

Seattle Pacific: A Christian University

The clear Christian commitment of Seattle Pacific University has remained the same for more than a century. We continue to believe that the finest education is informed by Christian faith.

As a university, Seattle Pacific's mission is one of educational inquiry. Believing that our faith calls us to excellence — both intellectually and spiritually — we actively strive to provide the highest quality education available. In keeping with this, academic freedom and integrity are highly prized.

What does this mean to you? It means that, as a student, you'll be taught by professors who approach their disciplines from a Christian perspective. But you will not be told what to believe. Instead, through the educational process of inquiry, discussion and experience, you'll be encouraged to develop a mature, personal faith.

You will be challenged at Seattle Pacific. But the University seeks to create an environment that balances freedom and support as you grapple with difficult questions. Our goal is to help you emerge with an even deeper Christian conviction and a desire for Christian leadership and service.

Seattle Pacific works hard to maintain strengthen its Christian environment. One way in which we accomplish this is by selecting faculty and staff members who are unapologetically Christian, share the same essentials of faith and exhibit a vital concern for the faith development of students.

Another way is through the University's Christian Faith Exploration program, which includes worship services, faculty-led small groups, urban and global service opportunities, forums, reflection retreats and other spiritual growth opportunities. All full-time undergraduate students must meet SPU's Christian Faith Exploration requirement.

Students are also asked to adhere to community standards of behavior. They are expected to refrain from academic cheating; sexual immorality; use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs; and participation in acts of racial or sexual harassment. These are not "rules for rules' sake," but are intended to show respect for SPU's Christian tradition and for other community members.

Seattle Pacific University doesn't use the word "Christian" lightly when describing itself. Our Christian identity is as important to us today and it was a century ago. We believe that without faith, knowledge is incomplete.

Seattle Pacific University Nondiscrimination Policy

It is the policy of Seattle Pacific University not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability in admission and access to, or treatment or employment in its programs or activities, as required by section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended (to the extent applicable to the University), Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, as amended, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and the Age Discrimination Act, as amended, and their implementing regulations.

As a religious educational institution operating under the auspices of the Free Methodist Church of North America, Seattle Pacific University is permitted and reserves the right to prefer employees or prospective employees on the basis of religion.

If students have any questions regarding this policy, they should contact the following persons:

Section 504 Coordinators:

Primary: Director of the Center for Learning (206) 281-2272

Secondary: Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of Students (206) 281-2123

Title IX Coordinators:

Primary: Assistant VP and Dean, Enrollment Management (206) 281-2650

Secondary: Director of Human Resources (206) 281-2065

If you believe you may have been discriminated against in violation of this policy, please contact the Section 504 coordinators, the Title IX coordinators, the Office of Campus Life or the Office of Human Resources for a copy of the University's grievance procedures.

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