



University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Civil Beat

School of Communication and Information

Honolulu, HI

Partnership

The capstone reporting class in the UH Journalism program collaborates with a statewide news outlet -- Civil Beat -- to expand coverage of statehouse news during the spring legislative session.

Lead faculty

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Websites

[UH Beat](#)

[UH Journalism Program](#)

Collaborators

Civil Beat is a local media outlet that serves the residents of Honolulu and Hawaii as a whole. In partnership with the University of Hawaii, the outlet was able to dramatically increase their coverage of the legislative session.

Impacts

Student stories are published to the Civil Beat website, which has an already established viewership.

Students

19,098 at the University of Hawai'i

12 in the partnership, per semester

Student work

Student work was edited by both Associate Professor Brett Oppegaard, and Civil Beat political reporter, Blaze Lovell.

Course name

JOUR 491 Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Faculty/staff

Dr Oppegaard, the Journalism program director at UH and Blaze Lovell, a lead political reporter for Civil Beat, are responsible for all aspects of the collaboration. The collaboration includes a formal class for the students. The organizers also edit stories and assist with story ideas.

Funding sources

Funding for the collaboration is provided by the university, in the form of devoting a class to the project and cover the adjunct costs of the Civil Beat collaboration.