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Credit and Collection	203/371-7947
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Library	203/371-7700
President's Office	203/371-7900
Public Relations	203/371-7970
Public Safety	203/371-7995
Registrar	203/371-7890
Residential Life and Housing Services	203/416-3417
Stamford Campus	203/323-4959
Student Accounts	203/371-7925
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## Welcome from the President

Dear Friends,

On behalf of nearly 5,800 students, many hundreds of professors and staff members, and more than 26,000 alumni, let me welcome you to Sacred Heart University. You will find in these pages just some of the reasons that the *Princeton Review* has included our University among *The Best 366 Colleges in America* and *U.S. News & World Report* ranks us among the finest in the Northeast. The second-largest Catholic university in New England, Sacred Heart offers more than 40 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs on its main campus in Fairfield, Connecticut, and satellites in Connecticut, Luxembourg and Ireland.

The University is made up of four distinctive colleges: Arts and Sciences, Education and Health Professions, University College, and the John E. Welch College of Business. Educating students in the legacy and tradition of GE's legendary Jack Welch, this College is accredited by the AACSB International, an elite designation belonging to fewer than 10% of business schools worldwide. A leader in the use of educational technology, SHU has been ranked by Intel as the #11 "unwired" college in the United States. It fields 32 Division I varsity teams and sponsors an award-winning program of community service.

Sacred Heart University is rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition. We are here to assist you in your journey of learning and to travel with you as you work to build a better, more peaceful world. Please call on anyone listed in these pages with your questions and concerns. We welcome your interest in our community of active and engaged learners and hope your time with us is both challenging and productive.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony J. Cernera". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D.

# Graduate Academic Calendar 2008–2009

## Semester Courses: Chemistry, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Religious Studies, Criminal Justice, Computer Science and Information Technology (semester level)

### Fall Semester

Labor Day—No Classes  
 Classes Begin  
 Last Day to Add/Drop  
 Last Day to withdraw without penalty  
 Columbus Weekend  
 Faculty Institute Day—No Classes  
 “Last Day to complete work from previous semester”  
 Thanksgiving Holiday  
 Classes End (including Finals)  
 Christmas Holiday  
 New Year’s Holiday

### 2008

Mon. Sept 1  
 Tues. Sept 2  
 Mon. Sept. 8  
 Fri. Oct. 3  
 Sun.–Tues. Oct. 12–14  
 Tues. Oct. 14  
  
 Tues. Oct. 14  
 Wed.–Sun. Nov. 26–30  
 Sat. Dec. 13  
 Wed.–Sun. Dec. 24–Dec. 28  
 Wed.–Sun. Dec.31–Jan. 1

### Spring Semester

Martin Luther King Day—No Classes  
 Classes Begin  
 Last Day to Add/Drop  
 Last Day to withdraw without penalty  
 Last Day to complete work from Fall  
 Spring Break  
 Easter Holiday  
 Faculty Institute Day—No Classes  
 Classes End (including Finals)<sup>1</sup>  
 Graduate Commencement  
 Memorial Day

### 2009

Mon. Jan. 19  
 Tues. Jan. 20  
 Mon. Jan. 26  
 Mon. Feb 23  
 Mon. Mar. 2  
 Sun.–Sun. Mar 8–Mar.15  
 Wed.–Tues. April 8–14  
 Tues. April 14  
 Tues. May 12  
 Sat. May 16  
 Mon. May 25

### Late Spring Semester

Classes Begin  
 Independence Day—No Classes  
 Classes End (including Finals)

### 2009

Mon. June 8  
 Fri. July 3  
 Tues. July 14

### Summer Semester

Classes Begin  
 Classes End (including Finals)

### 2009

Mon. July 20  
 Tues. Aug. 25

## Trimester Courses: College of Business, Computer Science and Information Technology

### Fall Semester

Labor Day—No Classes  
Classes Begin  
Columbus Weekend  
Faculty Institute Day—Classes Held  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
Classes End (including Finals)  
Christmas Holiday  
New Year's Holiday

### 2008

Mon. Sept 1  
Mon. Sept. 8  
Sun.–Tues. Oct. 12–14  
Tues. Oct. 14  
Wed.–Sun. Nov. 26–30  
Mon. Dec. 8  
Wed.–Sun. Dec. 24–Dec. 28  
Wed.–Sun. Dec.31–Jan. 4

### Winter Intersession

MBA Classes

### 2008-09

Two sessions Dates TBA

### Spring Semester

Classes Begin  
Martin Luther King Day—No Classes  
Easter Holiday  
Faculty Institute Day—Classes Held  
Classes End (including Finals)

### 2009

Mon. Jan. 5\*  
Mon. Jan. 19  
Fri.–Sun. April 10–12  
Tues. April 14  
Fri. April 3\*

### Late Spring Semester

Classes Begin  
Commencement Weekend  
Memorial Day—No Classes  
Independence Day—No Classes  
Classes End (including Finals)

### 2009

Mon. April 6\*  
Sat. –Sun. May 16–17  
Mon. May 25  
Fri. July 3  
Mon. June 29

### Summer Semester

Classes Begin  
Classes End (including Finals)

### 2009

Mon. July 13  
Thur. Aug. 20

\*CS/IT classes begin Jan. 12 and end April 8

## Occupational Therapy

### Fall Semester

Labor Day—No Classes  
Classes Begin  
Columbus Weekend  
Faculty Institute Day—No Classes  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
Classes End (including Finals)  
Christmas Holiday  
New Year's Holiday

### 2008

Mon. Sept 1  
Tues. Sept 2  
Sun.–Tues. Oct. 12–14  
Tues. Oct. 14  
Wed.–Sun. Nov. 26–30  
Fri. Dec. 12  
Wed.–Sun. Dec. 24–Dec. 28  
Wed.–Sun. Dec.31–Jan. 1

### Spring Semester

Classes Begin  
Martin Luther King Day—No Classes  
Spring Break  
Easter Holiday  
Faculty Institute Day—No Classes  
Classes End (including Finals)

### 2009

Mon. Jan. 5  
Mon. Jan. 19  
Sun.–Sun. Mar 8–Mar.15  
Wed.–Tues. April 8–14  
Tues. April 14  
Fri. May 1

### Late Spring/Summer Semester

Classes Begin  
Graduate Commencement  
Memorial Day—No Classes  
Independence Day Holiday—No Classes  
Classes End (including Finals)

### 2009

Mon. May 4  
Sat. May 16  
Mon. May 25  
Fri. July 3  
Fri. July 31

## Geriatric Rehabilitation and Wellness Program

### Fall Semester

Labor Day—No Classes  
Classes Begin  
Classes End (including Finals)  
Christmas Holiday  
New Year's Holiday

### 2008

Mon. Sept 1  
Tues. Sept 2  
Sat. Dec. 13  
Wed.—Sun. Dec. 24—Dec. 28  
Wed.—Sun. Dec.31—Jan. 1

### Spring Semester

Martin Luther King Day—No Classes  
Classes Begin  
Classes End (including Finals)

### 2009

Mon. Jan. 19  
Tues. Jan. 20  
Sat. May 9

### Late Spring/Summer Semester

Classes Begin  
Graduate Commencement  
Classes End (including Finals)

### 2009

Mon. May 11  
Sat. May 16  
Sat. Aug. 1

## Graduate Education Program

### Fall Semester

Labor Day—No Classes  
Classes Begin  
Columbus Weekend  
Faculty Institute Day (classes held)  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
Classes End (including Finals) Sat. Dec. 6

### 2008

Mon. Sept 1  
Mon. Sept. 8  
Sun.—Mon. Oct. 12—13  
Tues. Oct. 14  
Wed.—Sun. Nov. 26—30

### Winter Intersession

Classes Meet  
  
Christmas Holiday  
New Year's Holiday

### 2008-09

Dec. 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 29, 30  
Jan. 5, 6, 7, 8  
Wed.—Sun. Dec. 24—Dec. 28  
Wed.—Sun. Dec.31—Jan. 4

### Spring Semester

Martin Luther King Day—No Classes  
Classes Begin  
Easter Holiday  
Faculty Institute Day (classes held)  
Classes End (including Finals)

### 2009

Mon. Jan 19  
Wed. Jan 21  
Wed.—Mon. April 8—13  
Tues. April 14  
Tues. April 21

### May Intensive (Late Spring)

May Intensive classes begin  
Graduate Commencement  
May Intensive Ends

### 2009

Tues May 12  
Sat. May 16  
Fri. May 29

Memorial Day

Mon. May 25

### Late Spring

Late Spring classes begin  
Independence Day—No Classes  
Summer Session 1 Ends

### 2009

Mon. June 8  
Fri. July 3  
Sat. July 18

### Summer Semester

Summer classes begin  
Classes End (including Finals)

### 2009

Mon. July 20  
Sat. Aug 23

## **Statement of University Policies**

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The University is committed to the concept of equal educational opportunities for all. Individuals are considered for admission to student status, and its services, facilities, programs and activities are administered in a nondiscriminatory manner as required by law without regard to race, religion, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, gender, age or handicap.

The institution recognizes the Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, which defines the rights and protects the privacy of students with regard to their educational records.

The University is an Equal Opportunity Employer in accordance with its Affirmative Action Policy. It does not discriminate as required by law in its employment practices on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, or handicap.

Sacred Heart University is committed to the maintenance of a community environment where respect for the dignity and worth of each individual is demonstrated and where diversity and the free exchange of ideas can flourish. The maintenance of that community requires its members to avoid behavior that creates division, to promote behavior that enhances cooperation among groups and to encourage the development of each person as a unique individual.

The University does not condone racism, sexism, sexual harassment, intolerance or any other acts of discrimination. The University is authorized under federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students.

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