Academic Divisions of the University

Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
College of the Pacific (Arts and Sciences)
Conservatory of Music
Eberhardt School of Business
Gladys L. Benerd School of Education
Graduate School
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School of Engineering and Computer Science
School of International Studies
Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
University College

Accreditation

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The Director of Human Resources

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About University of the Pacific

Preparing our students: success after graduation
University of the Pacific provides a superior, student-centered learning experience that integrates liberal arts and professional education to prepare students for lasting achievement and responsible leadership in their careers and communities.

At six months after graduation, more than 90 percent of Class of 2018 survey respondents reported being employed or accepted to a graduate or professional school, completing a post-graduate internship or fellowship, or serving in a military or community service experience. In 2018, Pacific alumni salaries ranked No. 3 in California compared to similar institutions, according to the White House College Scorecard. The Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Education ranked Pacific No. 18 in the West for 2019 and the 2019 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings place Pacific at No. 13 among private and public colleges and universities in California.

Looking back: our unique history
University of the Pacific was established in 1851 as California’s first chartered institution of higher learning. It was founded by pioneering Methodist ministers remains the only Methodist-related university in California. Originally located in Santa Clara, the university later moved to San Jose and, in 1924, moved to Stockton, making it the first private four-year university in the Central Valley.

An innovator and leader in higher education, Pacific provided California with its first chartered medical school in 1858, its first coeducational campus in 1871, 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.

Pacific has enjoyed extraordinary stability in administration. 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. Under the leadership of President Eibeck, Pacific continues to expand its academic offerings in Sacramento and San Francisco as guided by our strategic plan. The plan capitalizes on Pacific’s highly regarded academic programs, formative student-teacher relationships and multiple locations to position Pacific as the best teaching-focused university in California.

Looking forward: innovating with the times
Today, University of the Pacific is a highly ranked national university that remains deeply committed to its personal, student-centered approach. Campuses in Stockton, Sacramento and San Francisco strategically position Pacific in three of California’s, and the nation’s, most important and dynamic markets. The university earns widespread recognition for its deep commitment to teaching and learning, its history of innovation and the accomplishments of its alumni.
Pacific has added more than a dozen new academic programs across its three campuses over the last three years. Once the exclusive homes to Pacific’s law and dental schools, the Sacramento and San Francisco campuses now reach new students with graduate programs in data science, physician assistant studies, audiology, music therapy, education, public policy, and public administration. These programs help address the region’s critical need for leaders in technology, health care, education, government and nonprofit sectors. In fall 2017, the Stockton Campus launched Media X, an undergraduate program that integrates the analysis, performance, production, marketing, and management of traditional, digital, and emerging media. In 2018, Pacific began a renovation to transform the university library into a modern, technologically equipped, learner-centered resource for 21st-century teaching and learning.

Beyond academics: Pacific’s community impact
In addition to academics, Pacific is making a positive community impact across the Northern California region through tens of thousands of hours of public outreach, innovative new programs and the efforts of students, faculty and staff across the university. For example, the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences has provided more than a decade of outreach events through its Mobile Medicare Clinics that have saved more than 6,600 Medicare recipients nearly $7 million in prescription drug costs. Since 2010, more than 3,000 of the most vulnerable and underserved in our communities have received health care services through our Virtual Dental Home program, a revolutionary new care delivery system developed by Pacific’s Center for Special Care. And McGeorge’s legal clinics on important topics, such as immigration law, benefit the community while preparing students through meaningful experiential learning.

Our schools, majors and programs
Pacific’s eleven schools and college on its three campuses offer students their choice of 80-plus programs of study, including 25 graduate programs and 10 accelerated program options. For example, students can go directly into certain professional programs, including pharmacy, dentistry and law, while accelerated programs in business, engineering and education make it possible to earn both undergraduate and graduate degrees in five years.

College of the Pacific (1851)
The College of the Pacific is the oldest and largest academic unit, encompassing 18 departments and 30 majors in the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and the fine and performing arts. Based upon its foundation of a rigorous liberal arts curriculum, the College champions experiential learning through undergraduate research and creative activity, fieldwork, internships, and study abroad. The College prepares graduating students to command a broad perspective in their professional careers, ready to assume the responsibilities of leadership.

Conservatory of Music (1878)
Pacific’s Conservatory of Music has been delivering an outstanding music education for more than 140 years. Degree programs are offered in performance, composition, jazz, education, music industry studies, music therapy and history. Conservatory faculty artists/scholars provide a rigorous and supportive learning environment. Students have access to a recording studio, technology and composition labs. Seminars and master classes with accomplished alumni and visiting artists along with numerous performance and other experiential opportunities help prepare graduates for professions in music.

Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry (1896)
The nationally renowned Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, named in honor of its dean of 28 years, is committed to providing a world-class dental education for its students and comprehensive, affordable patient care for adults and children. The Dugoni School is highly regarded for its humanistic model of education that respects the dignity of each individual and for innovation in dental curriculum, including comprehensive patient care and competency-based education. Its programs include an accelerated year-round pre-doctoral DDS program that enables students to complete four academic years of instruction in three calendar years and a high-demand Master of Physician Assistant Studies program.

McGeorge School of Law (1924)
McGeorge educates lawyers for large and small law firms, government agencies and corporate legal departments around the world. McGeorge’s success is built on its distinguished faculty, high-quality students, committed and involved alumni, and a beautiful, spacious campus with state-of-the-art classrooms and student facilities. McGeorge is a dynamic law school that is changing and growing to meet the challenges of the global economy and to educate the lawyers who will be tomorrow’s leaders.

Gladys L. Benerd School of Education (1924)
The Benerd School of Education, named in honor of an alumna’s endowed gift, has educated future professionals in learning, education, and leadership roles for more than 90 years. Benerd School faculty prepare students for service in public and private education and learning-related professions in other sectors; provide programs for current educational professionals to update and upgrade their understanding, knowledge and skills; and promote and engage in research leading to better education and learning.

Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (1955)
The Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is named in honor of the financial commitment of the Thomas J. Long Foundation and the Long family. The School offers a three-year accelerated pharmacy program, provides speech-language pathology students early clinical experience, prepares highly-trained audiologists and produces practice-ready physical therapists. The School is committed to creating a leadership focused, success-centered environment for its diverse student body. Students are empowered to succeed through meaningful, experiential learning in state-of-the-art laboratories. The School’s programs have received continuous national accreditation.

Graduate School (1956)
The Graduate School collaborates with University of the Pacific’s academic schools and colleges to offer more than 30 master’s, doctoral, and graduate certificate programs, serving graduate students on Pacific’s Stockton, San Francisco and Sacramento campuses. The school serves as the central, student-centered resource for graduate admission, education and services at the University and works to promote and support the success and development of Pacific’s diverse graduate population.

School of Engineering and Computer Science (1957)
The School of Engineering and Computer Science empowers its students to solve problems by developing their own projects and working alongside professors on contemporary research. The School’s faculty take each student’s education personally and are committed to mentoring them both inside and outside of the classroom. With its distinguished cooperative education program, students also get to “learn and earn” through a paid professional internship, built right into the curriculum, with one of the School’s 200-plus industry partners worldwide.
University College (1972)
University College was founded to meet the needs of a growing number of adult learners returning to higher education to finish their bachelor’s degrees or seeking continuing education to advance their careers. Today the college remains committed to serving non-traditional students and working adults by offering degree completion programs along with a full suite of continuing education and certificate programs for working adults, corporate training and lifelong learners.

Eberhardt School of Business (1977)
The Eberhardt School of Business was renamed in 1995 in recognition of the Eberhardt family’s endowed gifts. Fully accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the School boasts a $3.7 million Eberhardt Student Investment Fund, a dedicated Career Management Center, top-rated faculty, state-of-the-art classroom technology, and exceptional experiential learning opportunities. The School offers valuable leadership development and business resources through its centers and institutes, including the Center for Business and Policy Research, the Center for Entrepreneurship, the Westgate Center for Leadership and Management Development and the Institute for Family Business.

School of International Studies (1987)
A school within the College of the Pacific, the School of International Studies is devoted to the interdisciplinary study of international affairs. International, interdisciplinary and intercultural immersion, acquisition of at least one second language and at least a semester of study abroad prepare students to succeed in a variety of professions in industry, government, not-for-profit organizations and educational institutions. The School’s programs help students develop strong analytical reasoning ability and written and oral communication skills while building intercultural competence and personal confidence. Its students are frequent recipients of prestigious fellowships.