

# Global Village

## Hawaii

# Welcome



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## Welcome to Hawai'i

Hawai'i's unique history, culture, and wildlife will offer an experience you'll never forget.

- ❖ Visitors to Hawai'i are often impressed by the 'Aloha Spirit,' the warmth and gentleness of the Hawaiian and local people.
- ❖ Hawai'i is the only state that was once a kingdom and has the only palace in the U.S.
- ❖ Hawai'i is one of the most multicultural states in the U.S
- ❖ Hawai'i has many plants and animals that are only found here.
- ❖ Hawai'i is the birthplace of surfing, and the world's greatest surfers come together to surf its waves each year.
- ❖ Oahu has a wonderful combination of city and country life. On the same island, in the same day, you can visit ancient temples, small country towns, beautiful beaches, tropical rainforests, volcanic mountains, and go out to party in a city of a million people.

## Life in Hawai'i

- ❖ Hawai'i has its own language, food, customs, and laws. Enjoy learning about them!
- ❖ Hawai'i is much safer than most cities its size in the United States. However, you have to be careful and watch your belongings, and don't walk alone at night.
- ❖ The emergency number in the US is 911.
- ❖ The Oahu Bus system has twice been voted the best in the U.S. An adult Bus Pass is \$40/month and you can buy one at ABC stores, Foodland, and many other places. Unfortunately, like many large Pacific Rim cities, Hawai'i can experience traffic jams. This can make the bus (along with everyone else in Honolulu) late. Check [www.thebus.org](http://www.thebus.org) for schedules.
- ❖ 15% tip is expected in restaurants (except fast food), day spas, hair salons. \$1-3 is expected for taxis, porters, delivery people, maid service, and room service.

## Some common Hawaiian words

### **Hawaiian Word or Phrase**

Mahalo  
E Komo Mai  
Aloha  
Lanai  
Kama'aina  
Mauka  
Makai  
Ono  
Pau

### **Standard English Translation**

Thank you  
Welcome  
Hello, Good-bye, Love  
Veranda/Balcony  
Resident or local of Hawai'i  
Toward the mountain  
Toward the ocean  
Delicious  
Finished

## US/Hawai'i Laws

- ❖ The drinking age in the United States is 21. You will need to show your passport or other official valid ID to purchase alcohol at stores, restaurants, and bars even if you look over 21.
- ❖ It is illegal to drink alcohol in public places such as streets, beaches, etc.
- ❖ Smoking is not allowed within 20 feet of the entrance of any restaurants, public buildings, or bars in Hawai'i. At GV Hawai'i, the smoking area is located behind the building. Please do not smoke in front of the school on the benches.
- ❖ It is illegal to ride bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, etc on the sidewalks in Waikiki and downtown. You can do so on the sidewalks outside of these areas.
- ❖ In Hawai'i there are no helmet laws. Although it is legal to ride a motorcycle, bicycle or motor scooter without a helmet, GV Hawai'i strongly recommends that you wear one.

## Activities

Global Village Hawaii can help you explore the islands of Hawai'i with many different activities:



Shark-cage Diving



Island Tour



Snorkeling



Hiking



Sports



Sightseeing at the Volcano

## Homestay in Hawai'i

Homestay is one of the best ways to really get to know Hawai'i and improve your English! Here are some of the things you can expect in a Hawai'i home:

- ❖ **Take your shoes off when you enter a home**
  
- ❖ **Hawai'i is very multicultural.** There is no typical host family!
  
- ❖ **Many families in Hawai'i are very conservative.** Global Village Hawaii does not place unmarried couples in the same host family. We also ask that students do not have overnight guests of the opposite sex in their host family's home.
  
- ❖ **Often multiple generations live in one home.** Your host family may have cousins, aunts, or other relatives living with them as well.
  
- ❖ **Hawai'i's wonderful tropical climate is also perfect for insects.** If you see insects such as roaches or ants don't worry, just let your host family know.
  
- ❖ **Hawai'i has a limited water supply.** Conserving water is very important so most families ask that students take showers or baths only once a day and to limit the time to no more than 10 minutes. Laundry should also be done only once a week.
  
- ❖ **Families in Hawai'i often eat rice for most meals.** You may experience many foods you are not used to eating. Some you may not like, and some you may love.
  
- ❖ **Many families eat leftovers.** The food left over from dinner the night before may be served the next day as breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

## **Before you come to Hawai'i:**

### **Clothes:**

Bring warm clothes like long pants, sweaters, and long shirts because the buses, buildings, and evenings are often cold.

### **Toiletries:**

Items like toothpaste can taste very different.

### **Other:**

Bring a good learner's dictionary.

Medication (please be certain it is legal in the U.S.A.)

Money, Traveler's cheques, sunscreen, swimsuit, etc.

### **Before Leaving Home:**

Confirm your flight and make sure the school has your latest flight information

Carry your Homestay address and phone number with you

Pack all liquids (toothpaste, perfume, water, etc) in your check-in luggage.

Check your health insurance. Medical care is very expensive in the U.S., so we strongly recommend you purchase insurance before your arrival.

Ready your passport, Visa, I-20 (if necessary) for travel.

## **When you get to Honolulu**

### **Going through Immigration:**

- Have your I-20 [if full-time], I-94, and passport ready.
- If you are a part-time student, have a visa waiver or tourist visa, tell customs you are coming to the U.S. as a tourist [not as a student].

### **Arriving in Honolulu:**

#### **If you have arranged an airport pick-up:**

- The host family or school driver will be waiting outside the international arrival individual exit for you if you are arriving on an international flight. Please look for an orange sign with your name on it.
- If you are arriving on a domestic flight—you entered the United States on the Mainland (e.g. Los Angeles, New York, etc.), your host family will meet you outside the baggage claim for your flight. Please look for an orange sign with your name on it.

### **I can't find my host family at the airport, what do I do?**

Please be patient. Sometimes traffic is a problem and sometimes students and families both look for each other in different places at the same times. Please continue waiting outside the individual international exit area (for international arrivals) or outside the baggage claim area (for domestic arrivals). If you have not found your family after 30 minutes, please call the emergency number (341-0664).

### **Please call the Homestay Emergency number if**

1. you missed your connecting flight OR
2. your flight has been changed OR
3. you have been detained by immigration OR
4. you cannot find your driver at the airport after waiting for 30 minutes

### **When you call the emergency number, please:**

- Say and spell your name. (“My name is... It’s spelled ...”)
- Tell us why you are calling. Examples:
  1. “I have missed my connecting flight.”
  2. “My flight number has been changed to ... I will arrive at ...”
  3. “I have been detained by immigration.”
  4. “I cannot find my driver.”

**If you cannot find your luggage**, please speak to an airline representative.

### **If you cannot call the emergency number by yourself, please ask someone to help you. For example:**

- Ask the airline staff or an airport official (information booth).
- Phone your agent to pass on the information

**If you have not arranged airport pick-up:** When you arrive, proceed to the limo/taxi area. One of the taxi coordinators will help you find a driver to take you into the city. Please note that your baggage may be too large to take onto the bus.

## **Orientation Day**

*If your first day is not the first day of a term, your schedule may be a little different.*

### **First-Time students**

- ❖ All new students should arrive by **8:00 a.m.** for Orientation.
- ❖ Upon arrival you will sign-in and receive a name tag.
- ❖ Please bring:
  - **Your passport—no copies please**
  - **I-94 card—located in your passport; you will receive this on the airplane.**
  - **I-20 form—Only Full-time students**

### **GEP, BEP, ISP, TOEIC, TOEFL students**

- ❖ You will be given a placement test. The placement test consists of:
  - Oral interview (10 minutes)
  - Written Essay (15 minutes)
  - Listening, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, and Grammar Test (1 hour)
- ❖ You will also be given a tour of the campus.

- ❖ You will meet each of the staff and some of the faculty and then sign the school and homestay contracts.
- ❖ When contracts are finished, you'll get to know some of your fellow classmates in smaller groups and have the opportunity to learn more about the school, Hawai'i and life in the United States over lunch, provided by the school.
- ❖ After lunch and the discussion session, you will receive your class assignments and text books.
- ❖ After you receive your books, you are free to go home—usually around 1:00 p.m. Be sure not to write in your text books during the first week of classes so that you can exchange them if your level changes.

### **Cambridge Orientation and Placement**

- ❖ You will be given a tour of the campus.
- ❖ You will also meet the staff and some of the faculty and then sign the school and homestay contracts.
- ❖ All prospective Cambridge students will be given a
  - Past FCE Reading exam (75 minutes)
  - Past FCE Use of English (75 minutes)
  - Past FCE Writing Part 1 (45 minutes)

Based on these scores, you will then be placed into the CAE or FCE course. If your score is not high enough, you will not be eligible for the Cambridge preparation course. Instead, you will be offered a place in the General English Program (GEP).

## **Global Village Hawaii 2007 Term Length Dates**

<b>GV Term</b>	<b>Term Dates</b>
2007 Term 3	March 12, 2007-April 6, 2007
2007 Term 4	April 9, 2007-May 4, 2007
2007 Term 5	May 7, 2007-June 1, 2007
2007 Term 6	June 4, 2007-June 29, 2007
2007 Term 7	July 2, 2007-July 27, 2007
2007 Term 8	July 30, 2007-August 24, 2007
2007 Term 9	August 27, 2007-September 21, 2007
2007 Term 10	September 24, 2007-October 19, 2007
2007 Term 11	October 22, 2007-November 16, 2007
2007 Term 12	November 19, 2007-December 14, 2007
2007 Term 13	December 17, 2007—January 11, 2008

- ❖ Global Village Hawaii Terms are 4 weeks.
- ❖ Orientation is scheduled for the first day of each term starting at 8:00 a.m.
- ❖ Because end-of-term testing and student/teacher counseling during the 4<sup>th</sup> week of each term, we strongly discourage students from starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> week; students who enter the fourth week may only have one or two days of class. It is best to start on Monday of the first week of the term.
- ❖ Graduation is on Friday of the 4<sup>th</sup> week in the afternoon.
- ❖ There are 13 terms in one calendar year.

## Admission Policy

- ❖ Students must be at least 17 years of age to be admitted into the adult programs at GV Hawai'i.
- ❖ There are no specific academic requirements for entering the General English Program. GEP students will take an oral and a written assessment upon arrival at the school. Based upon this test, students will be placed in one of 8 levels of the General English Program.
- ❖ Students applying for the TOEFL, TOEIC, Business English (BEP), or Cambridge programs must meet the required entrance requirements for each of these programs as described in the school brochure.

## Pre-Test

- ❖ Students may request a pre-test before coming to Hawai'i. This only gives students an idea of what their level might be.
- ❖ **No student is guaranteed a seat in the TOEFL, TOEIC, BEP, or Cambridge Programs.**
- ❖ **GV Hawai'i can never guarantee if a student will have class in the morning or afternoon.**
- ❖ Students who wish to take a pre-test can contact their agent directly or the Assistant Director/Student Services Manager via e-mail at [Hawaii@gvenglish.com](mailto:Hawaii@gvenglish.com)
- ❖ Once a pre-test is received, it will be assessed and the student will be contacted indicating if he/she appears to be suitable, borderline or unsuitable for the course that he/she is requesting to enter.
- ❖ Upon arrival at Global Village Hawaii the student will take the appropriate entrance exam for the desired program/course.

## Classes

- ❖ We use communicative Task-Based Learning, so students will often work in pairs and small groups.
- ❖ We use many authentic materials (brochures, newspapers, tv programs, etc.) in addition to textbooks.
- ❖ Students complete class projects like Power Point presentations, dvd projects, short poster presentations, short written assignments, and many others.
- ❖ If students are more interested in studying grammar rules, than a test preparation program is the best choice. If students want to use English for real-life situations than the General English program is ideal.
- ❖ At the end of the term, each student discusses his or her performance with the teacher during the conference session.
- ❖ On Fridays, students take classes such as English through Movies, Hawaiiiana, and Current Events.

## Daily Course Schedule

<b>Program</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Session</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session</b>
General English Program (GEP) Levels GV5-GV8	8:30 am-10:20am	10:40 am-12:30 pm
Business (BEP)	8:30 am-10:20am	10:40 am-12:30 pm
TOEFL	8:30 am-10:20am	10:40 am-12:30 pm
Cambridge FCE*	8:30 am-10:20am	10:40 am-12:30 pm
Cambridge CAE*	8:30 am-10:20am	10:40 am-12:30 pm
General English Program (GEP) Levels GV1-GV4	1:00 pm-2:50 pm	3:10 pm-5:00 pm
TOEIC	1:00 pm-2:50 pm	3:10 pm-5:00 pm
Intensive Study Program Level 1 & 2	9:00 am-11:30 am	Tue. /Thurs.
Intensive Study Program Level 3 & 4	9:00 am-11:30 am	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of terms: Wed / Fri., 4 <sup>th</sup> week: Mon / Wed.
Intensive Study Program Level 5, 6, 7, & 8	1:00 pm-3:30pm	Wed. / Thurs.
Private Lessons	Variable	Variable
Teen Activity (TAP) Seasonal	8:30 am-10:00 am	10:20 am-11:30 am

\*CAE/FCE Winter Intensive Program is scheduled from 8:30 am to 2:50 pm daily

- ❖ Full-Time Students with an F-1 student visa study Monday – Friday (20 or 25 lessons/week)
- ❖ Part-time students study Monday-Thursday (16 lessons/wk.)
- ❖ Intensive Study Program—Students study in a regular program for 20 hours per week + 5 additional lessons per week [25 total lpw].

# GV Hawai'i Calendar 2007

## January 2007

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	<b>1</b>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## February 2007

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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25	26	27	28			

## March 2007

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## April 2007

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## May 2007

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27	<b>28</b>	29	30	31		

## June 2007

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## July 2007

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## August 2007

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## September 2007

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## October 2007

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## November 2007

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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## December 2007

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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### Academic Year Program

Semester 1: Jan. 16 – April 6  
 Semester 2: May 7 – July 27  
 Semester 3: Sept. 24 – Dec. 14

### Cambridge Program

January 8 - March 9  
 March 19 - June 8  
 Sept. 17 - December 7

### Teen Activity Program

July 2 – July 27  
 July 30 – August 24

Holidays (School is closed): 1/1, 1/15, 2/19, 3/26, 5/28, 6/11, 7/4, 8/17, 9/3, 10/8, 11/22, 11/23, 12/25

# **F-1 Student Visa Information (for full-time students)**

## **Overview of Department of Homeland Security Regulations**

To maintain legal F-1 student status at Global Village Hawaii, you are required to:

- Maintain full-time enrollment (at least 18 hours per week) and have good attendance.
- Conform with regulations for travel outside of the U.S. and keep your passport valid for six months beyond your last date of study.
- Accept no employment without written permission from the Department of Homeland Security.
- Notify the Student Services Manager before you leave the U.S. or transfer to another U.S. school within sixty days after the completion of your program.

## **Full-time Enrollment**

In order to comply with Department of Homeland Security regulations for F-1 student visa holders, you must complete at least 18 hours of class per week. If for some medical or emergency reason you are unable to attend full-time study, you must contact the Student Services Manager immediately.

## **Health Insurance**

All international F-1 students are strongly encouraged to purchase a health insurance policy for the duration of their studies. This is for your protection because medical care in the U.S. is very expensive.

## **Temporary Travel outside the U.S.**

If you plan to travel outside of the U.S., you must meet with the Student Services Manager before you plan to leave. He will review your airplane ticket or travel itinerary, enrollment, I-20 and passport to make sure that you will be allowed to re-enter the U.S. He will then sign page 3 of your I-20 form.

If your visa has expired or you were only granted one entry on your visa, you will need to renew it in order to re-enter the U.S. You cannot renew your visa in the U.S. It must be renewed at an American Consulate outside the U.S., preferably in your home country.

Travel signatures are only issued to current, full-time students. Please note that once you have completed your courses, you will not be eligible to receive a travel signature. All traveling should be done prior to completion of study.

## **Preparing to Leave the U.S.**

The Department of Homeland Security requires you to leave the U.S. within 60 days of your program completion date. You may use this time for travel within the U.S., but you must leave the U.S. within the 60-day period.

# **Commonly Used Immigration Terms**

## **Department of Homeland Security**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is responsible for administering and enforcing the regulations related to immigration and non-immigration policies.

### **I-20**

The Certificate of Eligibility for Non-Immigrant (F-1) Student Status. This document is issued by GVH and is evidence of your admission to the school which issued the I-20. It is issued so that you can apply for an F-1 visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate. Your I-20 is proof of your status and should be kept with your passport. You will need this to enter the US as a student.

### **F-1 Visa**

A Non-Immigrant student visa. This is an entry visa issued to "bona fide students qualified to pursue a full course of study" at an academic or language institution authorized to admit international students. The visa is issued at a U.S. embassy or consulate. It indicates the date of issue and date of expiration. If you have not yet completed your program and the visa has already expired, you do not have to renew it until you leave the U.S. and plan to return. F-1 visas are not renewed within the U.S.

### **B1/B2 Visa**

The visitor's visa for business (B1) or pleasure (B2). This visa does not allow you to attend school on a full-time basis. Part-time study is acceptable.

### **I-94 Card**

The arrival/departure document in your passport. This is issued at the port of entry (or the airplane) when you present your I-20 to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officer. The arrival portion is kept by the DHS and the departure portion is stapled on the F-1 visa page in your passport to show your status. You will turn this in when leaving the US.

### **D/S**

Duration of Status. This is written by Department of Homeland Security on the I-94 card and indicates that your stay is valid for the duration of your program and as long as you attend school on a full-time basis.

### **WT**

Visa waiver (green I-94). This I-94 does not allow you to attend school on a full-time basis nor remain in the U.S. past the date indicated on the card. Only certain countries are eligible for the Visa Waiver Program.

### **In Status**

For full-time students who have an F1 Student Visa, you are considered "in status" if you are attending school on a full-time basis. This means studying at least 18 hours per week. At Global Village Hawaii this usually means that you are enrolled in the 20 hour or 25 hour program. You must maintain good attendance to be considered "in status."

### **Out of Status**

When you fail to meet visa requirements, for example, by attending school less than full-time for full-time students. You may lose your right to stay in the United States.