



DAMIEN SUMMER ACADEMY 2026

Online
Registration
Opens April
1st

Courses Offered

For more details and updates about these courses, please visit
www.damien.edu/summer-academy-2026 or email summer@damien.edu.

GRADES 5-8

All About Wai (water) - Grades 5-6
All About 'Āina (land) - Grades 7-8
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM *Fee: \$650*
Math & Reading Boost - Grades 7-8
By Invitation only

WEEKLY SPORTS CLINICS

**Learn a new sport each week! Taught by
our own Damien coaches! *Fee: \$50/wk***
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM - Grades 3 thru 5
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM - Grades 6 thru 8

GRADES 9-12

- **AI & Coding** (Grades 9-12) *Fee: \$500*
 - **CTE Academy** (Grades 9-12) *Fee: \$200*
 - **Driver's Ed** (Grades 10-12) *Fee: \$600*
 - **Health** (Grades 9-12) *Fee: \$500*
 - **Hula** (Grades 9-12) *Fee: \$500*
 - **Internships** (Grades 11-12) *Fee: \$150*
 - **PE** (Grades 9-12) *Fee: \$500*
 - **SAT Test Prep** (Grades 9-12) *Fee: \$700*
- and more ...*

DUAL CREDIT

Speech 151: Personal & Public Speaking
HWST 107: Hawai'i Center of the Pacific
Through Honolulu Community College
Online/Asynchronous *Fee: \$650/course*
*** Additional paperwork required*



DAMIEN SUMMER ACADEMY 2026 *Course Descriptions*

MORNING SESSIONS for Middle School (rising grades 5-8)

All About WAI (water) Summer for Grades 5 and 6

M-F 8:00-12pm at DMS

Open to grades 5 and 6

Cost: \$650 (includes field trip and materials)

Course overview

All About Wai is an interdisciplinary summer course designed for students in grades 5 and 6 that explores the cultural, scientific, mathematical, and creative significance of water in Hawai'i. Rooted in Hawaiian culture-based learning, this course integrates reading, writing, mathematics, hula, and introductory artificial intelligence to help students understand why water—wai—is central to life, history, and sustainability in Hawai'i.

Students will explore traditional Hawaiian knowledge and stories connected to water while also investigating modern challenges related to water conservation, climate, and technology. Through hands-on projects, collaborative learning, and cultural practice, students will develop academic skills while deepening their connection to place and community.

All About 'ĀINA (land) for Grades 7 and 8

M-F 8:00-12pm at DMS

Open to grades 7 and 8

Cost: \$650 (includes field trip and materials)

Course overview

All About 'Āina (Land) is an interdisciplinary summer course that explores the deep connection between people, culture, and land in Hawai'i. Through a blend of literacy, mathematics, Hawaiian culture-based learning, hula, and introductory artificial intelligence, students will discover how 'āina sustains life and shapes identity.

Students will read stories and informational texts about Hawai'i's landscapes, ecosystems, and cultural practices, while strengthening their writing skills through reflection, storytelling, and creative projects. Math concepts will be applied through real-world activities such as measuring land areas, mapping ahupua'a systems, analyzing environmental data, and solving practical problems related to land stewardship.

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AFTERNOON SESSIONS for Middle School (rising grades 5-8)

Weekly Sports Clinics

Grades 3-5: M-F 1pm-2:30pm at DMS

Grades 6-8: M-F 1pm-2:30pm at DMS

Open to grades 3-8. No prerequisite.

Cost: \$40-\$50/week

Course overview

Learn the fundamentals from our own Damien Memorial School athletic coaches! Try a different sport each week! No experience necessary. Open to girls and boys. Health form required.

Week 1 (June 8-10, 12): Speed & Quickness (4 days)

Week 2 (June 15-18): Soccer (4 days)

Week 3 (June 22-26): Basketball (5 days)

Week 4 (June 29-July 2): Judo & Wrestling (4 days)

Week 5 (July 6-10): Volleyball (5 days)

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MORNING SESSIONS for High School (rising grades 9-12)

Driver's Education (with Wong Way Driving Academy)

.5 elective credit (Credit/No Credit), T/Th 8:00-11am at DMS

Open to grades high school students with a valid Hawai'i learner driving permit

Cost: \$600

Course overview

This course includes classroom and Behind-the-Wheel instruction. Wong Way Driving Academy is a State-certified driver's education course, consisting of the following requirements:

- 30 hour classroom instruction
- 6 hour Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) instruction
 - Hawaii State law also requires teens to complete an additional 50 hours (40 daytime, 10 nighttime) of supervised practice with your parents. These additional 50 hours do NOT need to be completed BEFORE the start of the classroom session.
 - The 50 hour Affidavit will need to be completed AND notarized in order for the instructor to issue the BTW certificate.

Upon successful completion of these courses, students shall receive BOTH classroom and BTW certificates.

On January 9, 2006, Hawaii law established a three-stage graduated licensing program for drivers under the age of 18. The program allows beginning drivers to develop their driving skills over time as they gain experience and maturity. Key elements of the new "provisional" stage include limits on unsupervised late-night driving and the number of passengers allowed during unsupervised driving.

In order for teen drivers (ages 15½ through 17) to become eligible to sit for the Hawaii State driver's license road examination, teens must satisfactorily complete a State certified driver's education course and possess the classroom and behind-the-wheel certificates.

To learn more about the Hawaii Graduated Licensing Program, click [here](#).

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Hawaiian Studies 107: Hawai'i Center of the Pacific DUAL CREDIT CRN: 26013 or 26207

*.5 elective credit (A-F), Online & Asynchronous through Honolulu Community College
Open to grades 11-12. Prerequisites: Acceptance into HCC as Early Admission (form), qualifying score on EdReady assessment of 75 or SAT ERBW score of 510 or ACT score of 18. Seats are limited. Additional forms required.*

Cost: \$650 (includes REQUIRED weekly support touchpoints with Damien staff)

Course overview

An introduction to the unique aspects of the native point of view in Hawai'i and in the larger Pacific with regards to origins, language, religion, land, art, history, and modern issues. (3 hrs. lect. per week). Conducted online at student's own schedule within a time frame established by the instructor (ASYNC). This section is S-Focus (SF), meaning that a significant portion of the assignments and content will concentrate on issues of sustainability. This HAP-focus course fulfills the HAP-focus graduation requirement (3 UH credits) for HCC's AA degree and UH Manoa's baccalaureate requirements.

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SAT Test Prep (with HI Performance SAT)

.5 elective credit (Credit/No Credit), M/W 8:00-10am at DMS

Open to grades 9-12. No prerequisite.

Cost: \$700

Course overview

This course is designed to build strong SAT fundamentals across both Math and Verbal, with an emphasis on core concepts, test strategy, and efficient problem-solving. The goal is to help students raise their SAT scores and confidence while building the skills needed for higher score ranges. We also focus on helping students understand how the test is constructed, so they can approach questions more strategically. The course is designed to be rigorous but supportive, giving students repeated practice with the core skills that drive score growth.

Math coverage

- Algebra and linear equations
- Advanced algebra and functions
- Problem solving and data analysis
- Geometry and trigonometry foundations
- Calculator and non-calculator strategy
- Digital SAT question formats and timing strategy

Verbal coverage

- Reading comprehension across literature, history, social science, and science passages
- Evidence-based reading and reasoning
- Grammar and standard English conventions
- Rhetorical skills and revision questions
- Vocabulary in context
- Digital SAT passage and question strategies

Schedule and structure

- 6 weeks total
- 2 days per week (for example, Mon/Wed)
- 2 hours per class (for example, 8–10 AM)

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Speech 151: Personal & Public Speaking (DUAL CREDIT) CRN: 26032 or 26142

*.5 elective credit (A-F), Online & Asynchronous through Honolulu Community College
June 8 to July 31, 2026 (8-wk timeframe to complete coursework)*

*Open to grades 11-12. Prerequisites: Acceptance into HCC as Early Admission (form),
qualifying score on EdReady assessment of 75 **or** SAT ERBW score of 510 **or** ACT score of
18. Seats are limited. **Additional forms required.***

*Cost: \$650 (includes **REQUIRED** weekly support touchpoints with Damien staff)*

Course overview

This online and asynchronous course introduces students to the basic principles of human communication. Perceptual processes, cultural awareness, verbal and nonverbal communication, and effective listening techniques are discussed. Students also receive practice in improving their competency in the areas of informative and persuasive speaking, and in interpersonal and small group communication. (3 hrs. lect. per week) **Conducted online at student's own schedule within a time frame established by the instructor (ASYNC).**

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Summer CTE Academy

.5 elective credit (Credit/No Credit), M-F 8:30-12:30pm at Honolulu Community College

June 12-July 18, 2026

Open to grades 9-12. No prerequisite.

Includes transportation to and from HCC from DMS (Leaves DMS at 8am and leaves HCC at 12:45pm)

Cost: \$200

Course overview

Summer CTE Academy is a five week exploratory summer program that offers high school students the opportunity to experience various career and technical education programs offered at Honolulu Community College. The 2026 Summer CTE Academy is open to all high school students (Class of 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029). Through lab work, group projects, lectures and assignments, students will explore the technical fields related to trades and services from a wide range of subjects, including automotive, computer networking and support, early childhood education, music, fashion, welding, and more!

Participants will rotate through three different modules lasting for seven days each. As the attendees complete CTE Academy projects, they will gain insights into which career and technical education field best match their abilities and interests.

Attendees will be exposed to a college environment, be able to identify general campus resources, demonstrate knowledge of college procedures, discuss the definition of success, and evaluate their academic and life goals!

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PE

.5 elective credit (A-F), M-F 8am-10am at DMS

Open to grades 9-12. No prerequisite.

Cost: \$500

Course overview

Students participate in a comprehensive PE program consisting of skill development, lead up games, team sports, and physical fitness activities. Students receive instruction in rules, skills and strategies of different sports to promote a spirit of cooperation, leadership, fair play and friendly competition.

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Health

.5 elective credit (A-F), M-F 10am-12pm at DMS

Open to grades 9-12. No prerequisite.

Cost: \$500

Course overview

Students learn about physical, mental, emotional and social health to improve and maintain their health, prevent disease and reduce risky behaviors.

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Hula

.5 elective credit (A-F), M-F 8am-10am at DMS

Open to grades 9-12. No prerequisite.

Cost: \$500

Course overview

Learn the basic steps of hula. Students will learn simple oli, hula (ancient and contemporary) as well as the Hawaiian language. No experience is necessary. This course is open to both boys and girls.

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Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Coding

.5 elective credit (A-F), M-F 8am-10am at DMS

Open to grades 9-12. No prerequisite.

Cost: \$500

Course overview

This course immerses high school students in the evolving world of Artificial Intelligence (AI), exploring its core concepts, tools, and real-world applications. Through interactive lessons and hands-on projects, students will experiment with AI-driven platforms such as ChatGPT, Magic School AI, Gemini, Canva, DALL·E, CodeHS, and code.org. They will develop practical skills in AI-generated text, image creation, video editing, and machine learning while examining AI's impact on society and ethical considerations. By the end of the course, students will have a strong foundation in AI and its transformative role in the modern world.

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Internship (for Damien students only)

.5 elective credit (Credit/No Credit), M-F 8am-12pm (variable depending on internship)

Open to grades 10-12. No prerequisite. Students must provide their own transportation to and from their internship location.

Cost: \$150

Course overview

The Internship Seminar is designed to help students maximize their summer internship experience. Students will learn everything from professional attire and etiquette, to computer applications that may be helpful in the workplace. Through discussion-based sessions, students will engage with and learn from each other, as well as reflect on their own experiences.

Students may find their own internships or we can work to find one for them. Please reach out to us if your child is in need of an internship site.