

degree, the specific requirements for admission into medical school include one year each of general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology, and physics, and one semester of calculus.

A Pre-Medical Committee of the faculty follows the progress of each student and is available to advise the student and write recommendations when the student applies to medical school, usually at the beginning of the senior year. The Pre-Medical Program is designed to aid and encourage student candidates through a visiting speaker program, orientation meetings, suggestions in preparing for entrance exams, practice interviews, special experiences such as research opportunities, and critiques of application materials. Prospective students are advised that high grades and entrance exam scores are essential.

### **Pre-Physical Therapy and Allied Health**

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Students of various academic majors intending to attend physical therapy school must prepare adequately for the rigors of graduate school and groom themselves for the application process. Interested students will receive advisement on accredited programs, prerequisites, and admission standards. The advisors assist in internship placement, preparation for the application process including letter of recommendation decisions and the admission interview paradigm. Graduate Record Examination preparation strategies and course sequence advising are offered. Prospective students are advised that high grades and entrance exam scores are essential.

Interaction with professionals in the physical therapy and medical fields is encouraged through two or three clinical internship placements, the first of which occurs as early as the second semester of the sophomore year, the biannual distinguished lecture series, contact with the University sport team physician and original research leading to Honors Scholar status at graduation. These interactions are beneficial to personal and pre-professional development and enhance the prospect of graduate school admission.

### **AFROTC, AROTC, and NROTC Programs**

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Two- to four-year programs in Air Force, Army, and Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps, are offered in cooperation with San Diego State University and the University of San Diego. Upon completion of the program and all requirements

for a bachelor's degree, cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the Air Force, Army, and Marines, and as Ensigns in the Navy. In addition to the leadership courses listed on the admissions office Web site, all students are required to take a four to six-week Field Training Camp or cruise during the summer. Further information on these programs may be obtained from the ROTC advisor at Point Loma Nazarene University or from the Aerospace Studies Department, 619.594.5545, and the Military Science Department, 619.594.4943, at San Diego State University or the Department of Naval Science, 619.260.2288, at the University of San Diego.

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## **GRADUATION**

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### **Mathematics and Writing**

To graduate from Point Loma Nazarene University, a student must demonstrate ability in mathematics and writing by submitting an adequate SAT score as defined by faculty policy, by successfully challenging on a department placement examination, or by completing the remedial course for establishing these competencies. These abilities must be met prior to junior classification.

*Note: All students must fulfill the composition requirement of the General Education Program, or its equivalent, prior to the junior year.*

### **General Requirements**

Undergraduate students all share certain general requirements for earning the baccalaureate degree (B.A., B.Mus., B.S.N. and B.S.). These include the following:

- Filing an application for admission to candidacy with the Records Office.
- Satisfactory completion of a total of a minimum of 128 semester units (numbered 100 and above) with a cumulative grade-point average of 2.000.
- Satisfactory completion of the General Education Program.
- Completion of an approved program of study in a major area with a cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 unless otherwise stipulated.
- Residency at Point Loma during the final 24 units of study.
- Completion of all academic and institutional requirements.

**Candidacy for a Degree.** An application for admission to candidacy for a degree must be filed after the student has completed at least 92 semester units of work and has an approved program of studies. Although students may view an unofficial "degree audit" on the Web, an official "Graduation Check" is conducted by the

Records Office which subsequently communicates with the degree applicant regarding appropriate details.

**Residency.** Candidates for the baccalaureate degree must be in residence during the final 24 units applied toward the degree. A minimum of one-half of the upper-division units in the major also must be taken in residence.

**Semester Units.** A cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 is required for graduation. None of the 128 semester units required minimum for the baccalaureate degree may include those taken at the remedial level (numbered below 100).

**The General Education Program.** Students must meet the stated requirements in the General Education Program, a broad-based liberalizing experience in the arts and sciences. Transfer students are responsible to make sure any course work done prior to admission to the University fulfills the categories that are unique to Point Loma.

**Completion of the Major.** All major programs of study are sanctioned by the Point Loma faculty and listed in detail in this Catalog. Of the units completed in a major, at least 24 must be taken at the upper-division level (numbered 300 and above). In addition, a minimum of one-half of the upper-division units in the major must be completed in residence. A 2.000 cumulative grade-point average is required for all academic majors. An academic minor, though available, is not a requirement for graduation.

**Completion of all Requirements.** Degrees are conferred once a year at the close of the spring semester. All work taken toward a degree must be completed in full before a student can participate in Commencement. Likewise, the awarding of a diploma is dependent on clearance by a variety of University offices, such as Residential Life, Student Accounts, and Ryan Library.

Students requiring attendance at Summer Sessions in order to meet all graduation requirements may not be deficient by more than 12 units and must be committed to and file a plan for meeting all requirements, as approved by the Vice Provost for Academic Administration.

### **Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree**

The requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree are the same as for the other baccalaureate degrees except that no foreign language is required and students may choose between a second literature course or a philosophy course. A larger concentration of work is required in the major field.

### **Second Baccalaureate Degree**

A second baccalaureate degree may be earned at Point Loma upon completion of a minimum of 32 units (24 of these in the major) in residence distinct from and beyond the number completed for the first degree. Twenty-four of these units must be at the upper-division level. All general education (if different from first degree), the additional major, and specific departmental requirements for the second degree must be met. Second degree candidates are eligible for honors at graduation and for the Dean's List but not for membership in Phi Delta Lambda. In no case will more than one degree be conferred upon a candidate at only one Commencement convocation. The second baccalaureate degree is distinguished from multiple majors within a first degree.

### **Graduation Honors**

**Honoris Causa.** The University occasionally grants honorary degrees to worthy recipients.

**Graduation with Honors.** The University confers unofficial honors during the Commencement ceremony calculated on the residential grade-point average (GPA earned at PLNU) and based on a minimum of 48 residential units earned by the conclusion of the previous semester. Official honors, however, are calculated only after all course work is completed. Honors are noted on the diploma as *Summa cum Laude* (highest honors), 3.900 and above; *Magna cum Laude* (high honors), 3.700 to 3.899; and *Cum Laude* (honors), 3.500 to 3.699. Final official honors are based on the student's residential grade-point average. However, in every case, students who receive honors must have a minimum cumulative grade-point average, including all transfer work, of 3.500. Study Abroad grades are not included in this calculation.

### **The Honors Scholars Program**

Near the end of the junior year, a student who has demonstrated exceptional scholarship and capacity for serious and creative study or research, and who has maintained a 3.500 cumulative GPA, may apply for entry into the Honors Scholars Program. With the guidance of a major professor, and in community with other Honors Scholars, the student will complete an honors project during the senior year. Successful scholars will receive due recognition at Commencement and on the University transcript of record. Criteria, qualifications, and procedures are available in the Deans' Center, located on the lower floor, west side of the Bond Academic Center.

Students who are accepted into the Honors Scholars Program register in the fall semester for Honors 498 (two units), as listed below. This represents the initial phase of work on the required project. In the spring of the senior year, students register for Honors 499 (one unit) in order to complete the project.

### **HONORS 498 (2) HONORS PROJECT I**

An intensive project to be completed by students who are designated as Point Loma Nazarene University Honor Scholars. The course includes the first stage of a seminal study within a Scholar's major under the supervision of a faculty advisor. In the liberal arts tradition, Scholars from different disciplines meet together with other Scholars every other week to discuss progress on their projects. The interdisciplinary portion of the course includes a workshop on project preparation and presentation. The experience culminates with the Scholar's formal presentation of progress to his/her Advisory Committee not later than December 15. Offered each fall.

*Prerequisite: Normally restricted to students in their senior year with at a cumulative 3.500 GPA.*

*Requires approval of the chair of the department that houses the student's major and the Dean of General Education.*

### **HONORS 499 (1) HONORS PROJECT II**

A continuation of Honors 498. In this course students complete their project, meet regularly with their advisor, and prepare for two formal presentations: one to their Advisory Committee and a second to the Point Loma Nazarene University Honors Conference held in early May. Honors projects are bound and kept as an annual collection in the University library. Offered each spring.

*Prerequisite: Honors 498.*

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## **ACADEMIC POLICIES**

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### **Student Responsibility**

*The student is ultimately responsible for the fulfillment of all requirements for graduation in the Catalog in effect at initial enrollment.* Those who opt for a subsequent *Catalog*, however, must notify the Records Office and meet all requirements in that *Catalog*. Students who have not been registered for three or more regular semesters come under the *Catalog* in effect at the time of reentry.

### **Course Load**

The normal academic course load is 15-17 units per semester, including any concurrent units on another campus. Students on academic probation are limited to 13 units per semester (a total of 9 in the summer). If a student in good academic

standing finds it necessary to carry a load greater than the normal load, the maximum number allowed is determined by the student's grade-point average. Students may, in consultation with the Vice Provost for Academic Administration, assume a course overload according to the following table:

<i>Minimum GPA</i>	<i>Maximum Load</i>
2.500	18 units
2.750	19 units
3.000	20 units

One semester unit represents an hour of class per week. Three hours of laboratory are equivalent to one hour of class. Two hours of preparation are normal for each hour of class. Transfer work on the quarter system converts as three units equal to two semester units.

### **Transcripts**

A complete and official transcript is available at the Records Office upon graduation or withdrawal. Requests for transcripts must be in writing. Transcripts may not be released to anyone other than the student except by written authorization. Unofficial transcripts are available at the Records Office as well as on the Web. Expedited processing of transcripts is available for a fee.

### **Academic Calendar**

The academic year at Point Loma is divided into fall and spring semesters of 16 weeks, followed by two summer sessions. A complete listing of important dates is found in the *Catalog* as well as on the Web. In addition, the University posts on its Web site several class schedules during the year that contain information about course offerings, tuition and fees, and other details pertinent to these terms of study.

### **Class Schedules**

All class schedules are posted on the Web. The schedule of classes, complete with final examination times, is available each spring for the following year's classes. Also, in the spring a Summer Sessions schedule of classes is posted. The University reserves the right to cancel any class with fewer than ten students and make necessary changes in its schedule and programs.

### **Academic Honesty**

The Point Loma Nazarene University community holds the highest standards of honesty and integrity in all aspects of University life. Academic honesty and integrity are strong values among faculty and students alike. Any violation of the University's commitment is a serious affront to