Since Pacific University was founded in 1849, the excellent education of generations of students in the arts and sciences has been our mission. Within that liberal arts tradition, Pacific University emphasizes education with a practical focus to prepare graduates for effective service and leadership. Students are encouraged to explore subjects of interest and to develop a broad educational foundation through the required core curriculum.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING CLASS 2014-2015

Bachelor of Arts  Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Social Work
(The specific requirements are listed below. "Major" requirements are listed in the catalog under the appropriate department/program headings.)

AT LEAST 124 SEMESTER HOURS ARE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION INCLUDING:

A. A maximum of eight (8) credits of activity courses may count toward graduation in addition to any credits for activity courses prescribed by a student’s major or minor. These courses are taken to enhance and to add value to a student’s education. They typically focus on personal development, increased proficiency, or teamwork. Activity courses are: 1 or 2 credit DANC courses; HPER courses; MUS 150-167, 181-184, 187-188, 352-353, 358-359, 363-367; and THEA 150-156, 450-454, 456.

B. Forty hours of upper-division courses (numbers 300 and above), with no more than 10 hours of courses numbered 475, counting toward this 40-hour requirement. All Study Abroad coursework through Pacific University or affiliates will be counted as upper-division. The first 31 credits of study abroad course work earned through Pacific University will count as Pacific University credit; the remainder of study abroad credit will be treated as transfer work and evaluated accordingly.

C. A maximum of 52 hours in a discipline may be applied toward the 124 credits required for graduation. Music majors may apply up to 60 hours of music courses. A program of more than 52 hours that includes an internship may be approved by the Associate Dean for Student Academic Affairs by petition. Ordinarily, a course prefix indicates a discipline, except that the groupings EXIP and EXMB, ENGL and ENGW, THEA and APTH, EDUC and ESOL and SPED count as one discipline.

D. A "Major" with a minimum of 24 hours (16 of which must be upper division), exclusive of courses numbered 475. Hours in excess of this minimum are usually required by the major department. See the catalog (www.pacificu.edu/registrar) for specific requirements in your major.

E. Thirty of the last 40 hours counted towards the Pacific degree must be completed at Pacific University.

F. Degree candidates must submit an online Application for Graduation to the Registrar’s Office by January 15 for spring, June 15 for summer; or October 15 for winter graduation.

To be eligible for graduation, a student must achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 at Pacific University (only grades earned at Pacific are calculated in the grade point average). All coursework for core requirements must be completed with a "C-" grade or higher. In addition, a 2.0 cumulative GPA is required in all majors and minors; check the A&S Catalog for major and minor requirements under the appropriate School/Department headings because some departments may have adopted a higher minimum than 2.0.