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Sacred Heart University currently has 13 buildings on its 56-acre campus in the northeast corner of Fairfield, Connecticut. The William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center opened in September 1997, as did significant enhancements of the main academic facilities. Plans also call for expansion of the library and other improvements.

### Academic Center

The Academic Center contains most classrooms and faculty, administrative and academic departmental offices. The Academic Center is divided into three wings: Science Center, Humanities Center and Student Union.

The Science Center includes offices of the Dean of Arts and Sciences, Dean of Education and Health Professions, Registrar, Student Accounts, Dean of Freshmen and Academic Advising. Also included are the faculty offices for Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Nursing, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy. The Science Center houses the science and health science laboratories.

The Humanities Center includes the Academic and Administrative Computing Center, Bookstore, Faculty Lounge and Language Laboratory. Also included are the faculty offices for Communication Studies, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Education, English, Information Technology, Modern Foreign Language, Psychology, Sociology and Social Work.

The Student Union includes the faculty offices for Campus Ministry, Music, Public Safety, Student Affairs and Student Government, as well as a multipurpose activity center, housing, chapel, dining halls, Mahogany Room, Gallery of Contemporary

Art, Hawley Lounge, mailroom/print shop and Center for the Performing Arts.

### Administration Building

The Administration Building houses the Media Studies Center; Office of the President; Offices of the Vice President and Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs; the Center for Christian Jewish Understanding; the offices of University College; faculty offices for Political Science, History, Media Studies, Philosophy and Religious Studies; the Department of Human Resources; and Payroll.

### Curtis Hall

Curtis Hall, named after the University founder, the Most Reverend Walter W. Curtis, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, houses the offices of Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions, Student Financial Assistance and Career Development. The Community Room also is located in Curtis Hall.

### Jandrisevits Learning Center (JLC)

The Jandrisevits Learning Center is located in the lower level of the Ryan-Matura Library. An Adaptive Technology Lab is available for students with visual, auditory, physical or learning disabilities. The JLC also provides specialized tutoring for students with learning disabilities (LDs) as well as for students who are linguistically diverse (ESL). Staffed by highly experienced faculty tutors and well-trained peer tutors, the JLC provides a warm, friendly learning environment where the needs of individual students are the primary concern. Appointments: Call 203-371-7820, or come to the JLC, located in the lower level of the Ryan-Matura Library.

### Oakview Drive

Located off campus in neighboring Trumbull, Connecticut, the building at 101 Oakview Drive houses the Business Office; Office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration; Office

of the Director of Facilities Management and Construction; Religious Education and Pastoral Studies (REAPS); Institutional Advancement; Art Department and faculty offices; Motion Analysis Laboratory; and administrative offices of WSHU Radio.

### **Park Avenue House**

The offices of the Center for Mission Education and Reflection, Institutional Research, Personal Counseling Services and Health Services are located in the Park Avenue House at the southeast corner of the campus.

### **The William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center**

The William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center is home to the Pioneer men's and women's basketball, volleyball, and wrestling programs, as well as many intramural programs. The three-level, 141,000 square foot complex features four multi-purpose basketball courts, which can be easily converted for indoor tennis or convention use, and seats 2,100 for basketball.

The main level of the Pitt Center also houses the Sacred Heart University Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, a joint private practice/University venture offering many specialized clinical rehabilitation and wellness services in conjunction with academic-based faculty therapists, in a facility that features state-of-the-art physical therapy equipment.

The Health and Fitness Center is located on the lower level of the Pitt Center. Offering a wide range of fitness equipment and classes, the 5,000 square foot facility features an enclosed aerobics studio and main fitness area, where the latest generation of cardiovascular exercise machines and free weight equipment can be used. Locker rooms for both the Pioneer athletic teams and Health and Fitness Center members are adjacent to the fitness area. The upper level of the Pitt Center houses the

Department of Athletics suite of offices and the Board Room, which serves as a meeting/reception room for the Board of Trustees and other on-campus organizations.

### **Campus Field**

Campus Field is the home of the Pioneer football, men's and women's soccer, field hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, and men's and women's outdoor track and field. Built in 1993, Campus Field features a newly installed, \$750,000 state-of-the-art FieldTurf synthetic-surface, multi-purpose field with inlaid lines for the sports listed above. The field is surrounded by an eight-lane synthetic-surface running track available for competition and recreational use. With a seating capacity of 3,500, Campus Field is an ideal location for large-scale events and has been host to athletic tournaments, graduations and outdoor fairs. Adjacent to Campus Field are six state-of-the-art tennis courts constructed in 1995 and scheduled for resurfacing in 2003. Rounding out the outdoor athletic facilities, and adjacent to the Sacred Heart tennis courts, is Pioneer Park softball field, most recently updated in 2001.

### **Ryan-Matura Library**

The Ryan-Matura Library is the resource for information, whether it is the answer to a factual question or extended research for a term paper. Librarians are available to answer questions and assist students with extended research projects. Instruction sessions are conducted for class groups to make them familiar with the library, with subject-specific research and the research process. Librarians will also assist students with finding information in other libraries, in commercial databases or on the Internet.

Periodicals and periodical indexes, including newspapers are found in print, film and electronic format. Any book or periodical not found in the library can be obtained from another library

through interlibrary loan. Materials can usually be obtained within 10 days.

At present the Ryan-Matura Library holds approximately 125,000 print volumes and 50,000 nonprint items and more than 3,500 periodical subscriptions. These include a significant number of full-text journals available on more than 40 online index and abstracting databases. These can be reached 24 hours a day/7 days a week from links on the library home page. Databases are available from campus and home.

The library's web site is located at <http://library.sacredheart.edu>. It provides access to the library catalog, information about the library, electronic reserve reading, links to research databases and other related information.

The library also houses the Jandrisevits Learning Center.

## **Residence Halls**

The University currently houses students in six different areas: South Hall, West Hall, East Hall, Jefferson Hill, Park Ridge Apartments and Park Royal Condominiums. These offer distinct residential lifestyles, from traditional high-rise resident halls to on-campus apartments.

## **Schine Auditorium**

The Schine Auditorium, located in the lower level of the Ryan-Matura Library, provides an appropriate setting for lectures, workshops, academic convocations and other special programs. To reserve the 220-seat auditorium, call 203-371-7846 between 8:30 AM and noon, Monday through Friday.

## **Community Resources**

### **Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (CCJU)**

The CCJU is an educational and research division of Sacred Heart University. The center draws

together clergy, laity, scholars, theologians and educators in various modes of interaction to focus on current religious thinking within Christianity and Judaism.

As each tradition reevaluates attitudes toward the other, the center fosters the exploration of the major philosophical and theological issues on the frontier of the Christian-Jewish dialogue, as these are formulated by scholars at the international and national levels.

The center's mission is to develop programs and publications to overcome deep-seated antagonisms, based on centuries of hostility and mutual estrangement, that recent progress has not yet healed. It hopes to foster greater knowledge and understanding of the religious traditions of Christianity and Judaism and the history of their relationship, and to provide a forum for dialogue. It promotes independent research and serves as a vehicle for processing and circulating its findings to appropriate institutions around the world.

For further information about the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding, call 203-365-7592 or visit its website at [www.ccju.org](http://www.ccju.org).

### **Center for Mission Education and Reflection**

The Center for Mission Education and Reflection was established in 1998 to further advance a mission-focused ethos throughout the University by providing varied opportunities for reflection and conversation on the University's mission and Catholic identity. Serving faculty, administrators, staff and students, the center provides orientation programs, resource materials and opportunities for professional development. The office and resource library of the center are located on the first floor of the Park Avenue House.

### **Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts**

The Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts

enjoys a well-deserved reputation as a valuable resource for southwestern Connecticut's cultural life. It attracts thousands of guests annually to its program of performances and public forums.

The Edgerton Center's resident professional theater company, complemented by talented students from the University, produces several musicals each year. Its 800-seat auditorium hosts theatrical programs staged by the University's students, and community organizations regularly hold public events there.

The Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts has hosted such luminaries as Alicia de Larrocha, Julie Harris, James Earl Jones and James Naughton. In addition, thousands of school children are entertained and educated at special events, and hundreds more participate each year in the Summer Cabaret workshops. For further information, call the Edgerton Center's box office at 203-374-2777.

### **The Gallery of Contemporary Art**

The Gallery of Contemporary Art presents exhibits of contemporary works of art in a wide variety of approaches and media. The gallery offers six exhibits annually, which include a Student Exhibit, an exhibit of the Art Faculty's work and four exhibits by professional artists. Most exhibits have associated lectures.

The gallery also administers the University's Collection, the Sculpture on the Grounds program and the Voluntary Percent for Art program. For further information and exhibit hours, call the gallery at 203-365-7650.

### **Hersher Institute for Applied Ethics**

Established in 1993, the Hersher Institute for Applied Ethics serves both the University community and the wider Fairfield County community by addressing issues of major ethical concern. The institute assists Sacred Heart University faculty from all disciplines to raise and examine broad

ethical concerns and issues specific to their respective disciplines.

The Hersher Institute brings speakers to campus to address the faculty and provides training for integrating ethical viewpoints into the University curriculum. The institute supports the University's wider mission by cosponsoring, with other departments and institutes, colloquia and conferences that raise important ethical questions for the University scholarly community and the general public. For further information, call 203-365-7657.

### **Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Studies (REAPS)**

The Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Studies (REAPS) provides laity, clergy and religious with opportunities for professional training and personal growth related to Catholic education, pastoral and ethical studies, religious education, sacred art, spirituality and other chosen fields of Church ministry. A primary focus of the institute is the formation of Catholic schoolteachers and those in pastoral and catechetical ministry. It also provides specialized formation for those in pastoral care and the healing professions, spiritual direction and workplace ethics. The institute helps qualify individuals through graduate-level, group and directed individual learning for Church-related positions.

REAPS sponsors over 40 distinct programs at multiple sites throughout the state of Connecticut, as well as annual programs in Florida, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and in Europe. The REAPS offices are located at the Oakview Campus and may be reached by phone at 203-371-7867, by fax at 203-365-4798 or by email at reaps@sacred-heart.edu.

### **Radio Stations**

The professionally operated WSHU-FM, located on the Fairfield campus, is a 20,000-watt station at

91.1 (FM). The station is Public Broadcasting qualified and a full member of National Public Radio, one of only two such stations in Connecticut and 312 nationwide. WSHU-FM offers classical music, news and public affairs to listeners of Southern Connecticut and Long Island, New York. WSHU operates six translators: 90.1 FM serving Stamford, Connecticut; 93.3 FM in Northford, Connecticut; 105.7 FM serving central Suffolk County, Long Island, New York; 91.3 FM in Huntington Station, New York; and 103.3 FM in Noyack, New York. The University also operates two News Talk Stations: WSUF at 89.9 FM, a 12,000-watt station with transmitting facilities in Greenport, New York and WSHU (AM) at 1260, a 1,000-watt standard broadcast station in Westport, Connecticut.

Student-run WHRT offers rock music, news and public affairs programs, and WHRT is the student, on-campus-only, radio station programmed by and for students.

The production and on-air studios, record library and newsrooms of radio station WSHU FM serve as learning laboratories for Media Studies and other disciplines.

## **Community/SHU Student Chamber Orchestra**

The SHU-Community Chamber Orchestra provides opportunity for community and student musicians to play alongside each other and to perform a wide variety of music for small orchestra. Monday evening rehearsals culminate in concerts at the University each semester and additional performances in the community.

## **Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Clinic**

The University operates two physical therapy and hand therapy clinic facilities, one on campus affiliated with the academic program in Physical Therapy, and one in Shelton, Connecticut. The

on-campus clinic is located in the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center. The clinics provide physical therapy and hand therapy services to students, employees and the public. Clinic staff includes several members of the Physical Therapy program faculty as well as several staff members who are advanced clinicians in orthopedic, sports physical therapy and hand therapy. All are licensed physical therapists. The clinics operate five days per week, 12 hours per day. This clinic service is also closely affiliated with the University's athletic training program to serve the rehabilitation needs of our student-athletes.

The clinical facility features the latest technological equipment in isokinetic testing with a new Biodex II system, a full range of orthopedic and sports physical therapy evaluation resources, a therapeutic pool and a full hand rehabilitation center. Patients of the clinic may take advantage of the comprehensive fitness facilities of the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center under the supervision of a Physical Therapy staff member. The clinics are authorized providers for most major medical insurance carriers. For further information, call 203-396-8181.