THE UNIVERSITY

Accreditation and Memberships

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 Farrington College of Education has achieved national accreditation by NCATE (now CAEP). The elementary teacher certificate program is nationally recognized by the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) and the Intermediate Administrator program is nationally recognized by the Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELOC).

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 Master of Arts in Teaching and Certificates of Advanced Study in Teaching, Literacy and Education Leadership are accredited by the Connecticut State Department of Higher Education (now the Office of Higher Education). The Education programs for Initial Teacher Certification at the Elementary and Secondary levels; Remedial Reading; Reading Consultant; and Intermediate Administrator are 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 Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy (ACOTE); 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)
Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society (ASL)
American Accounting Association
American Alliance of Health, Physical Education and Recreation
American Association for Higher 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 Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE)
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education – CT (AACTE-CT)
American Association of Collegiate Schools and Programs
American Chamber of Commerce in Luxembourg
American College Counseling Association (ACCA)
American College Health Association (ACHA)
American College Personnel Association (ACPA)
American Council on Education (ACE)
American Counseling Association (ACA)
American Educational Research Association
American Football Coaches Association (AFCA)
American Management Association (AMA)
American Mathematical Society
American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)
American Psychological Association
American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP)
Association for Computing Machinery
Association for Financial Professionals (AFP)
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 University Housing Officers International
Association of College Honor Societies
Association of College Unions International (ACCU)
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 Title IX Administrators (ATIXA)
Association of University Programs in Health Administration
Berkshire County Counselors Association (BCCA)
Bridgeport Higher Education Alliance (BHEA)
Bridgeport Regional Business Council (BRBC)
Business Council of Fairfield County
Canadian Academic Accounting Association
Catholic Campus Ministry Association
Catholic Library Association
Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice (CAPP-USA)
Chi Sigma Iota (CSI)
Chief Administrators of Catholic Education
College and University Professional Association for Human Resources (CUPA-HR)
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)
Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education Programs (CAATE)
Commission on English Languages Program Accreditation (CEA)
Community-Campus Partnerships for Health
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
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 Bursar Group
Connecticut Campus Compact Steering Committee
Connecticut Career Counseling Association (CCCA)
Connecticut Colleges Purchasing Group (CCPG)
Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges (CCIC)
Connecticut Cooperative Education and Internship Association
Connecticut Counseling Association (CCA)
Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium (CTDLC)
Connecticut League for Nursing Connecticut School Counselor Association (CSCA)
Connecticut Nurses Association
Connecticut Library Consortium
Connecticut Softball Collegiate/Scholastic Hall of Fame (CSCSHF)
Connecticut Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (CONNTESOL)
Connecticut Technology Council (CTC)
Council for Accelerated Programs (CAP)
Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL)
Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CAPCSD)
Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)
Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)
Council of Connecticut Library Directors
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 Colleges and University Business Officers (EACUBO)
Eastern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (EASFA)
Eastern Athletic Trainers’ Association (EATA)
Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC)
Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association
Educational and Institutional Cooperative Purchasing (E&I)
Entrepreneurship Institute
European American Chamber of Commerce in the US
European Council of International Schools (ECIS)
Fairfield Chamber of Commerce
Fairfield County Business Council
Fairfield County Library Administrators Group
Financial Planning Association (FPA)
Forum for World Affairs
Forum on Education Abroad
Greater Bridgeport Latino Network (GBLN)
Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce
Greater Norwalk Chamber of Commerce
Greenwich Chamber of Commerce
Hispanic Advisory Council of Greater Stamford (HACGS)
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
Kiwanis Club of Bridgeport
Luxembourg American Chamber of Commerce (LACC)
Massachusetts Higher Education Consortium (MHEC)
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)
NAFSA: Association of International Educators
National Academic Advising Association (NAAA)
National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
National Association for Developmental Education
National Association of Educational Buyers (NAEB)
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 (NACCCAC)
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 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 Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)
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 Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
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 Haven Chamber of Commerce
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
Stamford Chamber of Commerce
Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM)
Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
The Business Council of Fairfield County (BCFC)
The Tuition Exchange
The World Affairs Forum (WAF)
United States Patent and Trademark Libraries
University Professional and Continuing Education Association (UPCEA)
University Risk Management and Insurance Association (URMIA)
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 Godgiven 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 five colleges: College of Arts and Sciences, John F. Welch College of Business, Isabelle Farrington College of Education, the College of 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 business 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 and undergraduate study abroad in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

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Discrimination

Sacred Heart University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, age, gender, marital status, national origin, disability, sexual orientation or veteran status in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, athletic programs, or administered programs. Any behavior or action that excludes, harasses, or discriminates based on any of the above characteristics is unacceptable and subject to disciplinary action. Any person who has a complaint regarding any unlawful discrimination may obtain the procedures to file a complaint from the Executive Director of Human Resources Department, Julia Nofi, 203-365-4837. A complaint by a student for unlawful discrimination in violation of Sacred Heart University policies or state or federal law regarding disability may also be filed with the Director of Special Services located at the University’s Jandrisevits Learning Center who will direct the complaint to Human Resources. The procedures are set forth as an appendix to this catalog.

Curriculum

The University responds to community needs with programs of study and 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 rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition.

The University offers baccalaureate candidates a choice of 30 majors in the areas of liberal arts, business and professional studies. Candidates seeking an associate degree can choose from Associate of Arts/General Studies or Associate of Science in Computer Science degree. Master’s degree programs are offered in the fields of:

- Applied Psychology (M.S.)
- Business Administration (M.B.A.)
- Chemistry (M.S.)
- Computer Science and Information Technology (M.S.)
- Clinical Nurse Leader (M.S.N.)
- Criminal Justice (M.A.)
- Communications (M.A.)
- Cyber Security (M.S.)
- Digital Marketing (M.S.)
- Environmental Science and Management (M.S.)
- Exercise Science and Nutrition (M.S.)
- Family/Nurse Practitioner (M.S.N.)
- Film and Television Production (M.A.)
- Healthcare Informatics (M.S.)
- Human Resource Management (M.S.)
- Nursing Education (M.S.N.)
- Occupational Therapy (M.S.)
- Patient Care Services Administration (M.S.N. or M.S.N./M.B.A.)
- Religious Studies (M.A.)
- 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. Professional doctoral degree programs are offered in Physical Therapy (DPT), and Nursing Practice (DNP).

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