



# Pacific Lutheran University

## Tacoma, Washington



### Address

Pacific Lutheran University  
12180 Park Avenue S.  
Tacoma, Washington 98447  
[www.plu.edu](http://www.plu.edu)

**Founded:** 1890

**Campus Size:** 156 acres

### Location

PLU is located in the suburban Tacoma neighborhood of Parkland, approximately 30 miles from Seattle.

**Airport:** Seattle-Tacoma (SEA)

### Climate

Four seasons - moderate temperatures with rain.

### Student Body

About 3,500 students; 4% international from 24 countries.

**Average Class Size:** 22

**Student/Faculty Ratio:** 14:1

### Faculty

246 full-time faculty.

### ESL Requirement

PLU requires a TOEFL or IELTS score to demonstrate English proficiency.

### Accreditation

PLU is fully accredited by the following:

- ★ Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)
- ★ The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)
- ★ American Chemical Society
- ★ Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- ★ National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education
- ★ Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education
- ★ National Association of Schools of Music
- ★ Council on Social Work Education
- ★ Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET for Computer Engineering
- ★ Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET for Computer Science

### Degrees Offered

PLU offers the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS) degrees as well as the MBA - Master of Business Administration, MFA in Creative Writing, MA in Education, MS in Finance, MFT in Family Therapy, MS in Nursing, and MS in Marketing Research.

### Success Rate

PLU regularly places students among the top 10 Master's degree universities in the US. More than 70% of students applying to medical school are accepted.

### Special Features

PLU is home to the Mary Baker Russell Music Center with the acoustically acclaimed Lagerquist Concert Hall and Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Organ, the largest all-mechanical pipe organ in a west coast university. It also has the Morken Center for Learning and Technology, the first building at an independent college in Washington to receive gold-level certification under the US Green Building's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Program.

### Recognition

PLU was named to President Obama's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. It has been named one of the top 15 Universities in the West, as well as in the top 4% of Master's Universities in the US.

### Sports at Pacific Lutheran University

PLU is a member of the NCAA Division III Northwest Conference. Men's Varsity teams include: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Rowing, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis and Track & Field. Women's Varsity teams include: Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Rowing, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field and Volleyball.

### Programs of Study

- Acting/Directing
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Art - Studio  
(Ceramics, Graphic Design, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture)
- Biology
- Business Administration (Finance, Management & Human Resources, Marketing, Professional Accounting)
- Chemistry
- Chinese Studies
- Classics
- Communication (Journalism, Public Relations & Advertising, Conflict & Global Peace-building)
- Computer Science & Computer Engineering
- Design/Technical Theatre
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering Science
- English
- Environmental Studies
- French
- Geosciences
- German
- Global Studies (Co-major)
- Hispanic Studies
- History
- Kinesiology (Exercise Science, Health & Fitness Education, Health & Fitness Promotion)
- Mathematics
- Music (Composition, Instrumental, Voice, Performance, and Education)
- Musical Arts
- Norwegian
- Nursing
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religion
- Scandinavian Area Studies
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Women's & Gender Studies (Co-major)

### Pre-professional studies in...

- Military Science
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Med/Health Sciences
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Theological Studies