

# The University

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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 achievements 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 have received either 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 Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE); National League for Nursing; the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy is accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association; the Doctor of Physical Therapy 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 John F. Welch College of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

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 (ACUI)  
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  
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)  
 Mathematics Association of America  
 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC)  
 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 Network of Libraries of Medicine
- 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)
- 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 University 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 conclusions 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 in the University 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 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, as an independent Catholic University.

Signs of the University's growth and vibrancy are evident. The enrollment has risen from the original class of 173 students to more than 5,700 full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students in Fall 2006. Correspondingly, the faculty has

increased from 9 to over 190 full-time professors and a cadre of dedicated affiliate 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 ten residence halls, and 66% 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 expansive 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, John F. Welch 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 Center for Spirituality and Ministry educates men and women for pastoral, administrative, catechetical and other Church ministries. The Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding, which 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 Center for Strategic Planning for Not-for-Profit Organizations provides busi-

ness assistance to qualified groups at no cost. Through the Sacred Heart University–St. Charles Health and Wellness Center, faculty and students from Nursing, Physical Therapy, Psychology, Occupational Therapy and related disciplines bring the assets of contemporary health care practices and services to an at-risk population to the multicultural communities of St. Charles Church and neighborhood residents on Bridgeport’s East Side.

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 and adjacent properties 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 and Griswold, Connecticut. The University also offers a Master of Business Administration degree in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

### Main Campus, Fairfield

#### *Full-Time Graduate Admissions*

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## Curriculum

The University responds 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.),
- Business Administration for Arts & Sciences (M.B.A.),
- Chemistry (M.S.),
- Computer Science and Information Technology (M.S.),

- Criminal Justice (M.A.),
- 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),
- Religious Studies (M.A.), and
- Teaching (M.A.T.).

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

A professional doctoral degree program is offered in Physical Therapy (DPT).

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.