

COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC

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Departments and Programs

The College of the Pacific is the home of the arts and sciences at the University of the Pacific, featuring over 60 majors and minors and opportunities for interdisciplinary and experiential study. It houses the following departments, programs and centers: Art, Media, Performance, and Design (AMPD); Biological Sciences; Chemistry; Communication; Criminal Justice; Economics; English and Writing Professions; Ethnic Studies; Gender Studies; Geological and Environmental Sciences; Health and Exercise Sciences; History; International Studies; Jacoby Center; Mathematics; Media Arts and Production; Modern Languages and Literature; Philosophy; Physics and Astronomy; Political Science; Psychology; Public Health and Community Wellness; Sociology; and Cross-Disciplinary Programs.

Mission

The College of the Pacific's mission is to prepare students to lead successful lives as engaged members of their communities, both professional and civic, through discovery-based learning that teaches them to think critically and work collaboratively.

For students in College of the Pacific, the arts and sciences or "liberal arts" college of the university, liberal learning is not a mere addition to professional preparation, but rather its foundation. We believe that a grounding in the arts, humanities, social and natural sciences deepens students' understanding of difficult issues and transforms them to become, first and foremost, self-reflective, knowledgeable, and ethical persons. As such they bring a broad perspective to their professional careers and are well prepared to assume the responsibilities of civic leadership.

For both arts and sciences students who pursue degrees and pre-professional students who complete coursework in the College, Pacific provides a personalized learning environment that supports student success through broad access to our faculty. Students in the College of the Pacific study with nationally and internationally recognized scholars who are committed undergraduate teachers. Learning takes place both in the class and outside it as students and faculty interact in directed and collaborative inquiry. Active learning strategies in the classroom, extensive experiential learning opportunities alongside faculty researchers/practitioners, and one-on-one faculty advising together give students exceptional opportunities to benefit from faculty expertise as teachers and scholars.

The College challenges students to engage in exploration, inquiry, and discovery: exploration of the world around them and of themselves and inquiry into philosophical, social, and natural phenomena that generates different types of meaningful discovery.

With the assistance of faculty advisors, students in the College plan their academic programs to include general education courses, courses required by the majors and minors they have selected, and courses that satisfy each student's individual interests.

Language Requirement

In order to promote an appreciation of diverse cultures and to encourage greater understanding of the English language, the College of the Pacific requires one year of college instruction (two semesters) or equivalent in a language other than English for all students seeking a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree. Students who seek a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree or a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree and students who transfer to University of the Pacific with at least 28 units of transfer credit are exempt from this requirement. Note that two years of college level foreign language is one of several requirements to be eligible for consideration for membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

Students who have completed their secondary education and received a diploma in a language other than English may be exempt from the language requirement with the approval of an Associate Dean of the College of the Pacific.

Ways to meet the language requirement:

- Complete a second semester language course (including American Sign Language) or higher-level course with a C- or higher at Pacific.
- Complete a transferable full first-year language sequence (including American Sign Language) at another college or University with a grade of C or higher.
- Document completion of high school diploma in a language other than English with the approval of an Associate Dean of the College of the Pacific.
- Achieve a score of 4 or higher on AP language exam, a score of 6 or 7 on appropriate IB language exam, or a score of 58 or higher on CLEP language exam.
- Achieve appropriate score on proctored exam administered by the College or another approved college or university.

Majors and Minors

The College has designed a wide variety of majors to respond to the needs and career goals of students. Students can elect a major in a single subject or an interdisciplinary major combining multiple areas of study, such as Criminal Justice, Media Arts and Production, and Public Health and Community Wellness. The Self-designed major and Thematic minor offered through the College allow students to create their own program of study by combining the course offerings of any variety of departments and programs on campus. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 and take at least 16 units in the major at Pacific to earn their degree.

Minors consist of a coherent set of related courses in a particular discipline or interdisciplinary area. Minors require 20 units or more, and where possible, advanced level courses. Ten units or more, depending on the specific program, must be taken at the University of the Pacific. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 in a minor program. Students may not take a major and a minor in the same discipline.

To declare or add a major or minor, students must complete a Change of Program form, available through My Pacific, and submit it electronically to the Academic Affairs Office of the College with all required signatures. The College will assign a faculty advisor for each major or minor a student declares. Students are encouraged to officially declare their majors and minors as soon as they decide to pursue them. This helps ensure that a student's progress to degree is being tracked accurately and that they being advised appropriately. For students who enter as

“exploratory” or undecided about their major, it is important to declare a major program of study by the end of their sophomore year or fourth semester. Students must meet with their faculty advisors for majors and minors each advising period to ensure that the courses they enroll in are appropriate for their degree objectives.

Degrees Offered

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Fine Arts
Master of Arts
Master of Science
Ph.D.

Majors Offered

Applied Mathematics (BS)
Art (BFA)
Asian Language and Studies (BA)
Biochemistry (BS)
Biological Sciences (BA, BS, MS)
Chemistry (BA, BS)
Pharmaceutical/Chemical Sciences (MS, PhD)
Communication (BA, MA)
Criminal Justice (BA)
Data Science (BS)
Economics (BA, BS)
English and Writing Professions (BA)
French Studies (BA)
Geological and Environmental Sciences (BA, BS)
Health and Exercise Sciences (BA, BS, MA)
History (BA)
International Relations (BA)
Mathematics (BA, BS)
Media Arts and Production (BA)
Philosophy (BA)
Physics (BA, BS)
Political Science (BA)
Psychology (BS, MA)
Public Health and Community Wellness (BA, BS)
Self-Designed (BA)
Social Sciences (BA)
Sociology (BA)
Spanish (BA)

Minors Offered

Ancient Studies
Anthropology
Applied Mathematics
Art History
Biological Sciences
Chemistry
Chinese Studies
Communication
Data Science
Economics
English
Environmental Science
Ethnic Studies
Film Studies
French
Gender Studies
Geology
Graphic Design

Health and Exercise Sciences
History
International Studies
Japanese
Latin American Studies
Mathematics
Media Arts and Production
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Pre-Law
Psychology
Public Affairs
Public History and Museum Studies
Religious Studies
Sociology
Spanish
Statistics
Studio Art
Theatre Arts
Thematic
Writing

Accelerated Programs

The College offers a number of programs that allow students to earn their Bachelor’s and a graduate degree in an accelerated period of time, including:

Blended Economics (BA, BS) + Master of Public Policy
Blended Political Science (BA) + Master of Public Policy
Blended Sociology (BA) + Master of Public Policy
Blended Sociology (BA) + Master of Social Work
Geological and Environmental Sciences (BA) + Juris Doctorate in Law

Special Programs

Education Abroad

College of the Pacific students have the opportunity to study, intern or volunteer abroad during their sophomore, junior or senior years with more than 100 programs in more than 50 different countries. For information about education abroad opportunities, contact the Office of International Programs and Services.

The Washington Semester Program

The Washington Semester Program is a joint project of Pacific and American University (AU) in Washington, D.C. The program includes an internship in a U.S. government agency, lobbying organization, political party, media organization, foreign embassy, or non-profit agency. Students select an area of concentration such as American politics, foreign policy, or others. Students participate in a semester-long seminar including discussions with public officials, political figures, lobbyists, think-tank scholars, and the media. They also undertake a research project or take an elective course at American University. Students normally earn 16 academic credits which are easily transferred to Pacific. By living on the AU campus, students have full access to campus life including dining halls, athletic facilities, and libraries. For application information, contact Dr. Dari Tran (dtran1@pacific.edu).

Phi Beta Kappa

The College of the Pacific houses a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa (PBK), the nation’s oldest academic honor society. Only ten percent of American colleges and universities qualify to host PBK chapters. Each year each chapter chooses no more than the top ten percent of its graduates for

the honor of membership. Phi Beta Kappa honors students who have distinguished themselves in their studies of the liberal arts and sciences. To be eligible for invitation, a student must demonstrate breadth in the liberal arts and sciences, including at least one course in literature, intermediate competence in a second language (equivalent to two years of college language study), and competence in mathematics equal to pre-calculus. See the PBK page on Pacific's web site for more information.

General Academic Regulations

Requirements for Graduation

- a. Students must complete at least 120 units with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in all college-level work completed at University of the Pacific and in all courses taken as part of the major program in order to receive a baccalaureate degree in the College of the Pacific.
- b. Students must complete an approved major program of study within the College to fulfill the requirements for a baccalaureate degree. For courses in the major (including cognate courses) students must achieve a grade point average of 2.0 or better. Courses for the major must be taken for letter grades with exceptions made for internships, fieldwork, and practicums.
- c. In order to receive a BA or BS degree in the College, students must complete a minimum of 60 units outside the primary discipline of their primary major. In order to receive a BFA degree, students must complete a minimum of 49 units outside the primary discipline of their primary major.
- d. Students must complete the general education program to fulfill the requirements for a baccalaureate degree. Please refer to the University general education program statement for the requirements of the program.

Additional Requirements for Transfer Students

- a. All transfer students must enter the College with their fundamental skills requirement (MATH 5 and WRIT 10, where WRIT 10 can be replaced by a different composition course) already met and must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 in all articulated coursework upon entering Pacific.
- b. All transfer students must fulfill the requirements of Pacific's General Education Program. Only courses with a minimum grade of C and three or more semester units, or four or more quarter units, will be accepted in the program. In some Areas of Inquiry, it may be possible to combine three or more, one-unit courses to meet the requirement. The Director of General Education, in conjunction with the Registrar's Office, determines which courses completed at other institutions satisfy General Education requirements.
- c. Based on university-wide articulation agreements with other colleges and universities, each faculty advisor evaluates transfer courses to determine if they satisfy any of the major or minor course requirements. Some departments limit the number of courses they accept for the major or minor from other institutions.

Policies on Grading

- a. With few exceptions, courses taken in the major must be on a letter grade basis. Students are permitted to take up to three courses outside their major on a pass/no credit basis. Normally this option is limited to one course per student per semester. A grade of "pass" is awarded for work evaluated at the level of C- or better and a grade of "no credit" is awarded for work evaluated at the level of D+ or below. The student must declare the intention to enroll in a course on the pass/no credit basis by completing a form available from the Office of the Registrar prior to the deadline established for adding classes.

- b. In consultation with the Dean (or Dean's designate), departments may designate certain courses to be graded only on the pass/no credit basis. In such courses, the nature of the learning does not provide an adequate basis for meaningful rank ordering of student performance and under no circumstances is the student's work evaluated on a letter-graded system. Courses numbered 087/187 (Internship), 089/189 (Practicum) must be graded on a pass/no credit basis only. Fieldwork courses are normally graded on a pass/no credit basis also.

Course Numbering Policies and Unit Restrictions

- a. Courses numbered 087/187 designate work experiences that usually are conducted off-campus, primarily under the supervision of someone not holding a full-time appointment on the faculty of the College of the Pacific.
- b. Courses numbered 089/189 designate work experiences conducted usually on campus, under the direct supervision of a College of the Pacific faculty member.
- c. Courses numbered 087/187 and 089/189 may be taken for one, two, three or four units of credit. If a department's 087/187 and/or 089/189 courses carry alphabetic subscripts designating different categories of study experiences, then the 087/187 or 089/189 course may be repeated for credit as long as the student does not repeat a category (subscript) or exceed the 20-unit limitation. In some cases, the department may indicate special restrictions.
- d. Activity courses numbered ACTY 050-099 are Intercollegiate Sports courses. Students can apply no more than a total of eight units in Intercollegiate Sports courses toward graduation. All Intercollegiate Sports classes are evaluated on the pass/no credit basis.
- e. A total of no more than eight units of extension credit offered by University of the Pacific may be applied to the units required for a baccalaureate degree. Extension courses may not be repeated for credit. An exception to this policy allows students to receive up to 8 extension units in a single term, and up to 8 additional extension units to count towards graduation, only upon completion of the joint MLL/CPCE summer courses.
- f. No more than 20 units of Internship (087/187), Practicum (089/189), and Intercollegiate Sports (ACTY 050-099) courses in any combination may be applied to the units required for a baccalaureate degree.
- g. Courses numbered 201 to 299 carry credits for graduate degrees and courses numbered above 300 are exclusively for students admitted to a doctoral program.
- h. Each department of the College of the Pacific may offer, on occasion, special topics courses, which are numbered 193. Some departments also offer lower-level special topics courses numbered 093 and/or graduate-level courses numbered 293. The material of the special topics courses may reflect the current research of the instructor or the needs and interests of a group of students. Detailed descriptions of these courses may be obtained from the chair of the department in which the courses are offered.
- i. The following sets of course numbers designate a similar function in each department of the College of the Pacific: 191 and 291, independent study, undergraduate and graduate; 195, 295 and 395, seminar, undergraduate, graduate and doctoral; 197, 297 and 397, independent research, undergraduate, graduate and doctoral; 299, master's thesis; 399, doctoral dissertation. In some departments, courses numbered 191 or 197 may be offered for a minimum of two units. No independent study or undergraduate research course may exceed four units.