As the university’s youngest community college, Windward is primarily a liberal arts transfer institution offering Associate in Arts degrees and certificates in business, art, Hawaiian studies, psycho-social development, plant biotechnology and bio-resource management, plant landscaping and agricultural technology, urban tree care and information computer sciences. Students benefit from major new facilities, including a science complex with a state-of-the-art Imaginarium and telescope observatory, a humanities and arts complex and a campus center, which houses the Ko'olau Kafe, bookstore, student government and other student services. The college will break ground to build a new library learning commons that will combine the current resource collection with the campus computer labs and The Learning Center in a LEED-certified green building with a silver rating.

Founded: 1972 as UH’s sixth community college
Campus: At the base of the majestic Ko'olau mountains in Kāne'ohe
Enrollment: Over 2,700 with thousands more attending noncredit and continuing education courses
Carnegie classification: Associate’s/ Public 2-year
Degrees: 20 associate degree and certificate programs offered
Demographics: 57% of students attend part-time, 63% are women
Diversity: 36% of students report their ethnicity Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; most live along the northeastern coast of O‘ahu. The rest include 22% Caucasian, 19% Asian, 18% mixed, 4% other

AREAS OF EXCELLENCE

Liberal Arts and Beyond
At Windward Community College, students can pursue courses of study in a nurturing environment with two possible pathways. One pathway is a two-year Associate in Arts degree program that gives students the portable skills to further their education at a four-year university or enter the workforce. Options include credit courses in pre-nursing, journalism, fine arts, Hawaiian studies, plant biotechnology and marine, earth and planetary sciences. The other pathway provides vocational readiness skills and internship opportunities through noncredit classes. The Employment Training Center promotes career exploration and prepares students for entry-level jobs in nursing, culinary arts, auto body repair, facilities maintenance and construction, and office skills.

Creative Programs
The Windward Atelier is Hawai‘i’s only classical art program where students learn to draw and paint in the “realist tradition.” At the Hawai‘i Music Institute students can learn about the local music industry from seasoned entertainers. Windward is also home to the Office of University Partners, offering bachelor degree programs—with classes on the WCC campus—through partnerships with baccalaureate institutions.

Community Engagement
Windward’s Palikū Theatre, Hōkūlani Imaginarium, Lanihuli Observatory and Gallery ‘Iolani attract thousands of visitors and students annually to enjoy original and adapted musicals, concerts in acoustically perfect surroundings, unique art exhibits and outer-space adventures. Every year, the college shares the best in island entertainment, food, Hawaiian crafts and college programs at the Windward Ho‘olaule‘a, co-sponsored by the Kāne‘ohe Business Group.
Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree

Associate in Arts (A.A.) is a two-year liberal arts degree, consisting of at least 60 credits, which provides you with skills and competencies essential for successful completion of a baccalaureate degree. By following a prescribed sequence of transfer courses, you will be able to meet the “core” requirements at University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, West O‘ahu, and Hilo, as well as other four-year universities.

Liberal Arts

Academic Subject Certificate (A.S.C.)

A college credential for completing a sequence of credit courses from the A.A. curriculum. The sequence must fit within the structure of the A.A. degree, may not extend the credits required for an A.A. degree, and shall be at least 12 credit hours.

Art

Bio-Resource Development and Management

Business

Hawaiian Studies

Plant Biotechnology

Psycho-Social Developmental Studies

Certificates of Competence (C.O.)

A college credential for completing designated short-term credit or non-credit courses which provide you with entry-level skills or job upgrading. These course sequences shall be at least 24 credit hours unless external employment requirements exceed this number.

Agricultural Technology

Plant Landscaping

Subtropical Urban Tree Care

Certificate of Completion (C.C.)

A college credential for completing designated short-term Career and Technical-Professional Education credit course sequences, which provides you with entry-level skills or job upgrading. These course sequences shall be at least 12 credit hours, but may not exceed 23 credit hours.

Applied Business and Information Technology

Web Support

Geographic Information System and Global Positioning

Certificates of Achievement (C.A.)

A college credential for successfully completing designated medium-term Career and Technical-Professional Education credit course sequences which provide you with entry-level skills or job upgrading. These sequences shall be at least 24 credit hours, but may not exceed 45 credit hours unless external employment requirements exceed this number.

Veterinary Assisting