



## SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

### FAST FACTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

**Main Campus:** Fairfield, Connecticut, USA

**International Campuses:** Dingle, County Kerry, Ireland and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

**Founded:** 1963 by the Most Reverend Walter W. Curtis, Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut

**Religious Affiliation:** Roman Catholic; first lay-led Catholic university in the U.S.

**Institutional Accreditation:** New England Association of Schools & Colleges

**Student Body (2009-2010):** 6,283 total students: 3,511 full-time undergraduate students, 2,085 graduate students; 60% female students, 66% out of state, 17% minority students, 38 states and 28 countries represented.

**Size of Fall 2010 Freshman Class:** 974

**Student to Faculty Ratio:** 13:1

**Average Undergraduate Class Size:** 21 students

**Academics:** Over 45 undergraduate programs in the College of Arts & Sciences, College of Education & Health Professions, and AACSB-accredited John F. Welch College of Business.

**Most Popular Programs:** Business, Education, Human Movement & Sports Science, Psychology, Communication & Media Studies, Physical Therapy, Nursing.

**Percent of 2009 Graduates Employed Full-Time or Attending Graduate School:** 96%

**Athletics:** Sacred Heart University Pioneers; 31 NCAA Division I sports and 30 intercollegiate club sports.

#### Varsity Teams:

Baseball (m)	Lacrosse (m/w)
Basketball (m/w)	Rowing (w)
Bowling (w)	Soccer (m/w)
Cheerleading (w)	Softball (w)
Cross Country (m/w)	Swimming (w)
Equestrian (w)	Tennis (m/w)
Fencing (m/w)	Track & Field (m/w)
Field Hockey (w)	(Indoor/Outdoor)
Football (m)	Volleyball (m/w)
Golf (m/w)	Wrestling (m)
Ice Hockey (m/w)	

#### Club Teams:

Baseball (m)	Lacrosse (m/w)
Basketball (m/w)	Rugby (m/w)
Bowling (m)	Running (co-ed)
Cycling (co-ed)	Sailing (co-ed)
Curling (co-ed)	Soccer (m/w)
Dance Team (w)	Softball (w)
Field Hockey (w)	Swimming (m)
Figure Skating (co-ed)	Table Tennis (co-ed)
Gaelic Football (w)	Tennis (co-ed)
Golf (co-ed)	Ultimate Frisbee (co-ed)
Gymnastics (co-ed)	Volleyball (m/w)
Ice Hockey (m/w)	Weightlifting (co-ed)

**Residential Life:** Guaranteed housing (four years). Over 90% of first-year students live on campus.

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### KEY DISTINCTIONS

- Sacred Heart University's campus location offers the best of both worlds: A safe, suburban campus located on 69 acres (28 hectares) in beautiful Fairfield, Connecticut and a central location between the urban centers of New York City (88 km) and Boston, MA (241 km).
- The area surrounding Sacred Heart University, known as Fairfield County, boasts the third-highest concentration of Fortune 500 companies in the U.S., world-class hospitals, nationally-ranked elementary and secondary schools and countless additional sites for students to intern and gain relevant work experience. In fact, our *PioneerLink* internship and job database includes over 6,000 employers, and 80% of graduating seniors report participation in at least one internship, practicum or field experience.
- SHU's unique *Major in Success* program offers first-year students a comprehensive, personalized program of major exploration, one-on-one career coaching and assessment of strengths and interests so that students can choose a major that's a fit, or confirm the choice they've already made.
- With four exciting vocal ensembles, student theater productions in our 776-seat Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts and one of the most extensive college band programs in New England, students interested in the Performing Arts find a vibrant community on the SHU campus.
- Sacred Heart University students study abroad year-round and worldwide at our own campuses in Dingle, County Kerry, Ireland and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg as well as more than 30 additional countries. We offer terms from 10 days to a full semester to suit every student's needs.
- SHU's student-run Inter-Residence Council recently won national honors for its comprehensive array of campus activities featuring more than 80 clubs and organizations including Greek life, academic clubs, community service groups, media organizations, diversity groups, student leadership/governance programs and more. The campus shuttle system offers easy access to off-campus offerings in Fairfield and beyond.
- The spiritual heart of the University's campus is the new Chapel of the Holy Spirit which, along with its peaceful outdoor sitting areas, provides a visible symbol of SHU's Catholic Intellectual tradition and a place of celebration and gathering for people of all faiths.

### UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

#### International students applying for full-time admission to the University must submit:

- ✓ Online international student application, found online at [www.sacredheart.edu/UGAdmissionsIntl.cfm](http://www.sacredheart.edu/UGAdmissionsIntl.cfm).
- ✓ Non-refundable application fee of \$100 USD.
- ✓ Official scholastic records from all secondary schools and colleges/universities attended.
- ✓ One letter of recommendation that demonstrates the applicant's qualifications for admission.
- ✓ A credential report from [World Educational Services](http://WorldEducationalServices.com), or a similar company, is required for all students who wish to transfer and receive academic credit for coursework taken at another college or university.
- ✓ For all non-native English speakers, an official English language proficiency examination is required. The following minimum scores are accepted: TOEFL PBT: 570; TOEFL iBTL: 92; IELTS: 6.5; MELAB: 80 (proctored on-site at SHU); PTE: 62; iTEP: 5; Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE): 5.5; Cambridge Certificate in Proficiency in English (CPE): 5.5.
- ✓ Official SAT or ACT test scores (optional)
- ✓ Copy of your passport, specifically the page(s) containing your identification data and signature of bearer.
- ✓ An official bank statement, signed by a bank official and dated within six months of enrolling at Sacred Heart University verifying the student's, the student's family and/or sponsor's ability to pay \$45,740 USD, the cost required to attend SHU (tuition, room, board, books, travel expenses). View a [sample bank statement](#).



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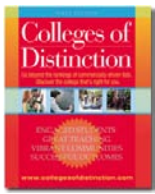
For the past six years, Sacred Heart University has been listed among the top institutions in the North by **U.S. News & World Report**, which also ranks SHU's Doctor of Physical Therapy program as the #1 program in Connecticut, among the top 5 in New England, and top 25% nationally.



**The Princeton Review** recognizes Sacred Heart University as one of the nation's best universities, and names SHU's John F. Welch College of Business among the top business schools in the country.



Shortly after launching exciting programs in computer game design and development, Sacred Heart University was featured on The Princeton Review/*GamePro Magazine's* inaugural list of "**Top 50 Undergraduate Game Design Programs**" for 2010.



Sacred Heart University has been selected for membership in the **Colleges of Distinction**, among approximately 200 colleges and universities in the country recognized for outstanding student engagement, great teaching, vibrant communities, and successful student outcomes.

The University has been nationally recognized as a member of the **Center for Student Opportunity's College-Bound Coalition** as a result of its commitment to access, opportunity, and successful outcomes for first-generation, minority, and low-income students.



Selected among only 23 institutions nationwide, Sacred Heart University is a member of the **American Association of Colleges & Universities'** Core Commitments Leadership Consortium, serving as a leader in educating students about personal and social responsibility, evidenced in the University's undergraduate Core Curriculum.

Among an elite membership of fewer than five percent of business schools worldwide, Sacred Heart University's John F. Welch College of Business is accredited by **AACSB-International**, the premier global accrediting body for schools of business.



SHU's cutting-edge wireless technology earned the University a #11 national ranking on Intel's latest edition of "**Most Unwired College Campuses.**"



A national leader in community service, SHU holds a place on the **President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll**. The University's **Habitat for Humanity** chapter was recently honored among the top 5 programs in the nation, and SHU recently finished #3 in the nation in the **ONE Campus Challenge**, a campaign designed to raise global awareness of poverty, hunger, and disease.





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## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS OF STUDY

### Accounting\*

### Athletic Training

### Biology

- Ecology & Conservation
- Molecular & Cellular
- Neuroscience
- Traditional

### Business Administration\*

- Business Analysis
- Human Resource Management
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing

### Business Economics

### Catholic Studies (minor)

### Chemistry\*

- Biochemistry
- Traditional

### Communication and Technology Studies

### Computer Science\*

- Game Design and Development\*
- Network Security\*

### Criminal Justice\*

### Education\*

- Elementary Education Certification
- Secondary Education Certification

### English

- Literature
- Writing

### European Studies (minor)

### Exercise Science\*

### Fashion Marketing & Merchandising (minor)

### Finance\*

### French (minor)

### Geriatric Health & Wellness\* (minor)

### Global Studies (minor)

### Graphic Design & Visual Arts

- Fashion Design

### Health Science

### History

### Honors Program

### Information Technology\*

- Network Security\*

### Irish Studies (minor)

### Italian (minor)

### Latin American Studies (minor)

### Mathematics

### Marketing\*

- Digital Advertising
- Fashion Marketing & Merchandising

### Media Studies

### Middle Eastern Studies (minor)

### Nursing\*

### Occupational Therapy\*+

### Performing Arts (minor)

### Philosophy

### Physical Therapy\*+

### Political Science

### Pre-Professional Advisement

- Pre-Dental
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Medical
- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Osteopathy
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physician's Assistant
- Pre-Veterinary

### Psychology\*

### Religious Studies\*

### Social Work

### Sociology

### Spanish

### Sport Management

### Women's Studies (minor)

\*Grad program also available

+Combined UG/Grad program

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS OF STUDY

### Applied Psychology (MS)

- Community Psychology
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology

### Master of Business Administration (MBA)

- Accounting
- Finance
- Management
- Marketing

### Business Certificates

- Accounting
- Corporate Finance
- International Business
- Leadership
- Marketing
- Global Investments

### Chemistry (MS)

- General Chemistry
- Molecular Biochemistry

### Communications (MA)

- Corporate Communications & PR
- Digital Multimedia & Journalism
- Digital Multimedia Production

### Criminal Justice (MA)

- Criminal Justice Management
- National Security

### Computer & Information Science (MS)

- Computer Science
- Information Technology

### Computer Science/Info Tech Certificates

- Database
- Game Design & Development
- Information Security
- Information Technology
- Interactive Multimedia
- IT and Network Security
- .Net Technology
- Web Development

### Education Programs

- Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)
- Advanced Certifications

### Environmental Systems Analysis & Management (MS)

### Geriatric Health & Wellness (MS)

### Exercise Science & Nutrition (MS)

### Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

### Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

- Clinical Nurse Leader

- Family Nurse Practitioner

- Nursing Education

- Patient Care Services Admin.

### Occupational Therapy (MSOT)

### Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

### Religious Studies (MA)



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### INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT



**International Student Body:** In the 2009-10 academic year, nearly 150 international students enrolled in Sacred Heart University’s undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Our student body includes representation from the following countries:

Australia	India	Mexico	Saudi Arabia	Turkey
Bahamas	Indonesia	Morocco	Serbia	Ukraine
Brazil	Israel	Netherlands	Sierra Leone	United Kingdom
Canada	Jamaica	Nigeria	Singapore	United States
Colombia	Japan	Paraguay	Sweden	Venezuela
El Salvador	Kenya	Peru	Taiwan	Vietnam
Germany	Luxembourg	Portugal	Thailand	Zambia

**Travel:** Travel to and from the SHU campus is easy with several major airports in the area including Kennedy International (New York City), LaGuardia (New York City) and Bradley (Hartford, CT). Trains to and from New York City, Boston and Washington, D.C. as well as a ferry to and from Long Island, NY are just 8 km from campus. The campus shuttle, as well as the public bus system and local taxicab companies transport students to restaurants, shops and other establishments throughout Fairfield and nearby towns and cities.

**Pre-Arrival Services for International Students:**

- F-I Student Visa counseling and preparation (includes application advisement and interview coaching).
- Issuance of the I-20 Form upon deposit.
- Assistance with travel arrangements to and from campus.

**On-Campus Programs and Services for International Students:**

- International/Multicultural services such as International Orientation, International Club, and related organizations
- Campus housing guaranteed for all undergraduate and graduate international students; Housing open throughout the academic year, including University holidays
- Health & Wellness Services including medical care, psychological counseling and health insurance
- On- and off-campus employment through the Career Development Center, which offers assistance with for internship & job postings, employer seminars, individual and group career counseling, workshops, and job fairs. On-campus positions are available (variable, competitive).
- Academic support and advisement
  - Intensive English as a Second Language (ESL) courses through the Sacred Heart English Language Institute (SHELI)
  - Individual tutoring and workshops
- Special services for students with documented learning disabilities
- Student Union
- SHUCard - Student identification card and debit card to make on- and (select) off-campus purchases
- On-Campus Dining: Pioneer Food Court, Coyote Jack’s, SHU Marketplace, Pioneer Bistro, Holy Grounds Café
- Campus Ministry
  - Religious services: Catholic Mass, non-denominational services, ecumenical services
  - Celebration of world religions and international holidays
  - Assistance in locating places of worship off-campus