

FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY



application FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION

APPLICATION DEADLINES

First-Year Student

Early Action Deadline November 15
Priority Deadline March 1

Transfer Student

Spring Semester Deadline November 15
Fall Semester Deadline March 1

Completed applications received by the November 15 Early Action Deadline will be notified by January 15. For all other applications, notification letters will be mailed one month after application deadline. Any applications received after the deadlines will be processed on a rolling basis.

Mail all completed application materials to:

Fresno Pacific University
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
1717 S. Chestnut Avenue
Fresno, CA 93702-4709

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Checklist for completion of the FPU application

- ❑ Complete the Application for Admission and return to Fresno Pacific University, Office of Undergraduate Admissions, 1717 S. Chestnut Ave., Fresno, CA 93702. You may contact the office by phone at 559-453-2039 or 800-660-6089. You may also apply online at experienceFPU.com/apply.
- ❑ Enclose your \$40 application fee. Make checks payable to Fresno Pacific University.
- ❑ Have the recommendation form completed by a teacher, counselor or pastor. Print your name and read the waiver statement at the top of the recommendation. You may copy the form if you would like additional recommendations. Recommendations may also be submitted online at experienceFPU.com.
- ❑ Request your official high school and college transcripts be sent to the FPU Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Applicants are responsible to submit a complete high school transcript verifying graduation before enrollment.
- ❑ Request your ACT or SAT 1 scores be sent to the FPU Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Fresno Pacific University is currently not using the writing sections to determine a student's acceptability.
- ❑ Students who do not meet the admission requirements outlined below may be required to go through the Admissions Selection Committee, and additional information may be requested from the student. For more details, you may contact the office by phone at 559-453-2039 or 800-660-6089.

Special note for California residents: Students applying for a Cal Grant must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the GPA Verification Form. These forms must be postmarked no earlier than January 1 and no later than March 2. Students not applying for a Cal Grant may submit the FAFSA at any time during the academic year.

ADMISSION

The undergraduate admission standards at Fresno Pacific University are among the highest for Christian colleges in California. The admission process is designed to select those applicants who are most likely to successfully meet the rigorous expectations of academic and ethical development that characterize a Fresno Pacific University education. The admission decision is based on a wide range of factors.

Freshman admission requirements

The primary academic requirement for freshmen admission is either a cumulative high school GPA of 3.1 or higher, or a corresponding index number. The index combines the GPA and the SAT or ACT test score. All freshman must take the SAT or ACT before enrolling. The FPU index is calculated in the same way as the California State University index. However, the FPU minimum of 3.094 is considerably higher than the CSU minimum. The following 13 high school courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better as minimum preparation for college-level study at FPU:

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| a. Four years of college preparatory English | d. One year of a laboratory science |
| b. Three years of college preparatory mathematics | e. Two years of the same foreign language |
| c. Two years of social science | f. One year of visual or performing arts |

Applicants who do not meet all the academic standards may be considered for an exception by the Admission Selection Committee. The committee allows a specific number of categorical exceptions each year. Early application for these exceptions is strongly recommended.

Transfer admission requirements

The primary academic requirement for transfer admission is a cumulative GPA of 2.4 or higher in 24 or more units transferable to Fresno Pacific University. When fewer than 24 transferable units have been completed, admission will be granted based on the freshman standards. Transfer applicants who do not meet all of these academic standards may be considered for an exception by the Admission Selection Committee. The committee allows a specific number of categorical exceptions each year. Early application for these openings is strongly recommended.

Re-entry admission requirements

Re-entry students, those who have been out of high school or college five or more years, can be admitted if they meet either freshman or transfer requirements. If these requirements are not met, the Admission Selection Committee will review the application and recommendation. If sufficient qualities of maturity, academic ability and motivation are present to convince the committee that the applicant has the potential to succeed at Fresno Pacific University, the committee can grant admission.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applying for term: Fall semester _____ Spring semester _____
Year Year

I plan to enter as a

First-year student (freshman) Transfer student (high school graduate who has attended some college)

What is your intended major or field of study? _____ Undecided

Legal name _____ Social Security # _____
First Middle Last

Preferred name _____ Former/other last name _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____ Email address _____

Cell phone _____ Would you like to receive important text messages from FPU? Yes No

Birthdate _____ Birthplace _____
(For identification or statistical purposes only) City Country

Marital Status (optional)

Single Separated Widowed
 Married Divorced

Gender

Male
 Female

Ethnicity/Race

(Categories described by the U.S. Department of Education. Used for statistical purposes only)

1. Are you Hispanic/Latino? The term Hispanic or Latino means a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. Yes No

2. What is your race? Select one or more from the following five racial groups:

American Indian or Alaska Native Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 Asian White
 Black or African American

I choose not to answer race and ethnicity questions.

Language spoken at home _____ Country of citizenship _____

Non-U.S. Citizen Status

U.S. Permanent resident – Reg. no. _____ Not a permanent resident; provide visa type _____

Background

Have you ever been dismissed, suspended or placed on academic or disciplinary probation at an educational institution?

Yes No

Have you been found guilty, been adjudicated or otherwise been convicted of a crime in any court? (excluding traffic violations)

Yes No

If you answered yes to either question above, please attach a full description including date(s) and disposition of case.

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FAMILY INFORMATION

If necessary, whom should we contact first? Father Mother Spouse Other _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Occupation _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Employer _____

Email address _____

If necessary, whom should we contact second? Father Mother Spouse Other _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Occupation _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Employer _____

Email address _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

How did you hear about Fresno Pacific University? _____

Relatives or friends who attended (or are currently attending) Fresno Pacific University:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Name _____ Relationship _____

Name _____ Relationship _____ Name _____ Relationship _____

Have you ever visited the FPU campus? Yes Not yet Date of visit _____

Type of visit: Campus tour The Encounter Athletics or performance event Visiting friends or family Other _____

What influenced you to apply to Fresno Pacific University? _____

Home church _____ Name of pastor _____

Church address _____ Phone _____ Denomination _____

Has your mother graduated from a four-year college with a bachelor's degree? Yes No Name of college _____

Has your father graduated from a four-year college with a bachelor's degree? Yes No Name of college _____

Are your parents missionaries? Yes No If yes, are they serving in United States Internationally - country _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION

High school from which you have or will graduate _____
Name of school _____ City _____ State _____

Date of high school graduation _____ or date of GED _____
Month _____ Year _____ Month _____ Year _____

Please request that official copies of your high school (or GED results) and college transcripts be sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Final high school transcripts must be on file prior to enrollment.

List all universities, colleges and/or community colleges you have attended, beginning with the most recent.

If none, write none. Veterans are required to submit form #DD-214.

Institution	City/State	Dates attended		Degree
		Mo./Yr.	Mo./Yr.	
_____	_____	From _____	To _____	_____
_____	_____	From _____	To _____	_____
_____	_____	From _____	To _____	_____
_____	_____	From _____	To _____	_____

If more than four, please attach a separate sheet

ATHLETICS AND PERFORMANCE GROUPS

Are you currently being recruited for athletics by a coach? Yes No

If yes, for which sport? _____ Coach _____

Have you, or do you plan to, audition for a theatrical, musical or instrumental performance group? Yes No

If yes, for which group? _____

HOUSING INFORMATION

I intend to make the following living arrangements for the school year:

- At home with my parents or legal guardian In my own home (single students 21 and older or married students)
 Campus housing (students age 23 and under) Other/unsure (please explain) _____
 Off-campus apartment (students 21 and older)

ESSAY QUESTIONS

The essay questions give us an opportunity to get to know you as an individual, beyond the test scores and the grades. Essays will be read for content as well as grammar. Please answer each of the following questions on separate pages. Each typed response should be one page in length, double spaced and should include your name on each page.

1. Fresno Pacific University's motto is "Faithfulness, Wisdom, Service." How does this motto relate to your personal beliefs, experiences and ideals?
2. Choose **one** of the following:
 - a. Select an excerpt from a work of art (book, play, song, movie, painting, poem, etc.) that has a strong meaning to you; if possible include a copy of the excerpt. Share your interpretation of the work, and the impact that understanding has on your life.
 - b. Describe one or two of the most important relationships that have influenced your personal development.
3. Tell us about your personal and academic short- and long-term life goals. Why are you interested in pursuing these goals, and what role do you see your education at Fresno Pacific University playing in terms of achieving them?



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FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

- I will be filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- I will NOT be filling out the FAFSA. I understand that, by waiving the FAFSA, I will not be eligible for any federal aid, including federal student loans.

I am also aware that by not filling out the FAFSA, I may not be eligible for some need-based awards. _____ (please initial)

I wish to be considered for the following awards:

- Academic achievement
- Church match*
- Music
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Drama
- Athletics _____

**FPU will match scholarship gifts from a student's church up to \$250 per semester, not to exceed \$500 for the year. Mennonite Brethren Pacific District Conference church gifts are matched two-to-one. Please see the Church Match Scholarship policy at experienceFPU.com/financial-aid for more information.*

Will you be receiving veterans benefits? Yes No

Additional Information

Please provide any additional information that the Student Financial Services Office should consider when determining your eligibility for financial aid (including outside scholarships, family scholarships, etc.)

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION

All of the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am asked, I agree to give proof that my information is correct. If I submit a FAFSA, this proof may include, but is not limited to, a copy of a U.S. tax return and W-2s filed by me or my family. I will notify the Student Financial Services Office of any changes to the above information.

I certify that I have read and understand the information printed in this application. I will submit all requested forms in a timely manner. I understand that if I do not, I may not be eligible for admission or financial aid.

Signature of student _____ Date _____

In compliance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Fresno Pacific University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability or status as a veteran in the recruitment or admission of students or in any of its policies, practices or procedures.

VALUES AND BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

The FPU Idea affirms the university as a learning community that seeks to encourage its members . . . “in a collaborative search for knowledge and experience which lend towards a perceptive and creative relationship with God, humanity, and the natural world. . . .” As an extension of the educational mission of the Mennonite Brethren Church, the university affirms the authority of the Bible over all matters of faith and life.” While Fresno Pacific University is a distinctly Christian institution, students do not have to be Christian to be admitted. Fresno Pacific University invites all who are committed to upholding the principles of respect, integrity and doing good in all situations, to be members of its community.

The common good of any community is accomplished through established standards and behavioral expectations. Fresno Pacific University bases its standards and expectations on these Community Life Values: Integrity, Respect and Stewardship.

By accepting the invitation to attend Fresno Pacific University, you become a part of its community and agree to abide by and uphold the behavioral expectations encapsulated in its Community Life Values and Standards. Behavioral expectations that flow out of these values include, but are not limited to:

Integrity

- Actions and attitudes that uphold Christian and campus values.
- Individuals are to adhere to the laws of the “state”—city, county, state and federal.
- Academic integrity—plagiarism, cheating, etc. are prohibited.
- Fresno Pacific is a drug and alcohol free environment. Possession, use, or being under the influence of illegal drugs is prohibited. Possession, use, or being under the influence of alcohol is prohibited on campus (“on campus” is defined as property owned, rented or leased by FPU and any location of an FPU sponsored event).
- Scripture reaffirms the marital covenant as existing between a man and a woman. Physical intimacy is reserved for individuals within this marriage covenant. Cohabitation with a boyfriend/girlfriend outside of the marriage relationship is prohibited. Certain sexual behaviors are prohibited; these include but are not limited to: fornication, adultery, incest and homosexual acts.
- Internet activities, entertainment choices or reading materials are to be consistent with Christian and campus values. Involvement with sexually explicit or suggestive materials—viewing, sending, possessing, etc., is prohibited.

Respect

- Behavior that is productive to the educational environment and that which upholds and promotes the academic success of others.
- Respect for the rights and opinions of others and for all campus authorities.
- Individuals are to conduct themselves with kindness and self-control. Harassment, hazing, intimidation, verbal threats, threatening or reckless behavior or violence directed at others is prohibited.

Stewardship

- Care and respect for personal and university property.
- Possession or use of firearms, fireworks, explosives or weapons on campus is prohibited.

Students whose behavior falls short of the declaration or intent of FPU’s Values and Behavioral Expectations will generally be referred to the Restorative Discipline process.

I certify that the information supplied on this application and other documents I have submitted is to the best of my knowledge complete and accurate. I further grant Fresno Pacific University the right to verify any information contained herein. I understand that submitting false information may disqualify me from admittance to or registration for courses at the university, or may result in dismissal from the university, degree revocation and/or other disciplinary action.

If admitted to Fresno Pacific University, I agree to abide by the standards of behavior and conduct as outlined in the student life handbook and university catalog and this application, including, but not limited to, acting always with civility and respect for all students, faculty and staff of the university; acting in conformity with the Christian behavioral standards of the university; adhering to the university’s academic integrity standards; and the dispute resolution and appeal process. I understand that it is my responsibility to have read and understood these standards and policies.

I am aware that meeting admissions requirements does not guarantee admission.

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

For more information on these policies and expectations, go to studentlife.fresno.edu

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ALMOST DONE!

In addition to submitting this Application for Admission, you also need to:

- Submit your \$40 application fee (or fee waiver)
- Request your official high school and/or college transcripts be mailed to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions
- Ask a teacher or counselor to complete a Letter of Recommendation
- Take the ACT or SAT's and have your scores sent to FPU
(Fresno Pacific's code for the SAT is 4616 and the ACT code is 0357)
- Complete the FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov) in order to be eligible for government and institutional aid
(Fresno Pacific's code for the FAFSA is 001253)

As a reminder, your application is not complete and will not be processed until we have received all of the necessary items.

AREAS OF STUDY

Fresno Pacific University offers 27 majors and more than 60 areas of study. Please select a major from the list below.

Applied Mathematics (B.S.)

Art *

Art Administration
Graphic Arts
Studio Art

Biblical and Religious Studies*

Biblical Literature
Biblical Studies
Religious Studies
Theology and Ethics

Biology*

Environmental (B.S.)
General Biology (B.A.)
Human Health (B.S.)
Secondary Teaching (B.A. or B.S.)

Business Administration*

Accounting
Finance
Management/Organizational
Studies
Marketing
Non-profit Administration

Chemistry* (B.A. or B.S.)

Communication*

Communication Studies
Media and Film Studies
Multimedia Production
Theater/Performance

Contemporary Christian Ministries*

Criminal Justice

English*

Secondary Teaching

Environmental Science (B.A. or B.S.)

Environmental Studies*

History*

Intercultural Studies

Missions/Service
Topics

Kinesiology*

Exercise Physiology (B.S.)
Exercise Science (B.A.)
Fitness Management (B.A.)
Physical Education Teaching(B.A.)*
Pre-Physical Therapy/
Occupational Therapy (B.S.)

Liberal Studies*

Mathematics* (B.A.)

Music*

Church Music
Music Education
Performance/Composition

Philosophy*

Political Science*

Pre-Health Sciences (B.A. or B.S.)

Pre-M.D./D.O./D.D.S./
D.Pharm (B.S.)
Pre-M.P.T. (B.S.)
Pre-M.S.N. (B.S.)

Pre-law

Psychology*

Social Science Secondary Teaching

Social Work*

Sociology*

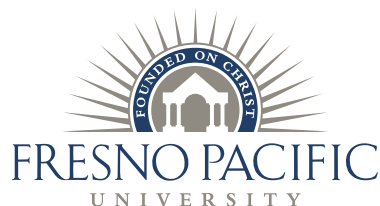
Spanish Language and Culture

Latin American Cultures
Spanish Language

*Also available as a minor.

Additional minors include:

Classics
Coaching
Economics
English Literature
Intercultural/Domestic Studies
International Studies
Language Studies
Leadership
Ministry
Peacemaking and Conflict Studies
Spanish
Theater



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