

Academic and Community Resources and Student Services



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Academic Resources

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

Academic Center

The Academic Center contains most classrooms and faculty, administrative and academic departmental offices. This includes the Academic Affairs and Provost offices, Campus Ministry, Public Safety, Registrar, Student Affairs and Student Government offices. It houses the faculty offices of Biology, Chemistry, Communication Studies, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Education, English, Environmental Science, Human Movement and Sports Science, Information Technology, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Language, Music, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychology and Social Work and Sociology. It is also a multipurpose activity center, housing the bookstore, chapel, computer center, dining hall, faculty lounge, Gallery of Contemporary Art, mailroom/print shop, science and language laboratories, snack bar and the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts. Hawley Lounge serves as a student lounge and recreational activity center.

Bookstore

The bookstore is located on the first floor of the Academic Center, in the south wing. Operated by Follett College Stores, it offers textbooks, supplies, clothing with the University's name and logo, and related items.

Instructional Technology and Student Mobile Computing Program

Recognizing the increasingly important role of technology in our society and in education, Sacred

Heart University has made a commitment to, and a serious investment in, computers, networking and its supporting technologies. The University's network infrastructure provides connectivity to every facility on campus via a fiber-optic Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) and Gigabit Ethernet backbone. The network architecture is capable of supporting well over 5,000 simultaneous users at any given time.

Network services are provided to the student community via 10- and 100-megabit data jacks. These provide access to the University library, Internet and student e-mail 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Wireless access is also provided in the Academic Buildings, library and most other indoor and outdoor locations where students gather on campus.

Virtual Private Networking (VPN) provide an alternate method for accessing Sacred Heart University's network from off campus. VPN, Citrix and terminal services are available to provide connectivity solutions for even the most sophisticated applications, from anywhere on the Internet. Outlook Web Access (OWA) is available through the web, for sending and receiving e-mail from any computer connected anywhere on the Internet.

In order to promote its "Anytime, Anywhere Learning" initiative, Sacred Heart University partnered with Symbol Technologies, Inc. in the summer of 2000 to create one of the first wireless network campuses in New England. This infrastructure allows students to use their laptops in nearly all outdoor areas on campus, and in most public areas indoors.

The current wireless standard is IEEE 802.11b, supporting 11Mbps, and is scheduled to migrate toward the faster 54Mbps IEEE 802.11a as the technology matures.

The students' computing laboratories are currently comprised of 270 desktop computers dispersed throughout several academic facilities. Six laboratories are used for computer-related instruction, and an additional lab provides 24/7/365 access

for Sacred Heart University students, faculty or staff. The University recently completed the installation of eight new “smart” classrooms with fixed multimedia capabilities that allow instructors to integrate technology in their classroom presentations. These rooms are equipped with LCD projectors, DVD, VCR, audio capabilities, and PC/laptop connections. All classrooms on campus are equipped with an active data jack for instructors or students to access the network. Additionally, there are data/CATV connections in every room for use by the instructor. The network infrastructure is designed with future technologies in mind so that Sacred Heart University will be ready for Voice over IP, streaming media and hosted applications as the curriculum expands.

In 1995, Sacred Heart University became the first university in Connecticut and the fourth in New England to require incoming freshmen to own a notebook computer that meets a specified standard (networking connectivity—wired and wireless—to access the Internet, e-mail, University library and other libraries across the country and other networked resources). By fall 1998, all of the University’s full-time undergraduate students had notebook computers. In the fall of 2000 the laptop program was changed in order to replace every student-used laptop after two years of use, thereby insuring that students have the latest hardware and most current software available. The Mobile Computing Program, and the universal nature of the program on this campus, makes integrating technology across the curriculum and into the daily lives of our students, a much easier process. In addition, Sacred Heart University provides all its full-time faculty members with a notebook computer. Faculty members are able to incorporate more online information into the curriculum and use computers as a key component of classroom instruction; faculty and students are able to communicate using Sacred Heart’s Online Web-based Course Management System, “BLACK-

BOARD,” for class content, assignments, questions and classroom discussion groups; as well as virtual office hours.

Computer Facilities

Sacred Heart University offers a state-of-the-art campus network. The library, classrooms, on-campus residence facilities, health and recreation center and faculty and administrative offices are all networked. With its fiber-optic infrastructure, the University is positioned to support a wide range of emerging technologies.

The University has established itself as a pioneer in the implementation of technology across the curriculum.

A host of multiprocessor campus servers supports the labs and educational programs. The University’s Fractional T3 Internet connection and an ATM OC-12 backbone provides support to a combination of OC-3 155Mbps ATM and Fast Ethernet 100 Mbps segments. The ATM network also supports video, voice and data across the campus. State-of-the-art routers provide high-speed connectivity and security to Wide Area Network segments.

In support of the laptop program, the University has an on-site Notebook Service Center staffed by certified technicians and open 12 hours a day, Monday through Friday. This facility is specifically designed to service and troubleshoot problems with laptops. In addition, Sacred Heart University has a full-time trainer who provides basic, intermediate and advanced instructional courses on all supported applications included on the laptop. Through Sacred Heart’s 24-hour-a-day telephone support hotline, students, faculty and staff can dial a toll-free number to obtain technical assistance.

The library also provides a wide range of electronic resources, including: Innovative Interfaces Online Catalog; Connecticut Digital Library; ProQuest Database (newspapers, general, busi-

ness, medical and social sciences periodicals indexes); Encyclopedia Britannica Online; First Search database (includes World Cat, ERIC, Medline, Cinahl, MLA Bibliography, etc.); as well as many other electronic resources, including Psych Info. Access to these resources is available through the University's library homepage.

Administration Building

The Administration Building houses the President's office, the offices of the Vice President and Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, University College and some faculty offices for the College of Arts and Sciences, including the the Media Studies Center. The University's Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding is also housed in the building.

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 the center.

Ryan-Matura Library

The Ryan-Matura Library is the place to go for information, whether it is the answer to a factual question or extended research for a term paper. Librarians are available at all times at the reference desk to answer questions and assist students in doing research. Instruction sessions are also conducted for class groups to make them familiar with the library and the research process. If the library does not own a desired resource, librarians will help students find it in other libraries, in commercial databases or on the Internet.

Most areas of the library are automated and require no special expertise. All the workstations have user-friendly software that both speeds up and simplifies the research process.

Periodicals and periodical indexes including newspapers are found in print, film and electron-

ic format. Any book or periodical not found in the library can be obtained from another library through interlibrary loan.

At present the Ryan-Matura Library holds approximately 125,000 print volumes and 83,000 non-print items including audiovisual materials and more than 2,500 periodical subscriptions. These include a significant number of full-text electronic journals available on more than 25 online index and abstracting databases or reference services that can be reached 24 hours per day, 7 days per week from links on the library homepage.

The library's website is located at <http://library.sacredheart.edu>. It provides the user with access to the library catalog, information about the library, electronic reserve reading, links to research databases and other related information. Databases are available from campus and home.

The library also houses the Jandrisevits Learning Center as well as the lounge for the students enrolled in the Honors Program.

Jandrisevits Learning Center Office of Academic Support

The Jandrisevits Learning Center (JLC) is located in the lower level of the Ryan-Matura Library. Staffed by highly experienced faculty tutors and well-trained peer assistants, the JLC provides a warm, friendly learning environment where the needs of students are our primary concern. The JLC offers the following support services to all undergraduate and graduate SHU students:

- individualized one-hour tutoring in all disciplines provided by a staff of 10 faculty tutors;
- monthly workshops on college-level learning skills such as note-taking, time management and test-taking;
- classroom learning assistants (70 peer tutors who provide academic support in disciplines across the curriculum);

- learning disability specialists in compliance with S 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act;
- adaptive technology instruction for learning and physically challenged students;
- an online writing service (!JLC.OWL) and an online math service (!JLC.MATH); and
- drop-in tutoring for selected courses and referrals for individualized tutoring.

The JLC is open seven days a week: Monday–Thursday, 10a.m.–9p.m.; Friday, 10a.m.–3p.m.; and Saturday–Sunday, 2p.m.–6p.m.

Federally Mandated Services Office of Special Services

Disclosure Letters. At the written request of students, the Director of Special Services writes letters to some or all of the students' professors which clearly states the nature of the disability and the appropriate classroom accommodations.

Extended-Time and Separate Environment Testing. Extended-time testing (usually time and a half or double time) takes place either in classrooms designated by professors or in a separate, secluded environment within the JLC.

In-Class Notetaker. In-class notetakers are fellow students who are also taking the class. By agreement, these students make copies of their notes or allow students in need to duplicate notes on a copy machine paid for by the JLC Disabilities Office.

Interpreting and/or Technical Services. Deaf or hard-of-hearing students can request either an oral interpreter or an American Sign Language interpreter. If they do not use interpreters, but have a significant hearing loss, technology can be requested to assist in understanding classroom lectures and obtaining notes.

Alternative Forms of Testing. Depending on the students' documentation and disabilities, the Special Services Office negotiates appropriate alternative testing methods on a case-by-case basis.

Course Substitutions when Appropriate.

A course substitution policy enables physically and learning challenged students on a case-by-case basis to request previously approved alternatives in place of specific required courses, but only when it is clear that the required courses would severely disadvantage students' ability to successfully compete in those courses.

Classroom Learning Assistants Program.

Tutoring in disciplines across the curriculum is provided for all Sacred Heart University students free of charge by graduates and undergraduates in the Classroom Learning Assistants (CLA) Program. The CLAs are responsible for providing students with a full set of notes for the class, and assisting them with tests, study or paper preparations.

Books on Tape. Students can be provided with recorded books either through Sacred Heart University's institutional membership with Reading for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D), or by creating books on tape within the University's Adaptive Technology Lab.

Additional Billable Services

L.D. Trained Specialists. The Director of Special Services, along with L.D. specialists, collectively provide services day and evening for a total of 35 hours a week, assisting students with special needs on a one-to-one basis. These tutors have expertise in specialized pedagogy for the learning disabled and, thus, provide services over and beyond those offered by the University's regular tutorial program.

Transcription of Taped Notes. Professional transcribers collect students' tapes on a regular basis and provide them with a complete set of typed notes.

Technical Services. A closed-caption note-taking system provides notes for students who choose to avail themselves of an additional academic accommodation beyond those required by law.

Content Tutors. Tutoring in disciplines across the curriculum is provided for all Sacred Heart students free of charge by graduates and undergraduates in the Classroom Learning Program. While students with disabilities may attend group CLA tutoring sessions, some also need the special expertise of faculty tutors—over and beyond what is provided by tutors in the Classroom Learning Assistants Program—to provide them with individual assistance on a regular basis.

Hired Scribes. An upperclass student not registered for the class who attends the class for the sole purpose of taking notes for the student requesting the service is available. Scribes are paid not only for taking class notes but also for assisting with homework assignments.

Academic Coaching. A personal service is available that assists learning and physically challenged students to develop organizational life-skills that will foster independence and increase their opportunities for academic success.

Appointments: Call 203-371-7820, or come to the JLC, located in the lower level of the Ryan-Matura Library.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

The ESL program is designed for students whose native language is not English and who wish to study English either full- or part-time. Its purpose is to help students improve their oral and written communication skills in English, preparing them for successful study in an American academic institution.

The program offers six levels of English language courses, from beginning to advanced. The first four levels are pre-academic, intensive courses. The full-time ESL student enrolls in eight-week sessions, taking a cluster of oral communication, written communication and an elective, totaling 20 hours per week. In addition, students work in the multimedia language lab and on computers with audio, video, software and online learning programs.

Levels 5 and 6 are academic levels and are credit-bearing, semester-long courses which focus on college reading and writing. Students in one of these levels may take other University classes while they complete their language training. Thus, the full-time, upper-level ESL student takes a combination of ESL and University courses, carefully planned by his or her academic advisor. Whereas the completion of level 5 satisfies the English language requirement for graduate study at this University, students may be advised to take level 6 as well. For further support, tutoring is also available at the University Learning Center.

Placement in the ESL program depends on TOEFL or SAT scores, University placement tests, an oral interview and the student's language profile. For more information regarding the program, contact the director at 203-371-7837.

Residence Halls

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

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. 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

cal 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 teams. 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. Rounding out the outdoor athletic facilities, and adjacent to the Sacred Heart University tennis courts, is Pioneer Park softball field, most recently updated in 2001.

Park Avenue House

The offices of the Center for Mission Education

and Reflection, Personal Counseling Services and Health Services are located in the Park Avenue House at the southeast corner of the campus.

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 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday.

Community Resources

Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding

The Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (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 CCJU, call 203-365-7592 or visit its website at 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.

Center for Professional Development at University College

The Center for Professional Development also provides customized on-site training for employers that is affordable, tailored to meet specific needs and conducted at the employer's convenience.

Course offerings are diversified and include topics in personal growth and enrichment, exploration of new interests, investigation of new careers, development of business networks, enhancement of job skills or development of new skills to enter a new field. New Professional Development classes, institutes, workshops and seminars are being developed constantly. Specific scheduling and information is available through University College at 203-371-7830 or toll-free in Connecticut at 1-888-SHU-EDU-1.

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.

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.

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 co-sponsoring, 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 school teachers 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 more than 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 office in Trumbull and may be reached by phone at 203-371-7867, by fax at 203-365-4798 or by e-mail at reaps@sacredheart.edu.

Radio Stations

The professionally operated WSHU-FM, located in Jefferson House, 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 in 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 AM, a 1,000-watt broadcast station in Westport, Connecticut.

Student-run WHRT, a 390-watt station at 91.7 FM, in Ridge, New York, offers rock music, news and public affairs programs. 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 serves as learning laboratories for Media Studies and other disciplines.

Community/SHU Student Chamber Orchestra

The Community/SHU Student 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.

University Choir

The University Choir is a contemporary music group for all who enjoy singing. Vocal skills and musicianship are developed through weekly rehearsal and public performance of modern arrangements that feature the best of America's entertainment music.

Student Services

Campus Ministry

The office of Campus Ministry provides opportunities for persons of all faiths and religious traditions to share in the life of the faith-filled University community. Campus Ministry serves students, faculty, staff and the local community

through daily liturgies, pastoral counseling, and special projects, events and programs.

Campus Ministry responds to student needs for worship, integration, reflection time, social interaction, meaningful discussion of life issues, responsible social action for justice, and exploration of moral, religious and relational issues.

The Eucharist is celebrated on Sundays and weekdays during the academic year. In addition, the University-wide liturgical celebrations mark special days and seasons. Other interfaith worship and prayer opportunities are provided regularly.

Office of Career Development

The Office of Career Development offers a variety of services to enhance graduate students' professional development. Individual assistance as well as group workshops are available.

Services include:

- *Resumé Creation or Critiques:* Resumé writing workshops are available. Staff members also work with students individually to develop the best resumé possible.
- *Interviewing Skills Development:* Interviewing workshops and individual assistance are available.
- *Online Job Postings:* The office maintains an online job bank and job search management website exclusively for Sacred Heart University students. Currently more than 700 employers post positions on the site.
- *Job Fairs and On-Campus Interviewing:* Opportunities are offered each semester.
- *Internship Placement:* Assistance is available in locating opportunities to complete internships in the student's field of study.

For additional information on the Office of Career Development, call 203-371-7975.

Council of Graduate Students

The Council of Graduate Students serves as a voice

to the University administration on behalf of the graduate student community. Its membership includes representatives from each graduate area of study and meets regularly with members of the faculty and administration. The Council sponsors programs to improve the quality of the graduate student experience.

Counseling Center

The Counseling Center provides support services for all students. Professional counselors are available for individual counseling sessions. Personal development workshops are offered by the Center as well as group and topical counseling sessions.

Dining Services

The University has a contract with FLIK, a professional food service corporation, to provide meals to students. The University Dining Hall and the Marketplace offer dining service à la carte throughout the day and evening.

The William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center

The William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center includes an aerobics room, weight and exercise equipment rooms, indoor track, volleyball and basketball courts. The complex also houses a professional physical therapy clinic (which is open to the public) in conjunction with the graduate Physical Therapy program. Students may use the facility during scheduled hours. Fees may apply. Contact Gary Reho, Pitt Center director, at 203-365-7533.

Graduate students are encouraged to participate in the University's intramural athletic program. The University sponsors competition in sports such as flag football, basketball and softball.

Health Insurance

All full-time graduate students must show proof of health insurance coverage. Graduate students who attend at least half-time (six credits per term) are

eligible to enroll in the University's student health insurance program. All international graduate students are required to participate in the insurance program. Information regarding specific coverage under student health insurance should be directed to the Health Services Office, 203-371-7838.

Health Services

Health Services offers daily first-response treatment for minor health-related issues. The office is staffed by registered nurses, and a physician is available for appointments twice a week at a direct cost to the student or his or her insurance carrier. Health Services can also make referrals to local health care facilities, fills many basic prescriptions on campus, and has a discount arrangement with a local pharmacy that will deliver to campus. Graduate students may fulfill their immunization requirements through Health Services. Contact Sheila Wheeler, R.N., director, at 203-371-7838.

Meningococcal Vaccine Law

Beginning with the 2002–2003 academic year, the State of Connecticut requires that all students who reside in on-campus halls must be vaccinated against meningitis. Proof of this vaccination must be presented to the appropriate University officials before a student can obtain entry to their resident hall. This new guideline for Connecticut colleges and universities is provided in Public Act 01-93.

For additional information, call the University's Health Services (203-371-7838), or stop by the lower level of the Park Avenue House.

International Multicultural Center

The University provides academic and social support to its growing number of international students. The Office of International and Multicultural Affairs is a part of the University's Student Life Department and can be reached at 203-365-7614.

International Student Visa Certification

An international student requesting an application for a student visa (F-1) must be accepted to the University in a full-time program of study. Since federal and/or state financial assistance is not available to international students, the student is also required to present certified evidence of sufficient funding to cover education and living expenses.

If, after attending the University, the student decides not to return, notification must be made in writing to the Office of International and Multicultural Affairs. If a student wishes to travel during the authorized time of study at the University, he or she must present a current I-20 form to the Office of International and Multicultural Affairs for certification prior to departure.

A student not following the regulations of the U.S. Department of Justice Immigration and Naturalization Service is considered out of status and may be subject to deportation from the United States.

Public Safety and Parking

The Department of Public Safety, located in the Academic Center, is committed to fostering an environment in which all those who live, study, work or visit within the University campus are able to do so in a safe and secure environment. The department is committed to providing professional, timely and efficient public safety services to all its constituents on a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week basis.

Public Safety officers patrol the buildings and grounds of the University via vehicle, bicycle and foot. Services provided by the department include personal safety escorts, motor vehicle assistance (unlocks and jump-starts) and emergency medical response and treatment, as well as maintaining a lost-and-found department. Public Safety also issues parking decals and enforces parking and traffic regulations, provides key control and locksmith services, and investigates and documents

incidents on campus. Public Safety is the emergency response department on campus and acts as the liaison with the local police, fire and ambulance services.

All vehicles parked on campus must display a University decal, which is available at the Department of Public Safety. Temporary parking passes are also available at the Information Booth at the entrance to the campus, which is staffed Monday through Friday, during the day.

Department of Public Safety Telephone Numbers

Routine Business	203-371-7995
EMERGENCIES ONLY	203-371-7911
Fax Number	203-365-4781
Locksmith	203-365-7645
Snow Phone	203-365-SNOW (7669)
TTY	203-365-4714

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 include 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 a week, 12 hours a day. 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 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.

Student Activities

The Office of Student Activities sponsors concerts, lectures and other activities for the University community. Graduate students are welcome to participate in these and other campus activities, such as band, chorus and co-curricular interest groups. Fees or admission charges may apply.

University Housing

The Residential Life staff works with undergraduate and graduate students who choose to live on campus to create an active residential community. University housing is available to single graduate students who attend the Fairfield campus. Housing accommodations range from rooms in residence halls to apartment-style living. Contact the Office of Residential Life for further information on campus housing at 203-416-3417.