

The Academic Program

Scholarship Informed by Faith

The clear Christian commitment of Seattle Pacific University has remained the same for more than a century. The institution continues to believe that the finest education is informed by Christian faith. As a university, Seattle Pacific's mission is one of intellectual inquiry. Believing that the Christian faith calls it to excellence — both intellectually and spiritually — the University actively strives to provide the highest quality education available. In keeping with this, academic freedom and integrity are highly prized.

What does this mean to students? It means that they are taught by professors who approach their discipline from a Christian perspective. But students are not told what to believe. Instead, through the educational process of inquiry, discussion and experience, they are encouraged to develop a mature, personal faith. Students are challenged at Seattle Pacific. But the University seeks to create an environment that balances freedom and support as they grapple with difficult questions. The goal is to help students emerge with an even deeper Christian conviction and a desire for Christian leadership and service.

Academic Structure

College of Arts and Sciences

Division of Fine Arts

- Art
- Music
- Theatre

Division of Humanities

- Communication and Journalism
- English
- Foreign Languages and Literatures
- Philosophy

Division of Science and Engineering

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Pre-Professional Programs

Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences

- Family and Consumer Sciences
- History
- Physical Education and Exercise Science
- Political Science
- Sociology

Interdisciplinary

- General Studies Major
- Interdisciplinary Courses
- Professional Studies Major
- Student-Designed Majors
- University Scholars Program

School of Business and Economics

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Economics
- Professional Development

School of Education

- Elementary Certification
- Secondary Certification
- Special Education
- SPIRAL — Education Professional Development

School of Health Sciences

- Nursing

School of Psychology, Family and Community

- Psychology

School of Theology

- Christian Theology
- Educational Ministries

Special Programs

- Summer School
- Evening/Weekend School
- Distance Learning

Graduate Studies

Graduate studies at Seattle Pacific University emphasize three principal aims: scholarship, research and professional competence. Responsibility for graduate studies is vested in the Graduate Policy and Evaluation Committee by the Faculty Senate.

Degrees Offered

Master of Arts

- Sport and Exercise Leadership (M.A.)
- Teaching (M.A.)
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

Master of Education (M.Ed.)

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Education Leadership
- School Counseling

Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.)

- Leadership in Advanced Nursing

Master of Science (M.S.)

- Marriage and Family Therapy
- Information Systems Management

Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Family Psychology (Ph.D.)

Other Programs

- Advanced R.N. Practitioner (School of Health Sciences)
- Nurse Practitioner Pathways (School of Health Sciences)
- Superintendent Certification (School of Education)

For further information on graduate programs, contact the school or department that administers the specific program.

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"At Seattle Pacific, we believe nothing is more valuable than an education grounded in the Christian faith, deepened by the liberal arts, expressed in the professions and engaged in the culture in order to change the world."

Les Steele

Vice President for Academic Affairs

