Academic and Community Resources and Student Services

Academic Resources
Sacred Heart University currently has 19 buildings on its 64.5-acre campus and adjoining properties in the northeast corner of Fairfield, Connecticut. The William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center opened September 1997, as did significant enhancements of the Residential Life facilities, main academic facilities and the Chapel of the Holy Spirit in 2009. Renovation of the library occurred in 2011 and the new Linda E. McMahon Student Commons building was opened in 2012. The University’s College of Health Professions is located at 7 Cambridge Drive, Trumbull, and houses the Department of Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Human Movement and Sports Science. Future plans include a new 200,000 sq. ft. building for the Welch College of Business and Isabelle Farrington College of Education.

ACADEMIC CENTER
The Academic Center contains mostly classrooms and faculty, administrative and academic departmental offices. This includes Campus Ministry, Campus Operations, Public Safety, Registrar, Student Affairs and Student Government offices. It houses the faculty offices of Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, English, Environmental Science, Information Technology, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Language, Music, Philosophy, Psychology, Social Work, and Theology and Religious Studies. It is also a multipurpose activity center, housing the computer center, dining hall, 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 new Linda E. McMahon Commons. Operated by Follett College Stores, it offers textbooks, supplies, clothing with the University’s name and logo, and related items. Bookstore purchases can be made online. Visit the bookstore’s website at www.sacredheart.edu. Click the Admissions tab, then click Bookstore (left margin).

CAMBRIDGE DRIVE, THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
The faculty offices and many of the instructional spaces of the College of Health Professions are located in neighboring Trumbull, Connecticut, at 7 Cambridge Drive, a short distance from the Park Avenue campus. This newly created, 57,000-square-foot facility houses state-of-the-art labs, classrooms, and library facilities for the Colleges, which includes the Departments of Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Human Movement and the office of the Vice President and Division of University Advancement. All graduate study for the Colleges and many laboratory and didactic undergraduate courses are scheduled in this exciting space. In addition to the highly sophisticated classrooms, laboratories, and library spaces, there are new dining facilities, a physical therapy clinic, a reading clinic, and administrative and faculty offices. Ample parking is available and the facility is served by a regular University shuttle service.

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. Renovated in 2008, Campus Field features lights and $1.2 million Sprint Turf synthetic-surface, multipurpose field. The field is surrounded by an eight-lane synthetic-surface running track available for competition and recreational use seating more than 3,500 spectators. 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 tennis courts as well as Pioneer Park which is one of the finest softball stadiums in the Northeast.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
The Chapel of the Holy Spirit, which was dedicated in August 2009, is a pivotal campus landmark serving as a powerful symbol of Sacred Heart’s Catholic identity. It holds more than 500 in its principal sanctuary with a smaller Chapel of the Nativity for daily Mass and private prayer that seats 50. Among the Chapel’s special features are original mosaics and stained glass by the world-famous Jesuit artist, Father Marko Ivan Rupnik and a tracker organ designed and manufactured especially for Sacred Heart University by master craftsmen at Casavant Frères. There are outdoor gardens and a spacious narthex – or foyer – suitable for public gatherings. The building and grounds are designed to suggest one of the defining themes of the Second Vatican Council: the Church as the Pilgrim People of God. The Chapel roof consists of copper folds in the manner of a nomadic tent, for example, and the narthex has walls of glass to demonstrate the intersection between daily life and the life of prayer. The Chapel’s bell tower holds four unique bronze bells, hand-cast in the Netherlands. The largest one weighs 1,500 pounds and measures 41 inches in diameter; the smallest weighs 447 pounds and is 27 inches in diameter.

CURTIS HALL
Curtis Hall, named for the University’s founder, 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 the Office of the Vice President for Marketing and Communications. The Curtis Theatre is also located in this building.

ELITE BUILDING
Located off campus in neighboring Trumbull, Connecticut, the building at 2285 Reservoir Avenue houses the office the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, office of Facilities Management and Construction.

LIEBERMAN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
The Administration Building houses the President’s office, the offices of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, the office of Vice President for Mission and Catholic Identity, office of the Vice President for Human Resources and the offices of University College and the Media Studies Center; faculty offices for the Departments of Communications, Government and Politics, History, Human Resources and Sociology.

LINDA E. MCMAHON COMMONS
The 46,000-square foot Linda E. McMahon Commons serves as a crossroads and popular destination for students and the entire Sacred Heart community. Linking the University’s academic, spiritual and extracurricular cores, as well as its upper and lower campuses, the distinctive V-shaped building includes the bookstore, a servery adjoining a 250-seat student dining hall, a private dining room with hearth and seating for 50 individuals, informal lounge spaces including a fireplace lounge overlooking the east entry terrace, a concourse connecting active spaces within the building, a presentation room, the career counseling center and Red’s Pub. The exterior of the building incorporates outdoor terraces that also serve as gathering space for students and faculty.

OAKVIEW DRIVE
Located off campus in neighboring Trumbull, Connecticut, the building at 101 Oakview Drive houses the Isabelle Farrington College of Education, office of the Vice President for Finance; the Business Office; Upward Bound; Motion Analysis Laboratory; Art Department and faculty offices; administrative offices of WSHU Radio, and Payroll.
RYAN MATURA LIBRARY
The Ryan Matura Library is the source for information, whether it is the answer to a factual question or research for a term paper. Librarians are available to answer questions and assist students with extended research projects. Instruction sessions are also conducted for class groups to make them familiar with the library, with subject specific research and the research process. Librarians will also assist students with finding information in commercial databases or on the Internet. Periodicals and periodical indexes including newspapers are found in print, film and electronic format. Any book or periodical not found in the library can be obtained from another library through interlibrary loan. Materials can usually be obtained within 10 days. At present the Ryan Matura Library holds approximately 132,000 print volumes, 50,000 non-print items and more than 15,000 periodical subscriptions. These include a significant number of full text journals available on more than 50 online index and abstracting databases. These can be reached 24 hours per day, 7 days per week from links on the library homepage. Databases are available from campus and home. The library also provides a wide range of electronic resources, including: Innovative Interfaces Online Catalog; Connecticut Digital Library; ProQuest Database (newspapers, general, business, medical and social sciences periodicals indexes); Encyclopedia Britannica Online; First Search database (includes World Cat, ERIC, Medline, Cinhal, 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. 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. The library building also houses the Jandrisevits Learning Center.

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 203-371-7913 between 8:30 am and noon, Monday through Friday.

THE WILLIAM H. PITT HEALTH AND RECREATION CENTER
The William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center is home to the Pioneer 31 Division 1 men’s and women’s programs. The three-level, 141,000-square-foot complex features four multipurpose basketball courts, which can be easily converted for concerts 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 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 and visiting athletic teams are adjacent to the fitness area as well as the Pioneer wrestling room. 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. Perched atop the Pitt Center is the Sky Box, a beautifully appointed room with terrace access that is used to host special guests during athletic events. Graduate students may use the Fitness Center for a fee.
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 backbone.

VPN, and Virtual Desktops are available to provide connectivity solutions for even the most sophisticated applications, from anywhere on the Internet. Outlook.com is available through the web, for sending and receiving campus e-mail from any computer connected anywhere on the Internet.

To promote its “Anytime, Anywhere Learning” initiative, Sacred Heart University launched wireless networking in the summer of 2000 to create one of the first wireless network campuses in New England. This infrastructure allows students to use portable devices anywhere on campus. The current wireless standard is 802.11n.

The students’ computing laboratories are currently comprised of 310 desktop computers distributed throughout several academic facilities. Eight laboratories are used for computer-related instruction, and an additional lab provides 24/7/365 access for Sacred Heart University students, faculty, and staff. The University continues to upgrade regular classrooms to “smart” classrooms with fixed multimedia capabilities that allow instructors to fully integrate technology in their classroom presentations. All general-purpose classrooms are equipped with LCD projectors, DVD, 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 suite and wireless networking is accessible throughout the campus. The network infrastructure is designed with future technologies in mind and with excess capacity to allow for significant growth. The University is making a serious financial commitment to maintaining the network at peak performance capability and reliability. Upgrading the software and hardware that support the network is a continuous process and not one the University will ever say is complete. Sacred Heart’s commitment is to keeping a state-of-the-art system in place for all our campus customers.

The University is part of a select group of academic institutions that embraces the mobile computing philosophy. Every full-time undergraduate student is required to purchase and use a laptop during their academic life at the University. Information Technology fully supports variety of laptop models from Lenovo, Apple, and Dell. Sacred Heart University provides all of its full-time faculty members with a choice of laptop, tablet or Mac laptop refreshed every three years. We offer similar programs to our adjunct faculty who are issued a supported laptop. We build and deploy an image which contains the latest Microsoft Office software and other necessary tools and utilities. Faculty members are able to incorporate more electronic course 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, “BLACKBOARD,” for class content, assignments, questions and classroom discussion groups; as well as virtual office hours. To expand on the mobile learning initiative, the University now offers the ITUNESU Webex platform to provide the community with the tools required to download content to portable players and replay the content when appropriate.

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 Internet, and Gigabit internet and backbone support and wireless links throughout the campus. The network also supports video, voice and data across the campus. State-of-the-art routers and firewalls provide high-speed connectivity and security to Wide Area Network segments, and are completely managed in-house. Administrators maintain traffic-shaping, intrusion prevention, and wireless security measures for access as secure as it is convenient. The University has adopted the “Blackboard” Transaction system to create a simplified means for identification and commerce transactions on campus. The Sacred Heart ID can also be used at select off-campus merchant locations to facilitate additional commerce transactions.

In support of the laptop program, the University has an on-site Notebook Service Center and Call Center (The Factory) staffed by certified technicians and open 12 hours a day, Monday through Thursday, (9 hours on Friday). The Factory is staffed 5 days a week, so that members of the University community can call trained technicians for assistance with anything on campus that pertains to technology. The Factory can be accessed on campus through the internal telephone system and off campus via a toll-free telephone number. 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 telephone support hotline, students, faculty and staff can dial a toll-free number or email tech support to obtain technical assistance.

JANDRISEVITS LEARNING CENTER

Office of Academic Support

Academic Support Services

The Jandrisevits Learning Center (JLC) is located in the lower level of the Ryan-Matura Library. The JLC offers students at every academic level an opportunity to improve their content area knowledge and to develop academic skills needed to succeed in their coursework. Staffed by highly experienced faculty, graduate and peer tutors in disciplines across the curriculum, the JLC provides a warm, friendly learning environment that fosters the growth of self-directed learning. The JLC offers the following support services free of charge to all SHU students:

- Individualized tutoring in many disciplines provided by faculty, graduate and peer tutors (by appointment);
- Classroom Learning Assistants (CLAs) are peer tutors nominated by faculty who provide academic support to students in disciplines across the curriculum;
- Workshops on college-level study skills such as notetaking; time management; test-taking; critical reading and writing; oral presentations; math concepts and problem solving; and
- Online Writing Lab (OWL) for online feedback with written assignments.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL LEARNING SERVICES

The Office of Special Learning Services provides instructional accommodations and services to students with documented disabilities. There is no separate application process to be admitted to the Office of Special Learning Services (OSLS). Students with disabilities who request academic accommodations must submit appropriate documentation and register with OSLS. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the OSLS provides reasonable instruction
accommodations and services including disclosure letters, alternate testing accommodations, auxiliary aids and services, and academic adjustments. For appointments call 203-371-7820.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

The English Language Institute at Sacred Heart University, offers an accredited full time Intensive English Language program to prepare students for their successful study in an American academic institution. Full-time ESL students enroll in eight-week sessions, taking a cluster of oral communication, written communication, pronunciation, and service learning, totaling 22 hours per week. Placement in the noncredit pre-academic intensive English Language Program, is determined by an English Placement Test, and the student’s language profile.

Students who successfully complete their ESL classes at the Sacred Heart English Language Institute are not required to take another proficiency test to enroll in other degree programs at Sacred Heart University. Admission to the English Language Institute does not guarantee admission to the University Students are allowed to take credit courses while taking advanced ESL courses at the same time. For more information regarding the program, contact the Director at 203-365-7528. The program runs five semesters per year. Please see our website for further information: www.sacredheart.edu/esl

STUDY ABROAD

Sacred Heart University offers a variety of graduate study abroad programs around the world- with programming that supports a broad range of educational, professional, and personal objectives. Short-term programs offered over winter and the summer terms are available.

Choose from courses taught at the University’s own sites in Ireland and Luxembourg, or choose courses taught by SHU faculty in additional countries. Courses completed will fulfill degree requirements. Applications are available online one semester before the program start date.

Students participating in SHU programs pay the regular Sacred Heart tuition rate plus a program and/or study abroad fee. Federal and state financial assistance as well as Sacred Heart University grants may apply to SHU and SHU-affiliated semester study abroad. Specific program cost and scholarship information is located on the Office of Global Affairs website.

For more information, contact the Office of Global Affairs at 203-396-8028 or locate programs online at www.sacredheart.edu/studyabroad.

HOUSING

Inquiries as to the availability of graduate housing or regarding off campus rentals may be made by contacting the office of Residential Life at 203-416-3417.

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 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 fosters greater knowledge and understanding of the religious traditions of Christianity and
Judaism and the history of their relationship, and provides 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 STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

The Center for Strategic Planning for Not-For-Profit Organizations was established by Sacred Heart University within the John F. Welch College of Business to provide business assistance to qualified groups. Through the application of skills developed during their studies, teams of MBA students, under the guidance of an experienced advisor, address strategic issues central to the client’s longer term viability and effectiveness. In doing so, students provide a valuable service while being exposed to “realities of life” that transcend the formal academic environment. It is the mission of the Center to engender in the University’s MBA students a sense of community and an appreciation for those less fortunate by providing them a unique opportunity to give of their talents in the service of others. Functioning as teams, students will assist not-for-profit organizations with the development and implementation of strategic, business, and marketing plans necessary to meet their goals and objectives. In doing so, students will apply the skills learned in the SHU MBA program in a cooperative effort carried out in the spirit of the Catholic intellectual tradition to produce an outcome worthy of a grade. The mission of the Center is directly aligned with, and in support of, key elements of the mission of Sacred Heart University and the John F. Welch College of Business. The Center’s office is located at on Oakview campus. For further information call, 203-371-7853.

EDGERTON CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Since its opening in 1986, the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts has presented the Fairfield County community with professional-quality theatrical, musical, and dance performances that are both accessible and affordable. Located on the main campus, the center, with a house that seats 776+, has been host to more than 52,000 patrons from over 29 towns since its opening.

Offering year-round productions, the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts features programming designed to complement the educational development and cultural experience of local youth. In addition to offering year-round professional theatre for families, the Edgerton Center also features programming for a variety of audiences.

In addition to offering professional productions to the community, the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts provides a venue through which Sacred Heart University’s students and faculty can express their artistic voice. The Edgerton Center is host to productions from a variety of University organizations including the University’s Theatre Arts Program (TAP), Concert Choir, Women’s Chorale Ensemble, Concert Band, String Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble. Thanks to the contributions of Charles and Freda Edgerton, the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts is a center for all seasons. The theatre is fully renovated and air conditioned, permitting it to remain available to students, faculty, and the community for a wide variety of artistic endeavors. A newly renovated lobby/art gallery to open this Fall will make the Edgerton center one of the premier facilities of its kind in Fairfield County.

For all questions and ticketing information, call the box office at 203-371-7908, or visit the center at www.edgertoncenter.org.
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.

RADIO STATIONS
WSHU Public Radio is a professionally operated group of public radio stations licensed to Sacred Heart University with studios and control centers located on the Fairfield campus. A full member of NPR, it is one of only two such stations in Connecticut and 268 in the United States. WSHU is the principal public radio source for Fairfield, New Haven and Litchfield Counties in Connecticut and Suffolk and Duchess Counties in New York. More than 276,000 listeners tune in to the station's blend of acclaimed NPR news and talk programs, locally produced classical music, and award-winning regional reporting, and unique entertainment.

WSHU utilizes student support in the form of internships, work-study students, and board operators. It also serves as a lab for audio production. In addition to its original 91.1 FM signal, WSHU operates another service, WSHU Fairfield County Public Radio (1260 AM, 1350 AM, 1400 AM and 106.5 FM), as well as three other radio stations—WSUF 89.9 FM in Noyack, New York, WQQQ 103.3 FM in Sharon, Connecticut, WYBC 1340 AM in New Haven, Connecticut, and seven translators: 90.1 FM (Stamford, CT), 91.3 FM (Huntington Station, NY), 91.7 FM (Ridge, NY), 93.3 FM (Northford, CT), 103.3 FM (Greenport, NY), and 105.7 FM (Selden, NY).

Student Services

CAMPUS MINISTRY
The office of Campus Ministry provides opportunities for persons of all faiths and religious traditions to share their faith in the life of the University community. Campus Ministry serves students, faculty, staff and the local community through daily liturgies, pastoral counseling, community outreach, educational programming and special projects, events and retreat 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, University-wide liturgical celebrations mark special days and seasons. Other interfaith worship and prayer opportunities are provided regularly.

THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT CENTER
The Career Development Center offers a variety of services to enhance graduate students’ professional development. Students matriculated into graduate degree programs can receive individual assistance and participate in group workshops for résumé creation or critiques and interviewing development.

Additional services include:
- Online Job Postings: The Center maintains an online job bank and job search management website exclusively for Sacred Heart University students.
• Job Fairs and On-Campus Interviewing: On-campus recruitment events are offered each semester.

• Internships: Assistance is available in locating opportunities to complete internships in the student’s field of study.

• Employment: Individual assistance is available in locating part-time and full-time employment opportunities.

For additional information on the Career Development and Placement Center, call 203-371-7975 or visit our website at www.sacredheart.edu/career.cfm.

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.

DINING SERVICES
The University has a contract with Chartwell’s, a professional food service corporation, to provide meals to students. The Food Court at the Linda E. McMahon Commons, 63's, Coyote Jacks Grill (Roncalli Hall), Cambridge Commons, and the Outtakes Convenience Store offer dining service à la carte throughout the day and evening. Mondo Subs and the Holy Grounds Café, located in Christian Witness Commons, also provides dining services. Also, Starbucks Café on the first floor of the Ryan Matura Library provides a la carte services throughout the day and evening during the academic year.

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, and 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 for a nominal fee each semester. Contact the 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.

WELLNESS CENTER
The Wellness Center, which includes Personal Counseling Services and Health Services, will relocate to its newly constructed facility on Park Avenue. This expanded facility will provide a state of the art Center to better serve our campus populations.

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).

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT VISA CERTIFICATION
An international student requesting an application for a student visa (F-I) 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 Primary Designated School Official (PDSO) in the Office of Student Life. 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 PDSO 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 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 can be purchased at the Bursar’s Office - Academic Center SC-Wing. Temporary parking passes are also available at the Bursar’s Office/Student Accounts.

Department of Public Safety Telephone Numbers
Routine Business: 203-371-7995
EMERGENCIES ONLY: 203-371-7911
Fax Number: 203-396-8372
Snow Phone: 203-365-SNOW (7669)
Visit: www.sacredheart.edu/publicsafety.cfm

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. Throughout the course of the academic year, the Council of Graduate Students provides a series of programs and activities for the graduate student population. Fees or admission charges may apply.