

Introduction to the University

Point Loma Nazarene University is a Christian university, sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene. It offers programs in the liberal arts and selected professional studies. Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Point Loma offers degree programs at the baccalaureate and graduate levels. The University's main campus is located on the Point Loma peninsula between beautiful San Diego Bay and the shores of the Pacific Ocean with a student population of approximately 2,400. With the exception of the M.A. in Religion, the graduate programs are based at three instructional centers. The Mission Valley center is located 10 miles east of the main campus immediately adjacent to Interstate 8. The Arcadia center, serves Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties from its location adjacent to the 210 freeway, 10 miles east of Pasadena. The Bakersfield center serves the San Joaquin Valley from its location in downtown Bakersfield. The M.A. in Religion is offered at the main campus.

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Sailing in San Diego Harbor

THE FACULTY

The Point Loma faculty is composed of Christian teachers/scholars who are dedicated to teaching and other scholarly activity in an environment of vital Christianity. Individuals serving as faculty are committed to lifelong learning and teaching. They strive to exemplify excellence in their profession and model a personal integration of faith, learning and living.

THE STUDENTS

The University welcomes qualified students of any and all religious affiliations who desire an education in an environment of dynamic Christian witness. The role of Point Loma in higher education is fulfilled by helping students realize their mental, physical, social, moral, and spiritual ideals. The University's belief is that a personal commitment to Jesus Christ is the basis for achieving self-worth and understanding, the motivation for building a just social order, and the means for relating to God through worship and service.

UNIVERSITY MILESTONES

In 1895, Phineas F. Bresee, a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and J. P. Widney, a Methodist layperson and former president of the University of Southern California, founded the Church of the Nazarene in Los Angeles, California. Their primary purpose was to bring the good news of the Gospel to the poor and underprivileged. In 1902, Dr. Bresee founded

Pacific Bible College, at the urging of several laypersons. Its purpose was to train ministerial and lay leaders for the new denomination.

Through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Deets, Pacific Bible College was able to purchase the famed Hugus Ranch in northeast Pasadena. With the subsequent move to the new Pasadena campus in 1910, the institution became Nazarene University and enlarged the scope of the curriculum to include a typical program in the liberal arts. In 1924, it was reorganized as Pasadena College (PC), the undergraduate honor society known as Sigma Phi Mu was organized, and a system of student government was instituted.

Pasadena College received initial accreditation from the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools in 1943, and from the Western College Association in 1949. In 1951, PC received state accreditation of its education program, and the Board of Trustees approved the addition of graduate education in 1965. Faced with a growing enrollment and the need for expanding the campus, the College moved to San Diego's historic Point Loma peninsula in the summer of 1973. Today, as Point Loma Nazarene University, the institution offers numerous majors in various academic degrees, is approaching an enrollment totaling 3,000 at all of its teaching locations with a faculty and staff of over 500, and enjoys an ocean-front main campus valued in excess of \$200 million.

AT A GLANCE

Significant Dates in the University's History:

- 1902 Founded by Phineas F. Bresee, also founder of the Church of the Nazarene
- 1910 Moved to Pasadena
- 1924 Reorganized as Pasadena College
- 1943 Accredited by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools
- 1949 Received accreditation from the Western College Association
- 1951 Gained California accreditation of its education program
- 1965 Board of Trustees approval for graduate education
- 1973 Relocated on San Diego's historic Point Loma peninsula
- 1975 Earned accreditation from the National League for Nursing
- 1998 Name changed to Point Loma Nazarene University
- 2002 Centennial Celebration

DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION

Point Loma Nazarene University is the regional educational institution of the Southwest Region of the Church of the Nazarene. A Board of

Trustees, composed of an equal number of ministers and laypersons, oversees the affairs of the University. Board members are nominated from eleven districts in the region and elected to the Board to serve on the self-perpetuating body. The Church of the Nazarene is an international protestant denomination in the holiness tradition. The Church is Wesleyan in doctrine and evangelical in mission. Its polity is representative. Emphasis is given to the conversion of sinners, the entire sanctification of believers, and the spreading of the Gospel to every person. The Church is a member of the Christian Holiness Partnership and the National Association of Evangelicals. The relationship of the University and the Church of the Nazarene is characterized by a mutual commitment to the doctrine and mission. In this relationship the University provides quality leaders for Christian service within social, civic, business, and church communities.

Mission and Goals

MISSION STATEMENT

Point Loma Nazarene University provides higher education in the liberal arts and preparation for service and leadership in selected professions for students who desire such an education in an environment of vital Christianity in the evangelical and Wesleyan tradition.

The University believes that a good education prepares one to live a full life, and that requires character, integrity, commitment, reason, and faith. Thus, Point Loma's educational program brings together opportunities for intellectual discourse, leadership development, and spiritual formation within a supportive faith community under the guidance of gifted, committed Christian faculty and staff.

GRADUATE STUDIES: MISSION AND PROFILE

The program of graduate studies is organized for the general purpose of giving the student a fundamental understanding and thorough mastery of a major field of study and of advanced preparation for a professional career.

Graduate Studies exist to:

- Recognize and foster superior scholarship through post-baccalaureate instruction, seminars, and research;
- Develop professional skills and competence;
- Encourage the acquisition and mastery of responsible and thorough methods of research;
- Enable students to improve their ability to think critically and achieve a greater measure of intellectual independence;
- Encourage the integration of the student's faith and learning; and

- Accelerate the engagement of the graduates' faith in their professions.

Graduate study requires independent direction, a mature approach to study, and a commitment to professional goals. Students who have demonstrated a high level of achievement in undergraduate work and who want to increase their professional skills, expand their knowledge, and qualify for more demanding responsibilities are invited to apply for admission to Point Loma Nazarene University's Graduate Studies Programs.

Courses and programs are offered through departments of the University. Faculty determine the standards of admission, the standards for retention, the requirements for graduation, regulations governing transfer credit, and other matters pertaining to academic activities and responsibilities of graduate students. Thus, to receive graduate credit and to be eligible for a graduate degree, a student must be properly admitted to Graduate Studies and must meet the standards set by the faculty.

THE UNIVERSITY SEAL

The University Seal is used on all official documents. It consists of a shield picturing the symbols of VENIA (Grace), VERITAS (Truth) and SANCTITAS (Holiness), themes that—in keeping with the heritage of Point Loma Nazarene University—have been identified with the Wesleyan-holiness tradition.



ACADEMIC GOALS

Under the guidance of Christian faculty who are leaders in their academic disciplines, students should:

- Significantly increase the breadth and depth of their knowledge of the theoretical framework that shapes that discipline;
- Come to an understanding of how the Christian perspective uniquely shapes and influences the core values of their discipline;
- Develop skills that ensure that they are effective practitioners ;
- Grow in the development of those qualities required for effective leadership in their profession and in society.

PERSONAL GOALS

Under the guidance of a community of faculty who are both creative scholars and committed Christians, the student will develop:

- A love for truth that includes an open mind, objectivity, persistence, and courage.
- A thirst for knowledge, especially the willingness to assume a major share of responsibility for a lifelong adventure of learning.

- The capacity to arrive at sound judgments and discriminating personal convictions; and, without being dogmatic or coercive, communicate those judgments and convictions with sincerity and grace.

SPIRITUAL GOALS

Woven into the academic and life curricula of the University are programs and experiences designed to:

- Assist in the formation of a discipleship that is growing in Christlikeness.
- Build skills and habits in spiritual formation that will be developed across a lifetime.
- Develop experiences that will lift the human spirit in worship and motivate to a life of service.
- Provide opportunities for spiritual leadership development to serve the cause of Christ around the world.
- Inspire a passion to live in God's grace and the eternal pursuit of truth and holiness.
- Promote a holistic understanding that seeks the unity of the Body of Christ in the world while embracing its diversity.

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COMMUNITY STANDARDS

Above all, Point Loma Nazarene University is a Christian community. Regardless of a student's personal religious perspective, when a student enrolls at Point Loma, he or she has entered into this community. As such, it is the hope of the institution that each student will sense the love and holiness that characterizes life in Christ throughout his/her period of participation in the community. Faculty and staff desire to model that life in all they do.

Studying in a Christian community has several ramifications. First it impacts the quality of workmanship—Christians offer God and each other their very best work. Students and faculty alike will be held to a very high standard of workmanship. Second, work in a Christian community is characterized by integrity. There is a level of trust that makes life in Christian community uplifting. Third, work is grounded in Christ-like love and service. Faculty and students commit themselves to service in their professions, community and places of worship. Fourth, students, faculty, and staff are expected to live disciplined lives. Living and working in Christian community affects our life-style choices.

Accreditation and Memberships

Point Loma Nazarene University is numbered among those institutions of higher education that meet or exceed the rigorous standards of accrediting associations and commissions. Point

Loma is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, for which it periodically completes a self-study that addresses recognized principles of excellence. The University is also accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Main Campus and Facilities

The main campus of approximately 90 acres was first established as an educational site by the Theosophical Society of America and has been occupied since by Balboa University, California Western College, and United States International University. The early occupants of this campus erected a number of wooden buildings, some of which are still in use. Since 1953, numerous additional buildings have been constructed on the campus, and today the campus includes art facilities, a theatre, physical education complex, the Fermanian Business Center, the state-of-the-art Cooper Music Center with its 400-seat Crill Performance Hall, Colt Hall, Nicholson Commons and the Bond Academic Center. Several campus buildings are of historical interest. Among these are the Greek Amphitheater, first of its type to be built in the United States; Mieras Hall, built in 1901 by the Spalding family; and Cabrillo Hall, originally the home of Madame Katherine Tingley, leader of the Theosophical Society.

OTHER TEACHING LOCATIONS

Mission Valley. PLNU Mission Valley is a newly refurbished facility that opened its doors for classes in fall of 2001. The 51,000-square foot structure houses offices and classrooms for the University's graduate programs in education, business administration and religion. This facility brings Point Loma's program to the heart of the city. In Mission Valley the first floor houses the office of Conference Services. Because of its central location, the building is ideal for companies or groups who would like to hold seminars, conferences and retreats. For more information, contact the Conference Services office at 619.563.2840. In the future, space on the first floor will be completed for archives and a student resource center. The second floor has additional classroom and rental space for expanding programs. Third floor is home to PLNU's MBA offices and classrooms, student lounge, a satellite location for the University's Common Knowledge Bookstore, the Whitcomb Family Prayer Chapel, plus classrooms and computer lab. The fourth floor is occupied by faculty offices for teacher credentialing, graduate education, and graduate nursing as well as classroom space. The Graduate Administrative