



## Pre-arrival Information

### Aloha!

In this package, you will find information about what to do next to prepare for studying at IMPAC in the upcoming term. Please read all the information.

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## WHAT TO DO NEXT

### Paying for I-901 SEVIS fee

You must pay a fee for your I-20 **before** you can apply for a Student Visa. Please check your I-20 for any errors. If you find any errors, contact us right away. To pay the fee visit: [www.fmiffee.com](http://www.fmiffee.com).

### Remember!

- Be sure to use a computer with a printer because you will need to print your receipt.
- If you need help on how to pay the fee, you can see the payment instructions on our website.

### Applying for the Student (F-1) Visa

1. Make an appointment with the U.S. Consulate/Embassy in your home country.  
<http://www.usembassy.gov/> (Click on the map to find the list of countries)
2. Prepare your documents for the visa interview.  
Tip: Check your home country's US embassy/consulate for required documents and updated information.
3. Go to your visa interview  
Tip: Make sure you have all the required documents.  
Tip: Know your documents. Can you answer the following questions? (These questions are only examples.)  
Why do you want to study in the U.S./Hawaii/IMPAC?  
What is the name of your school? How did you pick your school?  
What is an I-20 Form?  
Who will pay for your studies? How much money will you have each month?  
How long will you study at IMPAC? What will you do after studying at IMPAC?  
What is the name of your program? (Answer: IEPP)  
When will you start your program? (Answer: e.g. Q2-16 or "Spring Term"). If you are not sure, check our Term Calendar on our website at <http://impachawaii.edu/iepp.php>.
4. After you receive your visa, check the information on the visa. If you see any errors, you need to contact the embassy/consulate immediately!  
Remember! You can only enter the U.S. up to 30 days before your program start date.

Aloha!

IMPAC is an accredited English-language school founded in 1991 on the island of O’ahu in the state of Hawai’i. Hawai’i offers a wonderful “ohana” (family) atmosphere in which to study English in a multi-cultural setting.

IMPAC will help improve your English skills and assist you in your language-learning goals--whether for travel, business, or day-to-day life in the United States. We offer small classes where you can interact with your classmates and build on your knowledge and skills of grammar, listening, speaking, reading, writing, vocabulary and idioms.

### About Our Program, IEPP

Intensive English Proficiency Program (IEPP) is a twelve-week course offered four times a year in January, April, July and October. You are required to obtain an F-1 Visa to attend this program. IEPP has six levels, from beginner to advanced, designed to accommodate long-term students studying for three months or more. IEPP is perfect for you, if you would like to gain a deeper understanding of the English language or if you are planning to go to a college or university after completion of this program.

### Daily Class Schedule and Proficiency Levels

You are required to attend 18 hours per week of classes to maintain your student status in the U.S. You will be placed into your proficiency level (see chart below). For all proficiency levels, classes are Monday through Friday (8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays).

**Daily Class Schedule (18 hours/week)**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Listening, Speaking &amp; Pronunciation</b> 8:30 AM-10:20 AM	<b>Reading &amp; Writing</b> 8:30 AM- 9:50 AM	<b>Listening, Speaking &amp; Pronunciation</b> 8:30 AM-10:20 AM	<b>Reading &amp; Writing</b> 8:30 AM - 9:50 AM	<b>Listening, Speaking &amp; Pronunciation</b> 8:30 AM-10:20 AM
<b>Grammar</b> 10:40 AM-12:30 PM	<b>Vocabulary/Idioms</b> 10:10 AM - 11:30 AM	<b>Grammar</b> 10:40 AM-12:30 PM	<b>Vocabulary/Idioms</b> 10:10 AM-11:30 AM	<b>Grammar</b> 10:40 AM-12:30 PM
4 hours	3 hours	4 hours	3 hours	4 hours

**Proficiency Levels**

Beginner	High Beginner	Low Intermediate	Intermediate	Low Advanced	Advanced
CEFR: A1	CEFR: A2	CEFR: B1	CEFR: B2	CEFR: C1	CEFR: C2
ACTFL: Novice Low - Mid	ACTFL: Novice Mid - High	ACTFL: Intermediate Low - Mid	ACTFL: Intermediate High - Advanced Low	ACTFL: Advanced Mid - High	ACTFL: Advanced High - Superior

### About Hawai’i

Hawai’i became the 50<sup>th</sup> U.S. state in 1959 but its history dates back roughly 1500 years when the Polynesians from the Marquesas Islands set foot on the Big Island (the Island of Hawai’i). Ancient Hawai’i was ruled by chiefs and its people followed the laws known as *kapu*. In 1810, King Kamehameha, the chief of the Big Island conquered and united Hawai’i. The economy of Hawai’i bloomed in the 20<sup>th</sup> century with the development of sugar and pineapple plantations which brought Japanese, Chinese, Filipino and Portuguese immigrants to Hawai’i. This mix of immigrant ethnicities is what makes the population of Hawai’i so unique today!

(Source: Hawaii Tourism Authority, Lonely Planet)

### Quick Facts about Hawai’i

- Hawai’i has 8 major islands- Hawai’i (the Big Island), Maui, O’ahu, Kaula’i, Lana’i, Ni’ihau, Kaho’olawe
- Nick name: “The Aloha State”, “Aloha” in Hawaiian has many meanings but is generally used to say “Hello” or “Good bye”. “Mahalo” is another Hawaiian word that you will hear often. “Mahalo” means “Thank you”.
- Kilauea volcano on the Big Island is the only active volcano in the United States
- Currency: US dollar (\$) For more information, visit our website!

## Getting Ready

Are you excited to be in Hawai'i? We hope you are! Hawai'i is a beautiful place surrounded by the world's best beaches, tropical forests and magnificent mountains. We want you to have a great experience while you are here, so we would like to give you some tips.

### Weather

The weather in Hawai'i is wonderful all year around with only two seasons: Summer (May-Oct) and winter (Nov-Apr). Temperatures at sea level generally range from 29-32 °C during the summer months and 26-28 °C during the winter months.

The sub-tropical climate is also paradise for insects and pests like ants, cockroaches and mosquitoes, so do keep your living spaces clean!

### What to Wear In Hawai'i

The weather in Hawai'i is normally warm or hot during the day but it can be chilly in the morning and in the evening during the winter (November- April). We recommend that you bring some long-sleeved clothes and a light jacket. It can also be cold on TheBus and in stores and restaurants from the air conditioning.

### Safety

Honolulu is known as one of the safest cities in the United States. However, there are few things to keep in mind. You can read the "Safety Tips" page on our website.

### Housing & Airport Pick-ups/Drop-offs

If you are studying abroad for the first time, there are study abroad agencies that specialize in helping students like you. Some agencies offer home-stay arrangements or help you find a place to live. Contact your local study abroad agencies for help in finding a place to live.

Although IMPAC does not directly handle accommodations or airport pick-ups and drop-offs, our website offers some of the housing options. Visit our website: [www.impachawaii.edu](http://www.impachawaii.edu)

### Transportation

After you have found your place to stay, here are some options for you to travel around the island.

Honolulu International Airport	<a href="http://hawaii.org/hnl">http://hawaii.org/hnl</a>
Honolulu Airport Express	<a href="http://www.honoluluairportexpress.com/">http://www.honoluluairportexpress.com/</a>
Oahu Airport Express	<a href="http://www.oahuairportexpress.com/">http://www.oahuairportexpress.com/</a>
TheBus	<a href="http://www.thebus.org/">http://www.thebus.org/</a>
The Cab	<a href="http://www.thecabhawaii.com/">http://www.thecabhawaii.com/</a>
Charley's Taxi	<a href="http://charleystaxi.com/">http://charleystaxi.com/</a>
EcoCab	<a href="http://ecocabhawaii.com/">http://ecocabhawaii.com/</a>

### Health and Insurance

The cost of health insurance in the United States is expensive. IMPAC highly recommends that you purchase health insurance before traveling to the United States. There is a list of insurance companies below. You may need to meet certain conditions before you can purchase the coverage.

Company Name	Website	Company Name	Website
ISO	<a href="https://www.isoa.org/">https://www.isoa.org/</a>	PGH Global	<a href="http://pghstudent.com/">http://pghstudent.com/</a>
International Student Insurance	<a href="http://www.internationalstudentinsurance.com">http://www.internationalstudentinsurance.com</a>	International Student Protection	<a href="http://intlstudentprotection.com/">http://intlstudentprotection.com/</a>
iNext	<a href="https://www.inext.com/">https://www.inext.com/</a>		

Visit our website for more information about "Living in Hawai'i"

## ON YOUR FIRST DAY

Please bring the following on your orientation day:

- Your passport (dependent's passport, if you have dependent(s))
- I-20 Form from our school (New students only)
- Original Bank Statement
- Tuition fee of \$1950, or other fee determined by IMPAC

### Student Orientation

**All new students are required to attend the scheduled orientation before the term.** The orientation provides a chance to familiarize yourself with IMPAC facilities and policies. You will also meet informally with faculty, staff and other students. Please arrive on time!

### Texts and Materials

All students in the IEPP are required to purchase textbooks. You can purchase them during the first week of class. The cost of textbooks will be announced on orientation day or on the first day of class.

### Class Level and Daily Class Schedule

Placement test results will determine your class level (Beginner, High Beginner, Low Intermediate, Intermediate, Low Advanced, and Advanced). You will follow this schedule each term. IEPP is 18 hours per week.

### First Week at IMPAC

On the first day of the term, you will find your class list posted in the hallway at IMPAC.

<u>IMPAC Orientation Schedule</u>	
09:30-10:00	<b>Check-in</b> Sign-in Hand in passport and I-20 documents for copying Receive handouts
10:00-10:25	<b>Orientation</b> Staff Introductions, IMPAC Policies & Procedures IMPAC Facilities/Student Services
10:25-10:30	Break time
10:30-12:30	<b>Placement Test</b> Placement Essay    30 min. Listening                10 min. Grammar } Vocabulary }        65 min. Reading } Interview                5-10 min. (per student)
~ 13:00	<b>End of orientation day</b>
Order of placement test/interview may change. Orientation and placement times shown are estimates. Ending time may change depending on the number of students.	

Days of week	Schedule
Monday	First day of class* and all student orientation First day of Listening, Speaking & Pronunciation, and Grammar classes
Tuesday	First day of Reading & Writing and Vocabulary/Idioms classes
Wednesday	Second day of Listening, Speaking & Pronunciation, and Grammar classes
Thursday	Last day to request change of class. Test day for class change** (new students only)
Friday	Last day to purchase textbooks, last day to withdraw with 100% refund***

\*Q1 Winter terms start on Wednesday and end on Tuesday. \*\* Test day may change with notice. \*\*\* Processed according to refund policy

### Location

IMPAC is located in the Hawaiian National Bank Building, on the corner of Kapi'olani Boulevard and Pi'ikoi Street. Ala Moana Center, the largest open-air shopping center in the world, is just behind our building. <http://www.impachawaii.edu/location1.php>

### Transportation-TheBus

From Waikiki, take # 8, #19, #20, #42, #E and get off at Ala Moana Center. Students may also use routes #3, #9, #13, #A, and other routes which stop along Kapiolani Blvd. For more information on The Bus, or to see a direct route from your location, please visit <http://www.thebus.org>

Thank you for choosing to study at IMPAC. We hope you'll have a wonderful experience at our school.

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