UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC
College of the Pacific

The Liberal Arts at Pacific

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Take control of your education. Change your life.

Who will you become? The possibilities are endless.

You may be considering which university is right for you and what you will study. This isn’t just a decision about where you’ll enroll; it’s also a matter of who you might become.

Doctor, wilderness guide, lawyer, educator, biologist... Your options are wide open, which is exciting and, perhaps, a bit daunting too. It’s a big decision.

Maybe you already know exactly what you want to be. Maybe you don’t. What matters most is that you graduate with the right mix of practical skills.

You need to be versatile. You need to be able to think critically. You need a wide base of knowledge. The College of the Pacific is the perfect place to gain that foundation and the ideal setting to find the career that’s right for you. As the core liberal arts college at the University of the Pacific, we offer 36 majors and 31 minors in the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities and the arts.

Explore your options and still graduate in four years—guaranteed.

Attending Pacific truly provides you with the best of both worlds: the nurturing learning environment of a small liberal arts school combined with the broad range of majors you’d normally only find at much larger universities.

You can double major, take courses from any of the university’s eight professional schools, enroll in any of Pacific’s accelerated degree programs or design a major of your own. There are 80 majors and programs of study on campus. At Pacific, there’s no penalty for exploring your options. You can find the career that fits you best and graduate in four years—we guarantee it.
Both U.S. News & World Report and Washington Monthly rank Pacific as one of the top 100 universities in the nation. We’re proud of our position among so many large, prestigious colleges, but we’re prouder still of what makes us different from other schools.

Many universities leave your education in the hands of teaching assistants. The famous researchers who bring such universities acclaim? Odds are you’ll never meet them since their time is dedicated to research instead of teaching.

Our faculty inspire inside and outside the classroom.

At Pacific, you’ll have real access to some of the world’s most accomplished and innovative professors. Our professors are just as dedicated to teaching as they are to making breakthroughs. You’ll learn from the best in an intimate environment that’s rare at universities today. Our average class size is just 20. Our student-to-faculty ratio? An impressive 14 to 1.

It all adds up to a world-class education in a supportive atmosphere you just won’t find anywhere else.
What will your college years look like?

Will you spend every waking moment hunched over a text book? We hope not. Our students certainly spend time in class, but many of their most valuable lessons occur in classes that have no walls at all. Pacific students are studying the environment by measuring water quality on the San Joaquin Delta. They’re interning with legislators at the state capitol. They’re honing their theatrical skills by staging on-campus plays.

At Pacific, you don’t have to wait until you graduate to get real, hands-on experience. We make sure that you have that opportunity the moment you walk on campus, because we know that students learn best by doing.

What can you learn from a sushi roll? Quite a lot, if you happen to be in Professor Ken Albala’s “What Is Good Food” class. The award-winning food historian takes his students into factories, farms, supermarkets and restaurants as they explore the economic, health and ethical aspects of our everyday meals.

“The idea is to have a class without walls,” says Albala. “It’s a very hands-on class that not only helps students write well, but also realize that they are not working in isolation—these are real, living issues.”

Who says your classroom needs to actually be a classroom?

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There’s a feeling at Pacific that’s hard to describe, but if you spend a few days here, you can’t miss it.

People are engaged. They’re not just checking in for the diploma and checking out the moment class ends. They’re sticking around, asking questions, finding their own answers and having fun along the way. That’s true for both our professors and our students.

The College of the Pacific is a community, not a commuter school. This is the kind of place where you make real connections. You may find yourself learning side-by-side with professors on a research project or interning in the community where you experience first-hand how your area of study impacts the real world, or you may choose to join one of the myriad clubs and organizations that foster new connections and a common sense of purpose.

“I love teaching at Pacific— it’s unique. Society seems to be moving to a more online or ‘virtual’ setting, but at Pacific, students are involved. Clubs, organizations, events, there’s so much happening on campus.”

—Dr. Martín Camps
Poet, Professor of Latin American Literature

Your university should feel like home, not a drive-thru.

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{ THEATRE ARTS }

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At this very moment Marcie Spencer is in New York City, preparing for her next interview. Tomorrow she might be chasing a lead in Los Angeles or crossing the Atlantic in pursuit of the next big story. For the past twenty years, this College of the Pacific graduate ( ’81, Communications) and longtime producer of CBS News’ 48 Hours has covered stories of every stripe—from the Winter Olympics to the OJ Simpson trial to the inauguration of President Barack Obama. “I never know, from day to day, what will happen or where my work will take me,” says Spencer. “It can be very exciting and also very challenging, but I feel privileged to work on stories that become a part of history and touch millions of people’s lives.”

Though New York seems a world apart from Stockton and her days as an undergrad, Spencer says that her education at the College of the Pacific has served her well. “I wouldn’t be the person I am today without the College of the Pacific. The small classes, the support I received from my professors and other students … it gave me a sense of grounding I don’t think I could have received at a larger school. And it’s amazing how often I rely, in my job, on that solid foundation of liberal arts classes. I definitely recommend Pacific. It’s an excellent school.”

In my field, I’m judged on my ability to create original solutions and, thanks to my education at Pacific, I know I can do exactly that. My broad liberal arts education exposed me to an amazing range of disciplines, which has given me an ability to think creatively and understand the world on a variety of levels.

—Logan Ahlstrom, ’08, Biochemistry/Spanish double major
Currently obtaining Ph.D. in Chemistry, Univ. of Arizona.

An education from the College of the Pacific is truly priceless.

Our students graduate with much more than a diploma. They leave prepared to succeed in graduate school or the job market and with unparalleled support from our faculty and career services staff.

We provide our students with unlimited career counseling, resume-writing tutorials and job interview preparation. The results speak for themselves. Upon graduation, 97 percent of Pacific students are immediately employed, enrolled in graduate/professional school or participating in a service program such as Teach for America.

While the College of the Pacific may cost more to attend per year than a public university, the total cost of your education is frequently lower at Pacific since we guarantee that you’ll graduate in four years.

By contrast, only 13 percent of CSU and 50 percent of UC students graduate in four years. Students at impacted public schools frequently wind up paying dearly for fifth and sixth years of schooling, simply because the classes they needed weren’t available to them. That is never the case at Pacific.
Financing your college education can be an intimidating prospect. You can, however, still afford to attend University of the Pacific—we’re working harder than ever to make sure that remains true.

More than 80 percent of Pacific students receive financial aid. In fact, those students receive an average of $22,000 a year in aid; that’s just one reason why U.S. News & World Report has named Pacific one of America’s 50 “Great Schools at Great Prices” for the eighth year in a row, and why the Fiske Guide to Colleges lists Pacific as one of the 44 “Best Buys” for college students in the United States, Canada and Great Britain.

What’s more, the vast majority of financial aid dollars at University of the Pacific come in the form of grants and scholarships: gifts you’ll never have to repay. At Pacific, you can obtain a world-class education without the burden of years of debt.

“Financial aid made a huge difference for me. I was able to get 80 percent of my tuition covered by scholarships, grants and a couple of small loans. I definitely didn’t have to rack up a lot of debt and am really glad I came here. I love Pacific.”

—Mary Lake, ’09, Psychology

“‘We’re mapping the universe,’” explains Physics Professor Jim Hetrick as he proudly shows off a radio telescope built and operated by College of the Pacific students. “That’s something that really sets Pacific apart—we make a point of giving students the opportunity to learn by exploring, asking questions and creating their own novel solutions. It’s exciting to be at a place like this.”

We’ve made a world-class education affordable.

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Come see for yourself.

The best way to get to know us better is to visit our campus. Tours are available throughout the year and include an information session to help answer questions. You also have the option to meet with a professor or sit in on a class.

Visit our website at www.pacific.edu to learn more.

Applying is easy.

You can apply online to University of the Pacific (and learn what’s required in your application) at go.pacific.edu/apply. If you’d prefer to receive an application via mail, contact us at 209.946.2558.

The priority application deadline for Fall admission is early January. Allow yourself sufficient time to complete the application, submit your transcripts, obtain letters of recommendation and provide other supporting materials.

Want to Know More?

Interested in learning more about University of the Pacific’s liberal arts programs? You can reach us at 209.946.2211 or by emailing queries to admission@pacific.edu.

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“Docere, Delectate, et Movere” — “To Teach, to Delight, and to Move”

This is Cicero's advice in De Oratore on the qualities necessary for a great orator—and, by extension, for a great teacher.

At the College of the Pacific, we take that advice to heart. Our faculty teach, delight, and move students every day by being passionate about their fields of study, eager to share their expertise and dedicated to each student's success.

We are committed to the liberal arts ideal, a broad and rigorous education that will lead you to question assumptions and seek innovative solutions to life's challenges.

When you graduate from the College of the Pacific, you'll be prepared to lead in your community and in your profession. What's more, you'll be capable of spreading the benefits and knowledge you've received in your own life to enrich and enliven the world around you.

You'll make a difference.

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