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## Welcome from the President

Dear Undergraduate Student:

Welcome to Sacred Heart University, the second-largest Catholic university in New England. Whether you plan to pursue your degree as a full-time or a part-time student, I am confident that you will find in this catalog a program that will assist you in reaching your educational goals.

As we celebrate our 40th anniversary in 2003, we continue to take pride in the quality of the educational experience available to you. First and foremost is our distinguished faculty who excel in their respective fields of study and who are constantly enhancing or developing new courses, majors and concentrations. We are also continually improving the availability and use of technology both inside and outside the classroom. Our outstanding residential and recreational facilities and programs are also integral to the quality of the experience here.

We will encourage you to fall in love with learning so that you will continue to pursue knowledge all your life. In support of that ideal, we offer numerous graduate programs as well as non-credit and continuing education courses. And to prepare men and women to help lead our world, we also foster a sense of social responsibility and compassion. This will encourage you to use your knowledge and talents on behalf of the wider community, especially the poor, both while attending the University and long afterward.

Sacred Heart University is committed to being a place where personal attention leads to personal achievement. Therefore, as you use this catalog, please be assured that our faculty, administrators and staff are here to assist you in selecting courses or understanding programs of study. In fact, all of us in the University community look forward to working with you as you strive to combine education for life with preparation for professional excellence.

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 style with a large, stylized initial "A".

Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D.  
President

# UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2002–2003

## Fall Semester

Labor Day—no classes  
 Classes begin  
 AHEAD Term 1 begins  
 Last Day to withdraw without penalty  
 Columbus weekend  
 Faculty Institute Day  
 Last day to complete work  
     for Spring and Summer sessions  
 Mid-Term exams  
 AHEAD Term 1 finals  
     One-night-per-week classes  
     Tues./Thurs. classes  
 AHEAD Term 2 begins  
 Thanksgiving Holiday  
 Last day of classes  
 Final exams  
 AHEAD Term 2 finals  
     One-night-per-week classes  
     Mon./Wed. classes  
     Tues./Thurs. classes  
 Christmas—University closed

## Winter Intersession

Classes begin  
 New Year's Holiday—University closed  
 Classes end

## Spring Semester

Martin Luther King Day—no classes  
 AHEAD Term 3 begins  
 Classes begin  
 Last day to withdraw without penalty  
 Mid-Term exams  
 Last day to complete work  
     for Fall session  
 AHEAD Term 3 finals<sup>1</sup>  
     One-night-per-week classes  
     Mon./Wed. classes  
     Tues./Thurs. classes  
 AHEAD Term 4 begins  
 Spring Break<sup>1</sup>  
 Easter Break  
 Faculty Institute Day  
 Last day of classes  
 AHEAD Term 4 finals  
     One-night-per-week classes  
     Mon./Wed. classes  
     Tues./Thurs. classes  
 Study day and final exams<sup>2</sup>  
 Commencement Weekend  
 Memorial Day—no classes

## Summer Semester

Intensive Summer begins  
 Memorial Day—no classes  
 Intensive Summer ends  
 Session I begins  
 Independence Day—no classes  
 Session I ends  
 Session II begins  
 Session II ends

## Fall 2002

Mon., Sept. 2  
 Tues., Sept. 3  
 Tues., Sept. 3  
 Fri., Oct. 4  
 Sun.-Tues., Oct. 13-15  
 Tues., Oct. 15  
  
 Tues., Oct 15  
 Wed.-Tues., Oct. 16-22  
 Mon.-Thurs., Oct. 21-24  
 Wed., Oct. 23  
 Tues., Oct. 22  
 Oct. 28  
 Wed.-Sun., Nov. 27-Dec. 1  
 Mon., Dec. 9  
 Tues.-Sat., Dec. 10-14  
 Mon.-Thurs., Dec. 16-19  
 Date listed above  
 Mon., Dec. 16  
 Tues., Dec. 17  
 Tues.-Wed., Dec. 24-25

## Winter Int. 2002-2003

Thurs., Dec. 26  
 Tues.-Wed. Dec., 31–Jan. 1  
 Tues., Jan. 7

## Spring 2003

Mon., Jan. 20  
 Mon., Jan. 13  
 Mon., Jan. 13  
 Mon., Feb. 17  
 Mon.-Sat., Feb. 24-Mar. 1  
  
 Fri., Feb. 21  
 Tues.-Mon., Feb. 25-Mar. 3  
 Date listed above  
 Date listed above  
 Mon., Mar. 3  
 Thurs., Feb. 27  
 Mon., Mar. 10  
 Sun.-Sun., Mar. 2-9  
 Wed.-Tues., Apr. 16-22  
 Tues., Apr. 22  
 Mon., May 5  
 Mon.-Thurs., Apr. 28-May 1  
 Date listed above  
 Wed., Apr. 30  
 Thurs., Apr. 29  
 Tues.-Tues., May 6-13  
 Sat.-Sun., May 17-18  
 Mon., May 26

## Summer 2003

May 14  
 Mon., May 26  
 Fri., May 30  
 Mon., Jun. 2  
 Fri., Jul. 4  
 Tues., Jul. 8  
 Mon., Jul. 14  
 Tues., Aug. 19

1. AHEAD Spring Term 3 finals will be held on Monday of Spring Break  
 2. Final exams begin Tuesday at 4 PM

## **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 all services, facilities, programs and activities are administered in a nondiscriminatory manner without regard to race, religion, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, age or handicap.

The institution complies with 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 and conforms to the regulations and policies of Affirmative Action and Title IX. It does not discriminate in its employment practices on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, age, sex 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, intolerance or any other acts of discrimination. The University is authorized under federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students.

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