

# Pacific Lutheran University

**Location:** Tacoma, WA

**Type:** Independent

**Majors:** 45 **Faculty:** 372

**Class size average:** 20

**Retention:** 81%

**Graduation Rate (6 yr):** 74%



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UNIVERSITY

## Enrollment

Total	Undergraduate	Graduate & Professional
2,959	2,652	307

## Admissions

(Fall 2019)

	Applied	Admitted	Enrollment
Freshmen	4,019	3,165	597
Transfer	664	467	162

## Profile (admitted)

Fall 2019 Middle 50%

	GPA	ACT	SAT
Freshmen	3.48-4.0	22-28	1060-1270
Transfer	3.13-3.73	NA	NA

Average Cost of Attendance (2019-20)		"Sticker" Cost of Attendance (2019-20)	
Tuition & fees	\$15,278	Tuition & fees	\$ 46,850
Room/board	\$ 11,150	Room/board	\$ 11,150
Books/supplies	\$1,030	Books/supplies	\$ 1,030
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 27,458</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 59,030</b>

## Freshman Admissions and Deadlines

**Contact:** [plu.edu](http://plu.edu) 253.535.7151 [admission@plu.edu](mailto:admission@plu.edu)

**PLU SAT/ACT codes:** SAT 4597, ACT 4470 **REMINDER: PLU is test-optional**

**Deadline:** Rolling Admission (see below for guidelines)

**Decisions/notification:** Priority Reading Dates of October 15<sup>th</sup>, November 15<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup> and January 15<sup>th</sup>; Notification within 3-4 weeks of receiving a complete application

**Application fee:** FREE!

**Application fee waiver:** You don't need one. It is free for everyone!

### General admission information and application:

Applications (Common App or ACT SIX application) are reviewed on an individual basis with consideration for GPA, course selection, essay and recommendations. PLU is test-optional, so it will be a student's choice if we review their SAT and/or ACT.

Students with a weighted GPA of 3.8+ OR a SAT score of 1310+ OR an ACT of 28+ should apply to PLU by December 1<sup>st</sup> for Presidential Scholarship consideration.

### Selective Program Admission

Conditional Admission to Nursing: Complete an application to PLU and an additional application for Nursing by January 15<sup>th</sup>

International Honors (IHON) Program: Complete an application to PLU and an application to IHON by February 1<sup>st</sup>

## Financial Aid and Deadlines

**Contact:** [plu.edu/sfs](http://plu.edu/sfs) 253.535.7134 [sfs@plu.edu](mailto:sfs@plu.edu)

**FAFSA priority filing date:** December 1<sup>st</sup> (although, this is really just a guideline)

**PLU school code:** 003785

## **Additional Information**

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### **Mission Statement**

PLU seeks to educate students for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care – for other people, for their communities and for the Earth.

### **Up to Date Information Related to COVID 19**

[plu.edu/coronavirus](http://plu.edu/coronavirus)

[plu.edu/admission/coronavirus](http://plu.edu/admission/coronavirus)

### **Campus and Virtual Visits/Tours - [plu.edu/visit](http://plu.edu/visit)**

Information related to on-campus and virtual visit programs and campus tours.

### **Dual Credit/College Level Credit Policy**

PLU generally requires a score of 4 or 5 on AP exams to earn college credit, we award up to 30 credits for completion of an IB Diploma and we do accept transferrable Running Start credit.

More info: [plu.edu/admission/advanced-credit](http://plu.edu/admission/advanced-credit)

\*NEW\* Running Start Information Page:

[plu.edu/admission-first-year/apply/running-start-students/](http://plu.edu/admission-first-year/apply/running-start-students/)

### **Housing**

8 residence halls and 1 apartment–style living community

9 Opt-In Themed Learning Communities:

- Creative Expression
- First in the Family
- Student of Color
- Environmental & Social Justice
- International Hall – Languages & Honors Program
- Lavender Community
- STEM House
- Wellness House
- Women’s Empowerment & Gender Equity

On-Campus housing is generally required for a student’s freshman and sophomore years.

### **New & Notable Programs – [plu.edu/majors](http://plu.edu/majors)**

PLU has over 105 programs of study that include majors, minors, certificates, endorsements and concentrations. Some include:

- \*NEW\* Criminal Justice
- \*NEW\* Data Science
- \*NEW\* Gender, Sexuality & Race Studies
- Theatre AND Musical Theatre (BFA or BA)
- Business: AACSB accreditation
- Communication (including film and journalism)
- Education
- Music (BA, BME or BFA)
- 3-2 Engineering
- Computer Science
- Biology
- Nursing
- Environmental Studies
- Kinesiology
- Innovation Studies
- Pre-Professional Health Programs (Pre-Med)
- Pre-Law

### **Global Education & Study Away**

- PLU was the first American University to have study away classes on all 7 continents at the same time.
- #5 nationally for small colleges producing Peace Corps Volunteers
- 1 of only 22 US colleges to receive the highest level of accreditation from The Forum on Education Abroad
- We are on a 4-1-4 calendar system. J-Term (January Term) allows our students one extra chance to study away.
- Our IHON Program allows students to enroll at Oxford University for 4-6 months and immerse themselves in a world-renowned tutorial program.
- Top 20 nationally for highest percentage of students who study abroad

### **Sports & Recreation - [golutes.com](http://golutes.com)**

PLU varsity athletics competes in the Northwest Conference, NCAA Division III. PLU has 19 varsity athletic teams and 4 club sports (cheerleading, lacrosse, men’s rowing and ultimate Frisbee) in addition to a wide offering of intramural and rec programs.

### **Outcomes**

- PLU has had 102 Fulbright Scholars since 1975
- 80% of PLU students are accepted to Medical School and 79% to Dental School
- 90% of PLU students are employed or in grad school within six months of graduating
- 100% of Nursing and Education graduates are employed within 6 months of graduation
- 85% of the Class of 2019 completed an internship, field work or research

### **Scholarships/Financial Aid -**

#### **[plu.edu/admission/scholarships](http://plu.edu/admission/scholarships)**

- 97% of students receive financial aid from PLU.
- *PLU Pledge* is our loan repayment assistance program ([plu.edu/plu-pledge](http://plu.edu/plu-pledge))
- *Academic Merit Scholarships* - \$5,000-\$25,000 (just by applying to PLU - which is free!)
- *PLU Presidential Scholarship* - \$26,000-full tuition (requires a separate application that is due December 1<sup>st</sup>)
- *Artistic Achievement Scholarships* in Art, Music, Theatre, Dance or Speech & Debate - \$1,000-\$7,500 per year (audition/portfolio required)
- *253 PLU Bound Scholarship* – Full Tuition (just have to be admitted to PLU, have a 3.3 or higher weighted GPA and be a recipient of the WA State College Bound scholarship)

### **Find YOUR PLU Admission Contact**

<https://www.plu.edu/admission/counselors/>