

INTRODUCTION TO THE UNIVERSITY

Point Loma Nazarene University is a liberal arts institution sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene. 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 3,500 at all teaching locations.

HERITAGE

In 1895, Phineas E. 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 of 3,500 at all of its teaching locations with a faculty and staff of over 500, and enjoys an oceanfront main campus valued in excess of \$300 million.

CHURCH AND UNIVERSITY

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.

THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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.

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 Staff. The University community also includes qualified persons who provide vital support services to academic and co-curricular enterprises. Often directly involved in the lives of students and faculty, dedicated staff work diligently to provide services that make a quality difference at Point Loma.

The Alumni. Graduates and former students of Point Loma Nazarene University are an equally important—though extended—part of the

University community. They embody the Mission and Goals of the University and seek to make a difference literally all over the world. Alumni participate in the life of the University as well through giving opportunities and frequent memorable events on the main campus.

University Mission

MISSION STATEMENT

To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service becomes an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we aspire to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

Mission Context

The University, established in 1902 by the Church of the Nazarene, offers quality liberal arts and professional programs on its main campus in San Diego and select graduate and professional programs throughout the denomination's southwest educational region.

Core Values

- Excellence in teaching and learning
- An intentionally Christian community
- Faithfulness to our Nazarene heritage and a Wesleyan theological tradition
- The development of students as whole persons
- A global perspective and experience
- Ethnic and cultural diversity
- The stewardship of resources
- Service as an expression of faith

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.



Accreditation and Affiliations

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.

In addition, many academic departments and support units, as well as individuals, hold memberships in a variety of professional associations.

A complete listing of accreditations and affiliations is found in the Appendix.

EDUCATION RECORDS (FERPA) AND DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 as amended affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These include: 1) the right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the University receives a request for access, 2) the right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes are inaccurate or misleading, 3) the right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, and 4) the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Point Loma to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

The University has defined directory information as name, address (including electronic mail), telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended. This information may be provided as public information or to individuals who demonstrate a need to contact students. Photographs of students may also be used in various University publications or on the University web site. Students choosing not to release this information or who prefer that their photo not be used, must inform the Office of Community Life of their request prior to the second Monday of each semester.

Main Campus and Facilities

ADVANTAGES OF LOCATION

Point Loma Nazarene University enjoys many advantages from its location in beautiful, culturally rich Southern California. San Diego itself is an area of unequaled climate and spectacular scenic vistas. Neighboring institutions affording advantages in library, culture, and nature study resources include the University of California-San Diego, San Diego State University, San Diego Chamber Orchestra, San Diego Opera Company, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, Palomar Observatory, and many others.

The University enjoys a quiet, natural setting overlooking the Pacific Ocean only ten minutes from the center of metropolitan San Diego. With Los Angeles two and one-half hours driving time to the north, Mexico 30 minutes to the south, the ocean immediately to the west, and San Diego Bay and the Laguna Mountains to the east, the Point Loma peninsula is a most desirable location.

The developing economy of the greater San Diego area is also advantageous in affording exceptional opportunities for part-time employment for students who desire work to help support themselves.

THE POINT

The main campus, located on San Diego's picturesque Point Loma peninsula, is a 93-acre plot 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 site erected a number of wooden buildings, some of which are still in use. Since 1953, numerous additional buildings have been constructed, 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, Draper Hall, the Fermanian School of Business, and the Bond Academic Center. Several buildings are of historical interest. Among these are the Greek Amphitheatre, 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The main campus of Point Loma Nazarene University is not only a garden spot overlooking the San Diego Bay to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west. It also is home to several collections and works of public art.

Paintings from the *Spiros John Karras Collection* of California Plein Air paintings, housed primarily in the Cooper Music Center, are prominently displayed for public viewing.

The *Fischer Collection* (a rare and unique set of matched, hand-made string instruments for use by faculty and student string quartets) is housed in the Cooper Music Center and may be viewed and heard in public recitals.

Ryan Library has two collections of note: special collections of the writings of Arminius and John Wesley and the William C. and Frances Vaughters collection of pre-Columbian artifacts.

In addition to these collections, the campus is home to various works of art. As a former center for the Theosophical Society, original buildings feature interior woodworking by Reginald Machel. Ryan Library houses sculptures of the artist Scott Stearman and an original Norman Rockwell painting created for use as a *Saturday Evening Post* cover.

Two monumental works of sculpture grace the main campus in Point Loma: *The Calling*, by Scott Stearman, and *Centenary Passage*, by Peter Mitten. The first was presented to the University by the Women's Auxiliary to portray Jesus' calling of the disciple Peter as a symbol of the "divine calling to all, the assurance of Christ's constant companionship, and the invitation to become 'fishers of men.'" The second is a 10-foot work of granite and bronze created by local artist and former Point Loma Nazarene University faculty member in the Department of Art and Design. It was commissioned to commemorate the University's Centennial during the 2001-2002 academic year.

LIBRARY AND LEARNING RESOURCES

The Ryan Library and Learning Center is the book and periodical repository of the University. These facilities contain approximately 150,000 volumes and 75,008 microforms.

Facilities for reading, research, and study are provided for students and faculty. Many online periodical databases are available. Special collections and resources including Information Technology Services, the Wesleyan Center, the Language Learning Center and the Center for Teaching and Learning are also located here.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

Academic Computer Center (Ryan Learning Center)

Computer Labs. There is a commitment to technology at Point Loma Nazarene University. At the main campus, students find a robust network with more than 250 state-of-the-art computers in the Ryan Learning Center Library and Computer Labs and in a number of departmental computer labs. These computers provide students, faculty, and staff with resources for education, research, and communication. The labs make available over 100 applications ranging from word processing to sophisticated statistical, art, programming, and discipline-specific applications.

Software. As part of the Microsoft Campus Agreement between Point Loma Nazarene University and Microsoft, students may purchase the Microsoft Office suite of application software for only the cost of the media and shipping (approximately \$50 per software version). This agreement entitles students to use the software on their personal computer during the duration of their education at the University. Graduates may continue to use the software after leaving, as long as Point Loma Nazarene University continues to participate in the Microsoft Campus Agreement. Students are also provided with anti-virus software.

Internet Services (E-mail and Web). Students can do research and communication using the campus wireless network or from computer labs, library, or residence hall rooms. Each student is given a network and an e-mail account along with a network storage area for storing files, presentations, assignments, attachments, etc. ***In addition to telephone and written correspondence, electronic mail is a recognized means of official University-to-student communication. Consequently, students are expected to read their University e-mail on a regular basis. Students may access their e-mail account from residence halls, computer labs, or University computers. When away from the University, students may access their e-mail account via the Web, using their own Internet Service Provider (ISP).*** Students are able to use Web browsers to register for classes, check grades, and view their class schedule and other student information. Point Loma Nazarene University has a homepage at www.ptloma.edu.

Residential Computing. All residential students have a network connection in their residence hall room. There is twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week access to the network from the convenience of the student's room for e-mail, research, Web browsing, etc. Each residence hall has a ResCon (Residential Consultant) to assist students in their hall with network connectivity, Internet, and e-mail access. It is highly recommended that

students bring a computer preferably a notebook or tablet computer, and a printer to campus. Notebook (laptop) or tablet computers offer the most flexibility to students as they can be connected around campus and can also be used in class.

Media Services. Media Services supports the use of non-print learning resources across the main campus. These resources range from computerized presentation systems to video in several formats, audio in most forms, and various types of film. Audio and video production, viewing and listening carrels, preview rooms, and a self-service materials preparation area are located in Media Services. The Department of Music utilizes Media Services as its primary listening facility.

CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

The University sponsors several centers and institutes that are directly linked to the academic enterprise and extend the institutional mission in practical ways that assist both students and the broader community.

The Armenian Center for International Development

Robert C. Gailey, M.Div., Director

The Armenian Center is committed to equipping, training, and sending Christian leaders to serve international communities in crisis and to support the work of the church. The Center supports the vision of the University and the Fermanian School of Business by preparing business professionals for service with international humanitarian and missions agencies. The Center grew out of an exploratory visit to Armenia by PLNU faculty and George Fermanian to identify ways the University could proactively prepare students to address the humanitarian and economic challenges of globalization.

The Center for Justice and Reconciliation

James F. Gates, Ph.D., Director

As an organization of Point Loma Nazarene University, in the prophetic traditions of the Holy Scriptures highlighting God's special concern for the poor and the oppressed, and consistent with John Wesley's call to a holiness that is lived out in ministry among and to the poor, the Center for Justice and Reconciliation (CJR) exists to study poverty and oppression and teach Christian means of social engagement.