

Orientation for New Students

Before the fall quarter, the College provides an orientation program to acquaint new students with various aspects of campus life. Activities include familiarization with campus facilities and services and social gatherings to provide opportunities to become acquainted with other students and faculty members.

Before winter and spring quarters, an orientation information session is held to acquaint new and transfer students with various aspects of campus life.

Student Life

Pacific Union College is an independent, coeducational institution, operated in harmony with the beliefs, practices, and educational philosophy of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The College maintains an atmosphere that respects individual rights and responsibilities, encourages academic excellence, and inspires spiritual growth. While enrolled at Pacific Union College, students are expected to demonstrate conduct in harmony with these goals and traditions of the College. Additional details can be found in the *Student Handbook* (puc.edu/studenthandbook).

College Standards for Student Conduct

The Pacific Union College student conduct standards are designed to support our community's health and help students grow academically and spiritually. Accordingly, students are expected to treat others with civility, respect the facilities of the College and the property of others, to live a healthy lifestyle, and to refrain from the use of drugs, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and improper sexual conduct. Failure to comply with the standards of conduct may result in disciplinary action.

Religious Spiritual Life

In keeping with the special character of PUC, students are expected to attend a specified number of worship and community services, all planned to stimulate a growing relationship with Jesus and maturity in Christian living.

You may participate in a variety of other religious activities: small group Bible study, the Student Missionary program, short-term mission opportunities, off- and on-campus service groups, and retreats. These activities provide opportunities for you to be active in service to God and humanity.

Cultural Activities

Cultural activities include artists and members of the music faculty in classical music concerts; the Lecture Series which offers outstanding presentations by distinguished guest speakers; and Rasmussen Art Gallery exhibitions featuring guest artists, members of the art faculty, and student artwork. These events are provided to the campus and surrounding community free of charge.

Recreational Facilities

College recreational facilities include a lounge and game room in the Campus Center (Dining Commons, first floor); a gymnasium with three full-size basketball courts where basketball, volleyball, futsal, and badminton are available; a fitness center with cardio machines and weight rooms containing free weights and weight machines; a 25-meter short course Olympic swimming pool; lighted outdoor tennis courts; and athletic fields for softball, soccer, volleyball, flagball, and running track & trails. Recreational areas near the College offer skiing, golfing, scuba diving, and boating.

Student Association

Every student enrolled for a minimum of six quarter hours is automatically a voting member of the Student Association. The Association is responsible for promoting and conveying the ideals and objectives of the College and coordinates a number of social and religious activities and other services on campus.

Student & Spiritual Life

The main purpose of the Student Association is to provide social and spiritual programming and to serve as a liaison with College administrators. The SA Senate is an additional forum for addressing relevant campus issues.

You are invited and encouraged to participate in the Association's various opportunities for activities and leadership. A detailed description of the Student Association organization appears in the Association's Constitution and Bylaws.

Student Housing and Dining

As a Pacific Union College student, you must register your housing in the Student & Spiritual Life Office. Housing policies apply if you are enrolled in summer sessions or working full or part time on campus during summer sessions.

Residence Halls

Pacific Union College affirms the values to be gained from being primarily a residential college. If you are an unmarried student age 22 or younger who accepts admission to the College, you agree to live in a residence hall (unless you apply for and are granted an exception). Residence halls are available to students currently enrolled at Pacific Union College who meet eligibility requirements. If you are age 24 or older you may live in a residence hall on a "space-available" basis upon application.

Off-Campus Housing

If you are an unmarried student in good standing, your request for off-campus housing may be approved if you are:

1. age 23 or older,
2. age 22 and will be turning 23 during the current academic year,
3. a fifth-year senior (Student Missionary and Taskforce years may count as one year),
4. a holder of an earned bachelor's degree,
5. a single parent,
6. divorced or widowed,
7. living with parents or other immediate relatives (grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings at least 25 years old) in their primary residence,
8. a student with significant financial need and are offered room and board at substantial savings (you are required to live in the host family's home), or
9. a part-time student enrolled for six or fewer credits.

Requests for off-campus housing are considered and acted upon quarterly. You should secure approval before signing a lease for off-campus housing. Unmarried community students are not to live in "coed" groups.

Dining

Bon Appétit at PUC Dining Commons provides a balanced sustainable diet for all students. The College provides current and on-trend vegetarian/vegan fare along with traditional Adventist classics. We can accommodate any dietary restriction or special requests. Please stop by and speak to the Executive Chef or General Manager so we can learn how we can meet your specific needs.

Bon Appétit caters for group activities, picnics, and banquets. Small groups and organizations may reserve auxiliary dining rooms in the Dining Commons (all food is to be prepared by Bon Appétit). Reservations may be made at the Bon Appétit office located in the Dining Commons or by emailing catering@puc.edu.

PUC offers multiple meal plan options that cater to our students' different dietary and lodging needs. If you live in a residence hall, you are expected to take your meals in the PUC Dining Commons and The Grind. For further information, see this catalog's "Financial Information" section.

Health Services

The Health Services Department offers evaluation and treatment of various illnesses and injuries. The clinic is open Monday through Friday and is located in building #3 on the campus map, in the Howell Mountain Market plaza behind Angwin Dental. Nurse office visits are available daily on a walk-in basis; physician office visits are available daily by appointment. A nurse advice line (707-965-6789) is available whenever the clinic is closed, including weekends and breaks. Visit the Health Services section of the PUC website at www.puc.edu/healthservices for more information. The College's general fee covers the services offered to students at the on-campus clinic. Any off-campus care will be the individual's financial responsibility under their own primary insurance plan. Students are strongly encouraged to work with the Health Services Department before accessing care outside the clinic.

All students must carry their own medical insurance while attending Pacific Union College. Your plan must cover emergent and non-emergent off-campus medical and mental health care in the Napa Valley. If you do not currently carry insurance or your plan is inadequate, you will be responsible for acquiring adequate coverage; proof of insurance must be submitted each school year. Varsity athletes are instructed to contact insurance companies to verify coverage for sports-related injuries.

Career and Counseling Center

Career and Counseling Services is an important personal and academic success resource. You may schedule appointments for personal and career counseling. Referral service to other professionals in the immediate vicinity is also available through Student Wellness. Career and Counseling Services provides the following services:

Counseling Services

Professional, confidential support is available on an individual, couple, family, or group basis, both virtually and in person. Counselors want to help you deal with any anxiety, depression, stress, situational difficulties, or other personal problems that might interfere with your academic performance or seriously compromise your quality of life.

Access Services

Pacific Union College complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990) with its updated Amendments Acts (2008), section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and applicable state and local regulations regarding students with disabilities.

The College is committed to promoting and achieving equitable learning opportunities and participation for students with documented disabilities. To receive services, students must provide current and appropriate documentation of their qualifying disability. Since accommodations are not retroactive, the student must submit documentation to the Access Services Director (ASD) as soon as possible. The ASD will arrange accommodations based on the student's documentation and needs. Examples of accommodations are: exam accommodations, downloadable and audible format of books, note-takers, assistive technology, accessible housing, and other services.

For more information, contact the ASD or refer to the documentation guidelines and policies online: available through the College's website: www.puc.edu/campus-services/access-services

Testing Services

Counseling Services is an official non-Saturday test site for college and graduate school admissions. Test application forms, national testing dates and deadlines are available.

Additionally, the center coordinates CLEP and DSST examinations and other institution-based examinations.

Career Services

Career testing and personality testing are available through Career Services. Career counseling is also available to explore career options, self-assessment, skills, interests, values, goals, and job-seeking strategies. Additionally, the Center offers as-

sistance in writing résumés, application letters, and developing effective interviewing skills.

Internship and Graduate School Exploration

Career Services coordinates on-campus resources for internship and graduate school exploration. Representatives from professional schools, businesses, industries, technological firms, human services, educational organizations, and government agencies visit Pacific Union College to attend campus events and recruit students. Interviews are conducted on campus, usually in Student Wellness.

Student Success Center

The Student Success Center (SSC) provides various services to help students succeed and persist toward graduation. These services include collaborative mentoring and coaching relationships, free tutoring, skills development workshops, spiritual nurture opportunities, and connections to campus partners for holistic student support. Using a strengths-based approach, the SSC assists students in navigating barriers to achievement and aims to enhance their self-efficacy as they establish and pursue their personal, academic, and professional goals.

Student Veteran Services

As a Yellow-Ribbon school, Pacific Union College welcomes student veterans as they enter or return to college.

The VA Certifying Official provides college orientation, advocacy, and problem-solving strategies for student veterans' unique needs. If you are a student veteran, you are encouraged to contact the VA Certifying Official so that you may learn about the resources available to you.

Information regarding credit for military training and veterans educational benefits may be found in the sections of this catalog entitled "Academic Information" and "Financial Information."

Technology Resources

It is your responsibility to be aware of usage policies on campus before using the technology resources that are provided by the College. For policies and additional information regarding Information Technology (IT), please refer to the website located at www.puc.edu/campus-services/itss/current-students.

It is prohibited to use these systems for soliciting or advertising for commercial ventures, religious or personal causes, outside organizations, or other similar nonacademic solicitations.

Student & Spiritual Life

Any downloading, distributing, copying, or sharing of copyrighted or proprietary material is illegal without the written authorization of the owner of the rights (17USC 204(a)). If you are sharing, downloading, or receiving copyrighted materials such as music, video, television programs, or software without written authorization of the owner of the rights, you must immediately stop in order to avoid legal penalties including fines of thousands of dollars from the RIAA and MPAA. Please note that downloading copyrighted materials is not anonymous and your computer can be identified.

Pacific Union College reserves the right to access and disclose all internet usage records sent over its system as necessary.

If the College discovers that you are misusing the network, you may be subject to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, termination of computer privileges.

Library Services

The W. E. Nelson Memorial Library provides the information resources and technology for the research needs of students and faculty. Library holdings include over 150,000 books and about 490,000 eBooks, as well as a wide collection of DVDs, CDs, music scores, and other media material. The library subscribes to about 40,000 electronic journals. The library also has access to about 90,000 streaming videos through several vendors. The library houses the Pitcairn Islands Study Center, one of the world's largest collections of material about the Pitcairn Islands, the Maxwell Collection, the Walter Utt Collection, the Veltman Collection, and several other collections from individuals who have played prominent roles in the Seventh-day Adventist Church and/or Pacific Union College.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

In maintaining student records, Pacific Union College complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). This act affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. For a full description of these rights, see "Appendix B: Student Rights Under FERPA" in this catalog.

Grievance Policies and Procedures

The college has developed grievance policies and procedures to ensure that members of its constituent groups are not being treated unjustly, unethically, discriminatorily. Statements detailing these policies and procedures are in the *Student Handbook*.

An individual may contact the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education for review of a complaint as follows:

Mail: 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95833
Telephone: 916-431-6924
Fax: 916-263-1897
Website: www.bppe.ca.gov