

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE

RELIGIOUS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ATTENDANCE EXPECTATION

Our Philosophy

Pacific Union College has a rich heritage of Christian values we hope to share with all students who have chosen to attend PUC. As a Christian liberal arts college, PUC is committed to assisting students develop a comprehensive view of life from a Christian perspective. Regular participation in community worship settings and service activities will help achieve this goal.

Quarterly Expectation

Freshmen – 36 credits; Non-freshmen – 24 credits. Attendance at religious services is recorded when a student has swiped in and out of a program or signed an attendance card/sheet. Attendance records are posted on WebAdvisor. These records may be viewed at <http://webadvisor.puc.edu>.

Religious Service Attendance Options

We encourage each of you to get involved in a small worship group, witnessing activity, or a community service opportunity as this participation will accumulate attendance credit for the quarter.

VESPERS: Weekly student worship in the Sanctuary on Friday evenings. As Seventh-day Adventist Christians, the Sabbath is opened with fellowship, praise, and an inspirational message.

LIFE GROUPS: Designed to assist first-year students in the transition to college life. Students meet in groups to identify and clarify values and beliefs which form an essential foundation for success in relationships, academics, and spiritual life.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: The human spirit needs an opportunity for other-directedness. Focusing on meeting the needs of others provides meaning and purpose in life which adds self-worth and a sense of accomplishment. PUC offers many opportunities for students to become involved in out-reach as well as in-reach, or students may create their own service opportunities by submitting the Religious and Community Service Activity Request form (<http://www.puc.edu/participation>) to Student Services.

Regular Programs

Life Groups [Freshmen only]
Residence Hall Worship
Vespers
Week of Prayer (except Thursday morning)
Colloquy Speaker Series

Attendance Credit

1-2
1-2
3
2
2 (available only after the expectation of 10 Colloquy credits has been met for GNRL 100)

Other Program Options

Club Bible Studies/Pre-vespers
Departmental worships
Homeless Ministries
Film Series
Her Life, His Life Series
Bible Studies

Attendance credit
totals may vary
depending on content,
length, programming,
etc.

Schedule Conflicts: Students are to adjust work schedules to meet the participation expectation. Should a schedule conflict exist, proration request forms are available online ([proration form](#)). Students requesting proration on the basis of work conflicts must submit a letter from their employer indicating the student's weekly work hours. Contact Student Services at 707-965-7362 for more information.

Exemption from the Expectation: Students aged 23 and older, students who are registered for six or fewer credits, married students, parents with children, BSN program, online programs, student teaching, holder of a baccalaureate degree, or last quarter baccalaureate senior with perfect participation attendance. Please contact Student Services at 707-965-7362 if you are any of the above.

**RELIGIOUS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
ACTIVITY REQUEST FORM**

Date submitted _____

Section I – Worship Activity Description

Activity Description (Detailed explanation of event and/or activity)

Requesting student _____ Phone number _____

Date of event/activity _____ Time of event/activity _____ Begins _____ Ends _____

Sponsor Signature (if required) _____

Activity Location

(Note: if activity is off campus, you are responsible for verifying the following current information of all drivers prior to departure: vehicle registration, license, and proof of insurance. PUC Driver Verification Forms are available in the office of Student Services.)

I am requesting a total of ____ Religious and Community Service Credits.

Section II – Action Taken

Approved Not approved Number Credits approved _____

Dean of Student's signature _____ Date _____