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## Accreditation and Memberships

### Accreditation

Sacred Heart University has been granted institutional accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, one of six regional associations in the United States that accredit schools and colleges. Institutional accreditation is the means used by regional accrediting commissions to assure the educational community, the general public and other agencies and organizations that an institution has clearly defined and appropriate educational objectives and that it has established conditions under which its objectives can be met. Accreditation also provides that an institution is so organized, staffed and supported that it can continue to meet its objectives in the future.

In addition, several University programs either have received specialized accreditation or approval by the state of Connecticut, or have been granted specialized accreditation by national professional organizations. The Master of Arts in Teaching program is accredited by the Connecticut State Department of Higher Education; the Education program for teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels is approved by the Connecticut State Department of Education; the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing programs are accredited by the National League for Nursing; the Master of Science in Physical Therapy program is accredited by the American Physical Therapy Association; the Bachelor of Arts or Science in Social Work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; and the Legal Assistant program is approved by the American Bar Association.

The University is approved by the Connecticut State Department of Education for the education of veterans and their eligible dependents.

### Memberships

AACSB, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business  
Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)  
American Accounting Association  
American Alliance of Health, Physical Education and Recreation  
American Association for Higher Education  
American Association of Adult Continuing Education  
American Association of College Baseball Coaches (AACBC)  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO)  
American Association of Collegiate Schools and Programs  
American Association of Paralegal Education  
American Chamber of Commerce in Luxembourg  
American College Counseling Association (ACCA)  
American College Health Association (ACHA)  
American College of Sports Medicine  
American College Personnel Association (ACPA)  
American Council on Education (ACE)  
American Counseling Association (ACA)  
American Educational Research Association  
American Football Coaches Association (AFCA)  
American Library Association  
American Management Association (AMA)  
American Mathematical Society  
American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)  
American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)  
American Psychological Association

- American Society for Training and Development (ASTD)
- American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers(ASCAP)
- Association for Computing Machinery
- Association for Continuing Higher Education (ACHE)
- Association for North East Business Deans
- Association for Specialists in Group Work (ASGW)
- Association for Student Affairs at Catholic Colleges and Universities (ASACCU)
- Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU)
- Association of College and University Housing Officers (ACUHO)
- Association of College and University Unions (ACUI)
- Association of College Administration Professionals (ACAP)
- Association of College and Research Libraries
- Association of College and University Housing Officers International
- Association of College Honor Societies
- Association of College Unions International (ACCU)
- Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs
- Association of Conferences and Events Directors (ACED)
- Association of Departments of English
- Association of Governing Boards
- Association of Graduate Programs in Ministry
- Association of Institutional Research
- Association of International Educators
- Association of Professors/Researchers in Religious Education
- Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions
- Association of Student Judicial Affairs (ASJA)
- Association of University Programs in Health Administration
- Berkshire County Counselors Association (BCCA)
- Bridgeport Regional Business Council
- Canadian Academic Accounting Association
- Catholic Campus Ministry Association
- Chi Sigma Iota (CSI)
- Chief Administrators of Catholic Education
- College and University Personnel Association
- College Art Association
- College Athletic Business Management Association (CABMA)
- College Athletic Trainers'society (CATS)
- College Board
- College Consortium for International Studies
- College Entrance Examination Board and Scholarship Service
- Collegium
- Colonial Athletic Association (CAA)
- Community-Campus Partnerships for Health
- Connecticut Association of Colleges and Universities for Teacher Education
- Connecticut Association of Latino and Hispanic Education (CALAHE)
- Connecticut Association of Professional Financial Aid Administrators (CAPFAA)
- Connecticut Athletic Trainers' Association (CATA)
- Connecticut Business and Industry Association
- Connecticut Campus Compact Steering Committee
- Connecticut Career Counseling Association (CCCA)
- Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges (CCIC)
- Connecticut Council on Higher Education
- Connecticut Counseling Association (CCA)
- Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium
- Connecticut League for Nursing
- National Network of Libraries of Medicine
- Connecticut School Counselor Association (CSCA)
- Connecticut Softball Collegiate/Scholastic Hall of Fame (CSCSHF)
- Connecticut Technology Council
- Connecticut World Trade Association

- Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)
- Council of Graduate Schools
- Council of Independent Colleges
- Council on Social Work Education
- East End Counselors Association (EECA)
- Eastern Association of Colleges and Employers (EACE)
- Eastern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (EASFA)
- Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association (EATA)
- Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC)
- Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association
- Entrepreneurial Women's Network
- Entrepreneurship Institute
- European American Chamber of Commerce in the US
- European Council of International Schools (ECIS)
- Forum for World Affairs
- Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Norwalk Chamber of Commerce
- Greenwich Chamber of Commerce
- Institute for European Studies/Institute for Asian Studies
- Institute for International Education
- Institute of Management Accounts
- Institute of Management Consultants
- Intercollegiate Association for Marriage and Family Therapists
- Intercollegiate Bowling Association
- Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA)
- International Consortium of the National Council of Teachers of English
- International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU)
- Kiwanis Club of Bridgeport
- Library Administration and Management Association
- Library Information Technology Association
- Luxembourg American Chamber of Commerce (LACC)
- Massachusetts School Counselor Association (MSCA)
- Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC)
- Mathematics Association of America
- Metro New York College Placement Officers Association (MNYCPOA)
- Modern Languages Association (MLA)
- National Academic Advising Association (NAAA)
- National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
- National Association for Developmental Education
- National Association for Lay Ministry
- National Association for Pastoral Musicians
- National Association of Athletics Compliance Coordinators (NAACC)
- National Association of Campus Activities (NACA)
- National Association of Catholic Colleges Admissions Counseling (NACCAC)
- National Association of Church Personnel Administrators
- National Association of College Admissions Counselors
- National Association of College and University Attorneys
- National Association of College and University Business Officers
- National Association of College Athletic Directors
- National Association of College Auxiliary Services (NACAS)
- National Association of College Basketball Coaches (NACBC)
- National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE)
- National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA)
- National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators (NACMA)
- National Association of Foreign Student Advisors
- National Association of Foreign Student Affairs (NAFSA)
- National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals (NAGAP)

- National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
- National Association of International Educators
- National Association of Schools of Art and Design
- National Association of Social Workers
- National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA)
- National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)
- National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA)
- National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification (NATABOC)
- National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC)
- National Career Development Association (NCDA)
- National Catholic Educational Association
- National Catholic Student Coalition
- National College of Sports Medicine
- National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)
- National Collegiate Licensing Association (NCLA)
- National Conference of Catechetical Leadership
- National Continuing Education Association
- National Council for Teachers of English
- National Council for Teachers of Math
- National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA)
- National Intramural and Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA)
- National League for Nursing
- National Orientation Directors Association (NODA)
- National Society of Experiential Education (NSEE)
- National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA)
- New England Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (NEACURH)
- New England Association of College Admissions Counseling (NEACAC)
- New England Association of College and University Housing Officers (NEACUHO)
- New England Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (NEACRAO)
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- New England Intercollegiate Softball Coaches Association (NEISCA)
- New England Occupational Therapy Educational Council
- New England Resource Center for Higher Education (NERCHE)
- New England Transfer Association (NETA)
- New Jersey Association of College Admissions Counseling (NJACAC)
- New York Association of College Admissions Counseling (NYACAC)
- Northeast Association of Student Employment Administrators
- Northeast Conference (NEC)
- Northeast Conference Baseball Committee
- Overseas Association of College Admissions Counseling (OACAC)
- Pennsylvania Association of College Admissions Counseling (PACAC)
- Phi Delta Kappa, International Religious Educational Association
- Sigma Xi Scientific Research Study
- Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- Society of University Planners
- Southwestern Area Commerce and Industry Association of Connecticut (SACIA)
- Stamford Chamber of Commerce
- Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM)
- Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Western Massachusetts Counselors Association (WMCA)
- World Criminal Justice Library Network
- Western, Rockland, Putnam Counselors Association (WRPCA)
- Western Suffolk Counselors Association (WSCA)
- World Criminal Justice Library Network

## Mission and History

### Mission Statement

Sacred Heart University is a coeducational, independent, comprehensive institution of higher learning in the Catholic intellectual tradition whose primary objective is to prepare men and women to live in and make their contributions to the human community.

The University aims to assist in the development of people knowledgeable of self, rooted in faith, educated in mind, compassionate in heart, responsive to social and civic obligations, and able to respond to an ever-changing world. It does this by calling forth the intellectual potential of its students, nurturing each one's spiritual and moral growth, and deepening in them a sense of social responsibility. The University is committed to combining education for life with preparation for professional excellence.

Sacred Heart University is Catholic in tradition and spirit. As a Catholic university, it seeks to play its appropriate role in the modern world. It exemplifies in its life the Judeo-Christian values of the God-given freedom and dignity of every human person. Inspired by the ecumenical spirit of the Second Vatican Council, Sacred Heart University welcomes men and women of all religious traditions and beliefs who share its concerns for truth, scholarship, the dignity of the human person, freedom, and the betterment of human society. It values religious diversity as enhancing the community and creating opportunities for dialogue in the common search for truth. Through its curricular and co-curricular activities and campus ministry programs, the University provides the context in which students have the opportunity to appropriate in a critical fashion their own religious traditions.

Sacred Heart University challenges its students to think critically, analyze carefully, evaluate with a sense of justice and proportion, and convey con-

clusions in an intelligible and articulate fashion. The University provides the environment in which its students can develop the aesthetic dimension of life by nurturing their abilities to imagine, create and appreciate. It assists students to acquire a rich understanding of their own cultural and family heritages so as to assume their responsibilities as conveyors and creators of culture and family.

As a community of teachers and scholars, Sacred Heart University exists for the pursuit of truth. It joins with other colleges and universities in the task of expanding human knowledge and deepening human understanding. It encourages and supports the scholarly and artistic work of its faculty and students. Further, it has a responsibility to share its resources and its special gifts and talents for the betterment of the human community. All members of the University community are encouraged to participate in the wider community through service to others, especially the poor.

From its founding, the University has been recognized for its caring approach to students. This expresses the University's belief that each student is born with a unique set of qualities and skills. It respects the personal and academic freedom of each of its members while, at the same time, fostering a genuine experience of community. By so doing, it creates the environment in which each person shares in common goals and a common commitment to truth, justice, and concern for others.

### History

Sacred Heart University was founded in 1963 by the Most Reverend Walter W. Curtis, Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport. It was established to provide an affordable, quality education at a local Catholic university. From its outset, the University bore the mark of innovation. Charting a new direction within American Catholicism, the University was to be led and staffed by the laity, independent

and locally oriented, serving the needs of the diocese and of southwestern Connecticut.

Signs of the University's growth and vibrancy are evident. The enrollment has risen from the original class of 173 students to more than 6,000 full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students in Fall 2002. Correspondingly, the faculty has increased from 9 to over 150 full-time professors and a cadre of dedicated adjunct faculty members.

The University has grown and has enhanced the undergraduate student experience in several other ways. In 1990, it accepted for the first time students who wanted the "residential" experience. It now has seven residence halls, and 70% of the full-time undergraduate students live in University housing.

New degree programs and majors in relevant disciplines are consistently added to our curriculum. The University offers Division I athletics with 32 varsity teams. The \$17.5 million William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center is available to all students and the community at large. Recognizing the importance of technology, Sacred Heart University provides all undergraduate students with a laptop computer. The University campus is a wireless environment.

The University consists of four colleges: College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education and Health Professions, and University College. The latter is committed to the adult learner and provides continuing education programs. Its evening, weekend and accelerated courses earn praise for their diversity and relevance to changing lifestyles.

An ever-widening outreach to the community balances the University's commitment to academic excellence. The Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Studies (REAPS) has helped educate more than 25,000 men and women for pastoral and catechetical work and other Church ministries.

And the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding, which has earned the personal endorsement of Pope John Paul II, has become a global leader in fostering interreligious dialogue. Closer to home, hundreds of students, faculty and staff volunteer their services in the community each year.

The administration, faculty and staff, and students are proud to carry the Founder's vision and the University's mission into the third millennium.

## Locations

Located on 56 suburban acres in Fairfield, Connecticut, the main campus is just minutes from Exit 47 off the Merritt Parkway (Route 15), about one hour north of New York and less than three hours south of Boston.

Major extension sites of the University are located in Stamford, Derby, Shelton, and Lisbon, Connecticut. The University also offers a Master of Business Administration degree and a graduate certificate in Information Technology in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

## Main Campus, Fairfield

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## Curriculum

The University seeks to respond to community needs with courses that offer up-to-date specialized information and skills. At the same time, it maintains a commitment to the intellectual development of its students within a well-defined liberal arts program—the humanities, the physical sciences and the social sciences.

Master's degree programs are offered in the fields of:

- Business Administration (M.B.A.),
- Chemistry (M.S.),
- Computer Science and Information Technology (M.S.),
- Family/Nurse Practitioner (M.S.N.),
- Geriatric Rehabilitation and Wellness (M.S.)
- Occupational Therapy (M.S.),
- Patient Care Services Administration (M.S.N. or MSN/MBA),
- Physical Therapy (M.S.P.T.),
- Religious Studies (M.A.),
- Teaching (M.A.T.) and
- Learning (M.A.)

Professional certificates (Sixth Year) in administration and advanced teaching are also offered. A post-master's professional certificate is also available in Family Nurse Practitioner.

Graduate study at Sacred Heart University attracts a growing number of area men and women as well as a full-time population from around the nation and the world who seek learning experiences in addition to the degree-granting programs, courses that provide cultural enrichment, intellectual growth and career development.

A broad spectrum of short-term, noncredit courses, workshops and seminars is also offered by the University College each semester to meet the challenges of a dynamic and changing society.