Academic Divisions of the University

College of the Pacific (Arts and Sciences)
Conservatory of Music
Eberhardt School of Business
Gladys L. Benerd School of Education
School of Engineering and Computer Science
School of International Studies
Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
Pacific McGeorge School of Law
Office of Research and Graduate Studies
Center for Professional and Continuing Education

Accreditation

The University of the Pacific is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), located at 985 Atlantic Ave., Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501; 510-748-9001.

Stockton Campus

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A History of Innovation

University of the Pacific is an independent, coeducational university serving more than 6,500 students on three campuses in Stockton, San Francisco and Sacramento. It was established by pioneer Methodist ministers in 1851 as California’s first chartered institution of higher learning. Pacific has earned widespread recognition for its student-centered approach to education, its many innovations, and the accomplishments of its 55,000 living alumni.

As an innovator and leader in higher education, Pacific provided the state with its first medical school in 1858 (which later became part of Stanford, and today is California Pacific Medical Center); its first coeducational campus in 1870; and its first conservatory of music in 1878.

It was the nation’s first to offer an undergraduate teacher corps program, the first to send an entire class to an overseas campus, the first to establish a Spanish-speaking inter-American college, and the first to offer a four-year graduation guarantee. With its move from San Jose to Stockton in 1924, Pacific became the first private four-year university in the Central Valley. Shortly after occupying the new campus, Pacific established one of California’s earliest schools of education. In 1992 it was renamed the Gladys L. Benerd School of Education in honor of the alumna’s endowed gift.

Pacific has enjoyed extraordinary stability in administration. Dr. Pamela A. Eibeck began her service in 2009 as the sixth President since the University’s move to Stockton in 1924 and the 24th since its founding in 1851.

The University experienced its greatest growth and an expansion into graduate and professional education under the administration of Dr. Robert Burns (1947–1971). The School of Pharmacy opened in 1955. It is now the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, in honor of the Pacific benefactor and Regent who co-founded the former Longs Drugs Stores. In 1956 the graduate school was created, and in 1957 the School of Engineering was established. The Department of Computer Science joined the school in 2002 and was subsequently renamed the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

In 1962, the University acquired the College of Physicians and Surgeons, a school of dentistry founded in San Francisco in 1896. In 2004, the school was named the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in honor of its dean of 28 years. It was the first time any university in the United States or Canada had named its dental school for the current dean.

Three new cluster colleges were established at Pacific in the 1960s, in the model of British universities such as Oxford and Cambridge. These colleges integrated faculty and students into distinct living and learning communities. Raymond College, established in 1962, was an accelerated, interdisciplinary liberal arts program in which students shaped their own courses of study. Elbert Covell College, established in 1963, was a unique inter-American college. Half the students were from the U.S. and half from Latin America, with classes taught in Spanish. Callison College, established in 1967, focused on non-Western studies with a year of study in an Asian culture. The cluster colleges were absorbed into the rest of the University in 1982. Their values, including a close-knit learning community, accelerated and interdisciplinary programs, and self-designed majors, have left a lasting impact on Pacific. Their emphasis on global education continued in the School of International Studies, founded in 1987 as the first university-based undergraduate school of international studies in California.

In 1996, Pacific broadened its footprint to Sacramento when McGeorge College of Law, an independent law school founded in Sacramento...
in 1924, merged with the University as the Pacific McGeorge School of Law. In 1977, the department of business administration in College of the Pacific was reorganized as the School of Business and Public Administration. In 1995 it was renamed Eberhardt School of Business in honor of the Eberhardt family’s endowed gifts. In 1985, programs designed specifically for adult re-entry students were reorganized and revitalized through University College, now the Center for Professional and Continuing Education.

Over the last twenty years, Pacific has advanced its legacy of innovation and leadership. In 1992 the University offered the nation's first “four-year guarantee,” a promise to students that they will graduate on time if they meet certain requirements. Under the leadership of President Donald DeRosa (1995–2009), the University invested in more than $200 million in facilities renovation and construction projects on all three campuses. Pacific also increased distinctive accelerated programs that enabled students to complete undergraduate studies in combination with professional degrees in pharmacy, law, dentistry and business. The University intensified its commitment to experiential learning, including undergraduate research, internships, community service and education abroad. Pacific also launched an environmental sustainability initiative and instituted the Powell Scholars Program, a premier scholarship program for undergraduate student leaders.

In 1999, jazz legend Dave Brubeck and his wife Lola, both Pacific graduates, announced that their papers, recordings and memorabilia would be deposited at Pacific for study and research. In response to this gift, a treasure of historic American music and memorabilia, the University established The Brubeck Institute for the study, promotion and performance of American music.

Since assuming the Presidency in 2009, Dr. Pamela A. Eibeck has identified several priorities for the University’s future: enhancing the academic enterprise; developing as a three-city and global University; enriching diversity and inclusivity; and serving community through partnerships at the local, national and global levels.

Under her leadership, in 2010 the University launched the “Beyond Our Gates...Into the Community” initiative to create and enhance community partnerships that improve lives in our region. As part of “Beyond Our Gates,” the University has launched The Tomorrow Project, an intensive K-12 educational outreach program; the Beyond Our Gates Community Council, an advisory body of regional leaders; and the Dialogs of Distinction, biannual discussions of critical issues facing our region.

President Eibeck has also instituted a University-wide strategic planning effort, led by Provost Maria Pallavicini, to help Pacific prepare for current and coming changes in higher education, work and the economy.

In November 2011, the University finalized the purchase of a new campus in San Francisco at 155 Fifth Street. The new campus provides the space and facilities the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry needs to remain one of the nation’s top dental schools. It also affords Pacific an opportunity to expand its programming and visibility in San Francisco.

Pacific continues to enjoy national recognition for its leadership in higher education. The University has been listed as a “Best Value” (Top 50) by U.S. News & World Report every year since 2000 and is consistently ranked among the top 100 national universities in the country by U.S. News and others. Undergraduate applications have soared from approximately 5,300 in 2008 to more than 21,000 for fall 2011.

The University remains committed to its personal, student-centered approach. Faculty and staff are dedicated to excellence in teaching. Highly interactive student-faculty relations and a broad array of co-curricular activities that develop students’ abilities are hallmarks of the Pacific experience.