

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

As a Christian institution providing higher education in the liberal arts and selected professional areas, Point Loma Nazarene University offers admission to qualified applicants of moral character, personal maturity, and intellectual ability. Preference is given to those who share the ideals and objectives of the University, and whose self-directive capabilities might enable them to profit in an optimal way from its total program of learning and developmental experiences. The Enrollment Management Committee of the faculty has ultimate responsibility for admission and readmission to the University. The University maintains a policy of non-discrimination in the admission of students.

All necessary forms in the process of application may be obtained from the Admissions Office. In preparation for initial entrance or readmission, applicants are encouraged to file the appropriate forms early in the process. Admission to the University does not in itself assure the student of housing, financial aid, or other necessary arrangements. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make such arrangements with the appropriate office. March 1 is the priority deadline for admission to the University for the fall semester.

ADMISSION TO FRESHMAN STANDING

Students may apply as early as the fall semester of their senior year in high school or one year prior to transfer from another college or university. First-year applicants may apply for *early action* or *regular admission*. Early action is an option reserved for students who have made Point Loma Nazarene University their first choice institution, providing an offer of admission by January 15. The deadline for early action is December 1 and requires receipt of all admission materials, including transcripts and test scores. Applicants for regular admission and those not offered admission through early action may receive notification between February 1 and April 1. Students seeking admission to the University following their secondary education must file the following with the Admissions Office:

- a formal application for admission;
- a self-report health record;
- two recommendations;
- official SAT and/or ACT score reports;
- a high school transcript or its equivalent; and
- a formal interview.

The University expects applicants for admission to follow a typical preparatory course of study during their high school years. This should include the following program:

English4 years
One foreign language2 years
History1 year
Algebra1 year
Geometry1 year
Laboratory science1 year

Note Students who plan to major in mathematics or any of the sciences should include at least three years of mathematics and laboratory courses in physical or biological sciences in their high school programs.

Students who are admitted with any deficiencies in the above preparatory pattern may be required to make up such deficiencies either by taking certain courses or by demonstrating a minimum level of proficiency through acceptable scores on standardized achievement tests.

Freshmen entering Point Loma from accredited high schools have an average GPA above 3.650 and an average score of 1130 on the SAT. However, a limited number of students with a high school GPA below 2.800 or with inadequate SAT scores (combined verbal and mathematics below 860) are considered on an individual basis for provisional standing by the Enrollment Management Committee. Provisional first-time students (fewer than 12 semester units at the University level completed successfully) are required to complete Program Quick Start (PQS) before being considered for admission to the University in the fall.

ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students seeking admission from accredited colleges and universities must file the following with the Admissions Office:

- a formal application for admission;
- a self-report health record;
- two recommendations;
- official SAT and/or ACT score reports and a high school transcript (for students with less than 36 completed semester units);
- official transcripts of all post-secondary course work; and
- a formal interview.

Students from accredited colleges and universities may be considered for admission provided a GPA of 2.000 has been maintained in all previous course work. The University has developed articulation agreements with a number of community colleges. Transcripts submitted from non-accredited institutions are evaluated on an individual basis. Transcripts from universities outside the United States must be evaluated for the student by an independent evaluation service approved by Point Loma. Transfer students who

do not have all official transcripts on file with the Admissions Office before initial registration may be admitted but will not be allowed to register for the following semester until all transcripts are on file. Issues related to proper placement are addressed below under "Placement."

Students from community colleges may transfer in a maximum of 70 applicable units toward the baccalaureate degree at Point Loma. Furthermore, after 70 units have been earned at the 100-level or above, including those units registered for in the current semester, no work may be transferred to the University from a community college. All courses taken at a community college transfer as lower-division units only.

ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Point Loma Nazarene University welcomes students from all over the world. Students for whom English is not the native language must demonstrate English language proficiency by taking the International Student English Exam administered by Point Loma and the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), available through the Educational Testing Service, Box 955, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. A score of 550 on the paper-based TOEFL is required or 213 on the computer-based exam. International students seeking admission to the University must file the following documents with the Admissions Office:

- a formal application for admission;
- a self-report health record;
- two recommendations;
- official transcripts (high school or university) ;
- SAT/ACT scores or official TOEFL scores (for non-native speakers) ;
- an affidavit of support; and
- a report from a transcript evaluation service.

It is the responsibility of students who submit transfer courses from a university outside the United States to have transcripts evaluated by an approved evaluation service. Students should contact the Admissions Office or the Records Office for evaluation applications from various services or contact those agencies directly, at www.ece.org or www.wes.org.

READMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

Students who leave the University must apply for readmission through the Office of Admissions, meeting calendar deadlines and making deposits as required. Students whose continuous enrollment is not interrupted by more than two consecutive semesters may remain under their declared applicable *Catalog*. Those who are readmitted after three or more semesters of non-attendance return under the *Catalog* in effect at the time of readmission.

Special Features

ENTRANCE AND PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS

All applicants for admission to the University are required to take either the ACT Assessment of the American College Testing Program (ACT) or the Scholastic Assessment Tests (SAT) of the College Board. These tests are administered at high schools and university test centers throughout the United States. The scores earned are used for placement in certain courses. **The Point Loma Nazarene University SAT testing code is 4605; the ACT code is 0370.** Entering students who have not taken the entrance examination are required to meet this requirement after arrival.

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE (FYE) PROGRAM

Educating the Student...Developing the Student... Serving the Student. This is the focus of Point Loma Nazarene University's First-Year Experience (FYE) program. FYE is a comprehensive and cohesive program of academic and personal development activities and services. The goal of Point Loma's FYE is to facilitate the transition to University life by seeking to develop skills to meet the challenges of higher education, self-awareness and understanding of others, the enjoyment of a wide variety of services, and setting the course for students to enter into the community of faithful learners.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION (NSO)

An important component of the First-Year Experience at Point Loma Nazarene University is a program known as New Student Orientation (NSO). An intensive orientation to all aspects of student life at the university, NSO welcomes students and families to the main campus for a three-day series of events that focus on issues such as academic life, residential life, adjustment to the challenges of a University education, financing one's education, and enjoyable social events. The NSO experience is the culmination of mailings and Web offerings prepared and administered by a cross-section of the University community, including staff, faculty, and student leaders.

PROGRAM QUICK START

Program Quick Start (PQS) is a five-week summer program designed for a limited number of potential first-time freshmen to prepare at-risk students for an academic career. Students enroll for two or three required General Education courses and, upon completion, receive six to seven units of credit. The program also emphasizes study skills such as time management, note taking, and test preparation. For more information on PQS, students should contact the Admissions Office or consult the University's Web site.