

I. Our Philosophy

Pacific Union College has a rich heritage of Christian values that 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 in developing a comprehensive view of life from a Christian perspective. Regular participation in community worship and service activities will help achieve this goal.

II. Our Vision - Knowledge for a World Lived in Common

As members of a dynamic global Church and community, what competencies and skillsets must we possess and embody to make a positive difference in our world? How can we exercise integrity, develop a moral compass and be of genuine service in a complex world lived in common? The Community Speaker Series seeks to engage us intellectually, spiritually, and culturally in reflecting intentionally on some of these essential societal topics.

III. What are the Student Learning Outcomes for GNRL 100?

Students who attend and participate in the Community Speaker Series will:

- Gain knowledge on critical societal topics to prepare them to function as Christians for a world lived in common.
Learn to be a part of the PUC community.
- Be inspired to practice the gospel imperative to serve others.
- Appreciate and learn from diversity and the diverse perspectives at PUC.

IV. How do I receive academic credit for the Community?

All students registered for seven or more credits are automatically registered for the course GNRL 100, worth **0.1 units** each quarter. Attending at least FIVE of the SIX programs this quarter earns a grade of Satisfactory (S), and graduating seniors must attend FOUR of the SIX programs each quarter; failure to meet this attendance requirement results in an Unsatisfactory (U) grade. These grades appear on the college transcript. Card swipers will swipe your ID card as you enter and exit to record your attendance. If you need to place your ID, you may use your ID number to register your attendance.

- Quarterly Attendance Expectation – earn a grade of Satisfactory (S)
 - Freshmen - **10 credits** or attend **5 communities**
 - Sophomore - **10 credits** or attend **5 communities**
 - Junior - **10 credits** or attend **5 communities**
 - Senior - **8 credits** or attend **4 communities**
- Community Programs Offered
 - Quarter – **12 credits** or **6 communities**

Failure to meet this attendance requirement results in an Unsatisfactory (U) grade. These grades appear on the college transcript. Card swipers will swipe your ID card as you enter and exit to record your attendance. If you need to place your ID, you may use your ID number to register your attendance.

V. Requesting Credit for Community

The Community Speaker Series attendance records may be viewed in [Presence](#) and should be checked frequently. To find your recorded attendance, please check your Presence Profile under points. Your Balance points are the number of credits for the quarter, and the total earned points are the credits you earned for the entire year. You may also find a list of your attended events on the same page. Please submit a [Request for Credit](#) in Presence if you notice that you did not receive credit for a program. **Please note: all requests for credit should be submitted BEFORE Monday of Finals Week.**

VI. What is the tardy policy for the Community?

Students who swipe in* after **10:05 a.m.** or do not swipe out following the program (or leave early) will not receive credit for attending the Community Speaker Series program. Since the Community Speaker Series begins at **10:00 a.m.**, please make every effort to be there on time.

*When programming is offered only online, your attendance is recorded on Canvas, so log in to record it.

VII. What happens if I cannot attend the Community Speaker Series?

Remember that you must attend the **FIVE*** programs per quarter to receive credit for the course. [Attendance exemption forms](#) are available online if you anticipate unusual, persistent schedule conflicts throughout the quarter. *Any adjustments to this number will be communicated via PUC email.

VIII. Who can be exempt or prorated from the Community Speaker Series?

Please submit a [Community Attendance Request](#) form in Presence to ensure that you are placed on the exemption list each year or to prorate your credits.

- Quarterly Exemptions
 - Six credits or less
 - Student Teaching
 - Social Work Internships
 - Online Classes
 - AS Nursing Clinical Conflict
 - Commuter
 - BSN Program
 - Work Conflicts
 - I. Students requesting an exemption/proration based on work conflicts must submit a letter from their employer indicating the student's weekly work hours.
- Yearly Exemptions
 - Parent with children
 - Primary Caretaker or elderly/disabled relative
 - Possess a bachelor's degree
 - ACA
- Quarterly Prorations
 - Class conflict
 - Work schedule conflict
 - Quarantine
 - Play a Sport

IX. Questions or Concerns

For more information on our policy and procedures, please check our [Community](#) page online. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email community@puc.edu!