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Welcome from the President

Dear Graduate Student:

Welcome to Sacred Heart University, the second largest Catholic university in New England. The programs available to our graduate students have been designed to make it possible for you to meet your educational goals as well as your personal obligations and your professional needs. As you review this catalog, please note that our programs are available to you during the day, in the evenings, and on weekends, in a variety of locations, and some are now provided on an accelerated basis.

The University's standards for academic excellence will be consistently evident as you pursue your graduate studies here at Sacred Heart University. You will be intellectually challenged by a distinguished faculty who excel in their respective fields of study and are committed to helping in every possible way.

Again, I welcome you to the Sacred Heart University community. We are proud that you have chosen us. I encourage you to take advantage of the many professional, cultural, social and educational events that this University offers. Please also remember that an accomplished faculty, skilled and dedicated administrators and staff are available to support you throughout your experience and to answer any of your concerns or questions.

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

Graduate Academic Calendar 2002–2003

Fall 2002

Labor Day - No Classes	Mon., Sept. 2
CH, NU, OT, PT, RS & CS (semester level) Classes Begin	Tues., Sept. 3
HSM, MBA, ED, CS (trimester level) Classes Begin	Mon., Sept 9
Columbus Weekend (CH, ED, NU, OT, PT, RS & CS (semester level))	Sun.-Tues., Oct. 13-15
Columbus Weekend (HSM, MBA, CS (trimester))	Classes Held
Faculty Institute Day	Tues., Oct. 15
Thanksgiving Holiday (CH, ED, NU, PT, RS, CS (semester level))	Wed.-Sat., Nov. 27-30
Thanksgiving Holiday (HSM, MBA, OT, CS (trimester level))	Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 28-30
HSM, MBA, ED, CS (trimester level) Classes End	Sat., Dec. 7
RS, CH, NU, OT, PT & CS (semester level) Classes End (including Final Exams)	Sat., Dec. 14
Christmas Holiday (No Classes)	Tues.-Wed., Dec. 24-25
New Year's Holiday (No Classes)	Tues.-Wed., Dec. 31-Jan. 1

Spring 2003

HSM, MBA, CS (trimester level) Classes Begin	Mon., Jan. 6
OT Classes Begin	Mon., Jan.6
Martin Luther King Day - No Classes	Mon., Jan. 20
RS, CH, NU, PT, CS (semester level) Classes Begin	Mon., Jan. 13
ED Classes Begin	Mon., Jan. 13
Easter Holiday (CH, ED, NU, PT, RS, CS (semester level))	Wed.-Tues., April 16-22
Easter Holiday (HSM, MBA, CS (trimester))	Thurs.-Sun., April 17-20
Easter Holiday (OT)	Wed.-Mon., April 16-April 21
Faculty Institute Day	Tues., April 22
HSM, MBA, CS (trimester level) Classes End	Mon., April 7
ED Classes End	Mon., April 14
OT Classes End (including Final Exams)	Fri., April 25
RS, CH, NU, PT, CS (semester level) Classes End (including Final Exams)	Tues., May 13
Commencement Weekend	Sat.-Sun., May 17-18

Late Spring 2003

HSM, MBA, CS (trimester level) Classes Begin	Mon., April 14
Easter Holiday (CH, ED, NU, PT, RS & CS (semester level))	Wed.-Tues., April 16-22
Easter Holiday (HSM, MBA, CS (trimester))	Thurs.-Sun., April 17-20
Easter Holiday (OT)	Wed.-Mon., April 16-April 21
Faculty Institute Day	Tues., April 22
OT Classes Begin	TBA
ED Classes Begin	Mon., June 2
RS, CH, NU, PT, CS (semester level) Classes Begin	Mon., June 2
Memorial Day - No Classes	Mon., May 26
Independence Day - No Classes	Fri., July 4
HSM, MBA, CS (trimester level) Classes End	Sat., July 12
ED Classes End	Thurs., July 10
RS, CH, NU, PT, CS (semester level) Classes End	Tues., July 8

Summer 2003

Classes Begin	Mon., July 14
OT Classes End	TBA
HSM, MBA, ED, CS (trimester level) Classes End	Sat., Aug 23.
RS, CH, NU, CS (semester level) Classes End	Tues., Aug 19

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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