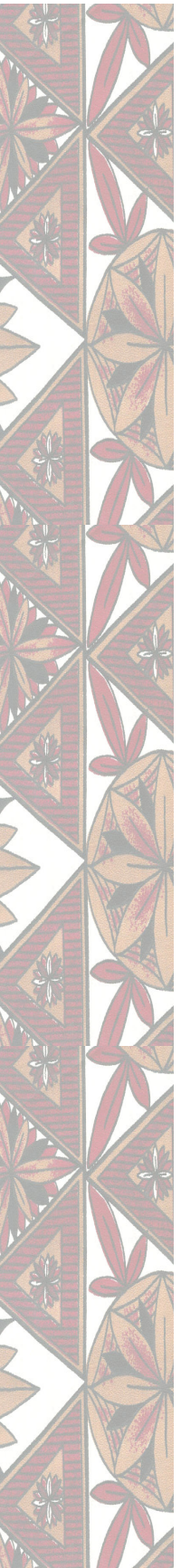
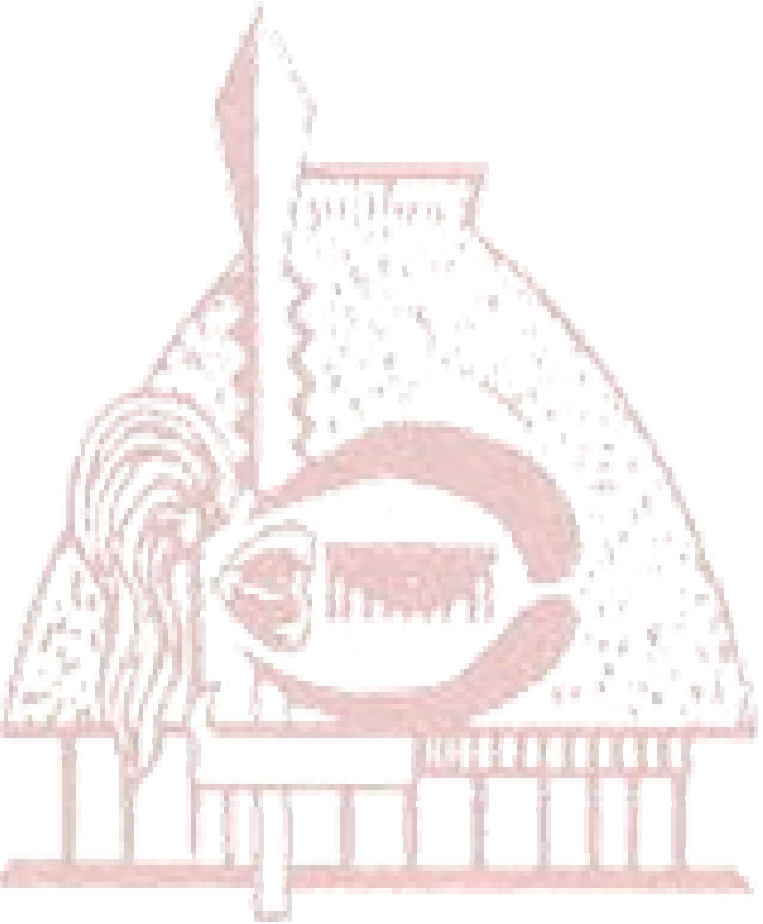


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Accreditation

The American Samoa Community College (ASCC) is fully accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

History

The American Samoa Community College (ASCC) was established in 1970 to provide post-secondary education opportunities in the liberal arts, teacher training, vocational-technical education and general education to the residents of American Samoa. ASCC offers Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees, as well as Certificate programs in a variety of academic and technical areas.

ASCC is located on Tutuila, the largest of American Samoa's seven islands in the lush valley of Mapusaga village nine miles west of Pago Pago, the territory's center of trade and commerce. American Samoa lies about 2,500 miles southwest of Hawaii and 1,800 miles northeast of New Zealand. Tutuila comprises approximately three-fourths of American Samoa's 76 square miles and is home to 90% of its population of nearly 60,000. The other six islands are Aunu'u, Ofu, Olosega, Ta'u, Swains, and Rose Atoll.

In July of 1970, ASCC was established as part of the American Samoa Department of Education. The first freshman class of 131 attended classes in the old Lands and Survey Building (the current site of the Lumana'i Building) in Fagatogo. The following year the College was moved to the old Fia Iloa High School building in Utulei. The move to a permanent campus was made in September of 1974 when ASCC took over the site of the former Mapusaga High School in the village of Mapusaga.

A grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration in 1979 enabled ASCC to complete

five new buildings, with modern facilities for instruction in science, nursing, fine arts and vocational education, as well as a student cafeteria and a gymnasium.

Vision

The Board of Higher Education envisions the American Samoa Community College as the only U.S. accredited education institution of higher learning in American Samoa and the South Pacific region providing quality courses, programs and services for its students, enabling them to meet the challenges of the 21st Century. The College will adequately prepare its students who may wish to matriculate to colleges and universities off-island, join the labor market, or pursue any endeavor of choice.

Mission

The mission of the American Samoa Community College is to foster successful student learning by providing educational programs and high quality services of high quality that will enable students to achieve their educational goals and to contribute to the social, cultural, political, economic, technological, and environmental well-being of American Samoa.

To fulfill this mission, the College, as an open admissions United States accredited Land Grant institution, provides access to associate degree and certificate programs of study. These programs prepare all students including those who are educationally underserved, challenged, or non-traditional for:

- transfer to institutions of higher learning
- successful entry into the workforce
- research and extension in human and natural resources
- awareness of Samoa and the Pacific.



Manulauti (Mission Samoan Version)

‘O le **manulauti** a le Kolisi Tu’ufatasi o Amerika Sāmoa, ia fa’atupula’ia le sologa maualuga o a’oa’oga a ali’i ma tama’ita’i, i le sauniunia ma le fa’afailelea lelei o polokalama ‘a’anoa, fa’apea ni tautua aogā, o le a mafai ai e tupulaga, ona ‘ausia tulaga fa’ale a’oa’oga na ō lātou mo’omia, e fesoasoani ai i le soifua fa’ale aganu’u, i faigā mālō, i le tamā’o’āiga i tupe, i tekanalosi, ma le soifua lelei i le si’osi’omia o Amerika Samoa.

‘E fa’ataunu’u lana manulauti, ona o se Kolisi o le malo o Amerika, ua fa’amaonia e isi Kolisi le talia o ona togi, e tatala le ulufale i so o se tagata, ma o se nofoaga a’oga i lalo o Laufanua a le Feterale, ma ua maua ai ma su’e ai fo’i Tikeri ma Tusi Pasi o so o se polokalama. Ma ‘o polokalama nei o lo sauniunia ai so o se tama/teine a’oga, ma e aofia ai ma i latou e lē ‘o maua gofie avanoa o a’oa’oga, o i latou o lo o iai lu’itau, ma i latou e le masani ona:

- toe si’itia atu i nofoaga o a’oa’oga maualuga
- faigōfie ona ofi atu i fa’alapotopotoga o tagata faigaluega
- sa’ili’iliga ma le fa’alautelega o punā ‘oa fa’anatura fa’apea tagata soifua
- Silafia o Samoa ma le Pasefika



Governance

Through the implementation of Public Law 22-30 the College has assumed semi-independence and has established a structure that maximizes participation, recognizes and values expertise, and places authority at the appropriate level. The College governance system clarifies the roles of faculty, professional and classified staff, the President, Administration, and students. In a governance system, the President is the final authority in the decision-making process, having the authority to accept or reject recommendations.

The Board of Higher Education is responsible for the selection of the President, setting policies, control, and management of the college.

