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Sacred Heart University

5151 Park Avenue
 Fairfield, Connecticut 06825
 Private university affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church,
 established in 1963 as a coed institution.
 Full-time undergraduates: 1,389 Men, 2,076 Women.
 Part-time undergraduates: 258 Men, 503 Women.
 Graduate enrollment: 437 Men, 1,138 Women.
 Total campus enrollment: 5,801.
 FICE #1403, FAFSA #001403, SAT/PROFILE #3780, ACT #0589.

ADMISSIONS

Requirements

Graduation from secondary school required; GED accepted. General college-preparatory program required. 4 units of English, 3 units of mathematics, 3 units of science, 2 units of foreign language, 3 units of social studies, 3 units of history, and 3 units of academic electives required. 4 units of mathematics, 4 units of science including 2 units of lab, 4 units of foreign language, 4 units of social studies, 4 units of history, and 4 units of academic electives recommended. Minimum SAT Reasoning score of 500 in both critical reading and math, rank in top third of secondary school class, and minimum 3.0 GPA recommended. SAT Reasoning or ACT required. The SAT or ACT writing component used for placement. TOEFL required of international applicants. Campus visit recommended. Admissions interview recommended. Off-campus interview may be arranged with an admissions representative. Admission may be deferred up to one year. Application fee \$50 (may be waived in cases of financial need), nonrefundable.

Basis for Candidate Selection

Academic: Secondary school record very important. Class rank, recommendations, and standardized test scores important. Essay considered.

Nonacademic: Interview, extracurricular activities, particular talent/ability, character/personal qualities, and volunteer work important. Alumni/ae relationship, geographical residence, state residence, religious affiliation/commitment, minority affiliation, and work experience considered.

Admissions Procedure

Normal sequence: SAT Reasoning or ACT scores must be received by April 1. Visit for interview by November. Suggest filing application by March 1. Common application form accepted. Notification of admission on rolling basis. Reply is required by May 1 or within two weeks if notified thereafter. \$1,200 tuition deposit, nonrefundable. \$300 room deposit, nonrefundable. 6% of freshmen enter in terms other than fall. Admissions process is need-blind.

Special programs: Early decision program. For fall 2007, 168 of 359 early decision applicants were accepted. Early decision deadline is November 15.

Transfers: Transfer students are accepted. In fall 2007, 475 transfer applications were received, 295 were accepted. Application deadline is rolling for fall, spring. Minimum six semester hours required to apply as a transfer. Secondary school transcript, college transcript, essay or personal statement, and standardized test scores required; interview and statement of good standing from prior institutions recommended. Minimum 3.0 college GPA required. Lowest course grade accepted is "C-." Maximum number of transferable semester hours is 66 from two-year schools; 90 from four-year schools. Half of credits in the academic major must be completed at the school.

International Students: 54 degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled, 43 countries represented. Minimum 70 TOEFL (computer-based) score required. Application deadline is March 1 for fall; December 15 for spring.

Learning Disabled Students: Child Study Team report, diagnostic test, and essay required; personal interview recommended. Support services available. Untimed standardized tests accepted. Lowest grade average accepted is "C+." Lighter course load and additional time to complete degree permitted. Additional costs for LD program. Program/services serve 289 identified students.

Placement Options: Placement may be granted through CEEB Advanced Placement exams for scores of 3 or higher. Credit may be granted for life experience. Placement may be granted for CLEP general exams, CLEP subject exams, DANTES exams, military experience, and International Baccalaureate. Credit and placement may be granted for challenge exams.

Freshman Class Profile

For fall 2007, 62% of 7,532 applicants were offered admission. 21% of those accepted matriculated.

Secondary school class rank of freshmen (fall 2007):

Top tenth	14%
Top quarter	45%
Top half	85%
Bottom half	15%

54% of freshmen submitted class rank.

Average secondary school GPA of freshmen (fall 2007): 3.3.

97% of accepted applicants submitted SAT Reasoning; 12% submitted ACT.

Range of SAT Reasoning scores for middle 50% of freshmen (fall 2007):

Verbal: 490-570 Math: 500-580

Average SAT Reasoning scores of freshmen (fall 2007):

Verbal: 529 Math: 548

ACT scores of freshmen (fall 2007):

Composite %	
30-36	2
24-29	34
18-23	64
	<u>100%</u>

Range of ACT scores for middle 50% of freshmen (fall 2007):

Composite: 22-27

Student Body Characteristics

68% are from out of state. Average age of full-time undergraduates is 20.

Composition of student body (fall 2007):

	Undergraduate	Freshman
International	1.3	1.0
Black	4.4	1.5
American Indian	0.1	0.1
Asian-American	1.5	1.7
Hispanic	6.4	4.7
White	85.1	88.5
Unreported	1.2	2.5
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

FINANCIAL

Expenses

Tuition (2008-09): \$28,790 per year. Room: \$8,316. Board: \$2,680. Required fees: \$200.

Financial Aid

FAFSA: Priority filing date is February 15. CSS/PROFILE: Priority filing date is February 15; deadline is March 15. In 2007, the average aid package of full-time undergraduates with financial need was \$16,996; \$16,266 for full-time freshmen. 42% of students receiving financial aid participated in Federal Work-Study Program. 94% of 2007 graduates incurred an average debt of \$25,505. Of full-time undergraduates receiving need-based financial aid, an average of 71% of need was met.

Scholarships and Grants

Need-based Federal Pell, SEOG, state, college/university, private, and Federal Nursing scholarships/grants. Non-need-based academic merit, creative arts/performance, special achievements/activities, special characteristics, athletic, and ROTC scholarships/grants. Individual scholarship/grant packages range from \$1,500 to full tuition. On average, 186 non-need-based athletic scholarships are awarded with an average amount of \$16,105. In 2007, \$21,327,887 in need-based scholarships/grants and \$3,109,523 in non-need-based scholarships/grants was awarded.

Loans

FFEL subsidized Stafford, FFEL unsubsidized Stafford, FFEL PLUS, Perkins, state, and private loans. Tuition Management Systems, deferred payment plan, and family tuition reduction. In 2007, \$16,042,044 in need-based self-help aid was awarded, including \$15,076,181 in student loans.

Student Employment

12% of full-time undergraduates work on campus during school year. Institutional employment. Students may expect to earn an average of \$1,248 during school year. Off-campus part-time employment opportunities rated "excellent."

ACADEMIC

Accreditation

Accredited by NEASC; many professional accreditations.

Instructional Faculty

Full-time: 101 men, 98 women; part-time: 179 men, 147 women.

Doctorates/Terminal	78%	Masters	20%
Other	2%		

FTE Student-Faculty ratio: 13 to 1.

Degree Offerings

Associate: A.A., A.S. *Baccalaureate:* B.A., B.S., B.S.Nurs., B.Soc. Work *Master's:* M.A., M.A.Teach., M.B.A., M.S., M.S.Geriatric Rehab./Wellness, M.S.Nurs., M.S.Occup. Ther. *Doctoral:* D.Phys. Ther.

Majors Leading to Bachelor's Degree

Accounting, Art, Athletic Training, Biology, Business Administration, Chemistry, Communications/Media Studies, Communications Technology, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Economics, English, Finance, General Studies, History, Human Movement, Mathematics, Nursing, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, Social Work, Sociology, Spanish, Sports Management.

Academic Requirements

Three semester hours of religion/theology required. Core curriculum required. Every student is required to lease or own a computer. Minor required of some for graduation. Freshmen must maintain minimum 1.8 GPA; sophomores, juniors, and seniors, 2.0 GPA. Minimum 2.0 GPA required for graduation; some programs require different GPAs.

Academic Programs

Many minors offered. Double majors. Dual degrees. Independent study. Honors program. Pass/fail grading option. Internships. Distance Learning. Teacher certification in elementary, middle/junior high, and secondary education and in eight specific subject areas. Graduate programs offered; qualified undergraduates may take graduate-level classes. Preprofessional programs in law, medicine, veterinary science, pharmacy, dentistry, theology, optometry, physical therapy, occupational therapy, osteopathy. Member of many consortiums. UN Semester. Washington Center Program. Study abroad in many countries. M.B.A. program for liberal arts and sciences majors. Summer internship in Luxembourg. ROTC.

Facilities

78 microcomputers available to all students. Internet access. E-mail services/accounts. Computer equipment/network access provided in residence halls, library, computer center/labs, student center. Wireless cam-

pus. Library of 142,839 titles, 862 current serials, 226,052 microforms, 1,924 audiovisuals. Electronic databases, special collections, periodicals. School is a member of library consortium. Art gallery, performing arts center, radio station.

Academic Experience

77% of freshmen return for their sophomore year. 66% of freshmen graduate within six years. The most popular majors among 2007 graduates were psychology, business administration, and finance. 43% of graduates pursue further study within one year. 51% of graduates are employed in major field within one year.

Guidance Facilities/Student Services

Remedial learning services. Nonremedial tutoring. Health service. Health insurance. Career services include co-op education, internships, career/job search classes, interest inventory, on-campus job interviews, resume assistance, alumni network, interview training, other self-assessment testing. Minority student, older student, career, personal, academic, psychological, and religious counseling. International student support services. LD student support services include remedial math, remedial reading, note-taking services, oral tests, readers, tutors, reading machines, tape recorders, untimed tests, learning center, extended time for tests, other testing accommodations, substitution of foreign language requirement, C-Print captioning services. Handicapped student services. 80% of campus is accessible to the physically handicapped.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Athletics

Intercollegiate baseball, basketball, bowling, cross-country, fencing, football, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, track and field (indoor/outdoor), volleyball, wrestling for men. Intercollegiate basketball, bowling, crew, cross-country, equestrian sports, fencing, field hockey, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field (indoor/outdoor), volleyball for women. Many club and intramural/recreational sports. 25% of students participate in intercollegiate sports. 16% of students participate in intramural sports. Member of Northeast Conference (Division I, Football I-AA), Atlantic Hockey Association (Division I, Men's Ice Hockey), Colonial Athletic Association (Division I), Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (Division I).

Student Activities and Organizations

Student government, newspaper (*The Spectrum; Pioneer Magazine*), literary magazine, yearbook, radio station, television station. 14 honor societies. Many religious, minority, and international student groups. Music, academic, service, and special-interest groups. A total of 85 registered organizations. Three fraternities; six sororities. 5% of men join a fraternity and 5% of women join a sorority.

GENERAL

Housing

Students may live on or off campus. Coed dormitories, student apartments; disabled student housing. 68% of all undergraduates (95% of all freshmen) live in school-owned/-operated/-affiliated housing.

Regulations and Policies

Alcohol prohibited on campus. Class attendance policies set by individual instructors. Honor code. Hazing prohibited. Smoking prohibited in campus-owned housing. Attendance is mandatory at convocations once per year. 70% of students have cars on campus. Special permission required for first-year students to have cars on campus. Cars are permitted for all students after the first year.

Environment/Transportation

56-acre campus in Fairfield (population: 57,340), 55 miles from New York City; branch campuses in Connecticut and abroad in Luxembourg and County Kerry, Ireland. Served by train; bus serves Bridgeport (10 miles); major airports serve New Haven (25 miles) and New York City. School operates transportation to local malls, businesses, banks, and transportation centers. Public transportation serves campus.

Calendar

Semester system; classes begin in early September. Two summer sessions of eight weeks each. Orientation for new students held in June, September, and January.