes! December 11-12 -Study Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Get any last minute assistance from instructors and attend all offered review sessions. ➤ Study!!!
Week 17	
December 14-18 -Final Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Good luck on finals! ➤ Besides studying, remember to eat right, exercise, and get plenty of sleep so you can think clearly. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Click here for a list of best and worst "brain foods." ➤ Congrats on a successful first semester!