

La Sierra University Fact Sheet 2002-03

Motto

"From Diversity, Community."

Overview

Located in Riverside, California and founded in 1922, La Sierra University is a Seventh-day Adventist, Liberal Arts University. It is known for excellent academic and pre-professional programs. Since its early days, this institution has focused on the development of the whole person and on character building.

Mission Statement

A diverse community of inquiry, learning, and service, rooted in the Christian gospel, La Sierra is committed to Seventh-day Adventist values and ideals. Its mission is:

- TO SEEK truth enlarging human understanding through scholarship;
- TO KNOW ourselves broadly educating the whole student;
- TO SERVE others contributing to the good of the global community.

La Sierra pursues this mission for God and society with recognized excellence, integrity, compassion and mutual respect.

Administration

President: [Lawrence T. Geraty](#), PhD

Provost/V.P. for Academic Admin.: [Ella S. Simmons](#), EdD

V.P. for Financial Administration: [David Geriguis](#), MBA

V.P. for Advancement & Univ. Relations: Jeffrey Kaatz, DMA

V.P. for Enrollment Services: Gene Edelbach, BS

V.P. for Student Life: Jennifer Tyner, MA

Degrees and majors offered

La Sierra University offers, 16 [graduate study areas](#), 35 [undergraduate majors](#) and 32 pre-professional programs.

The degrees offered include: **B.A., B.S., M.A., M.B.A., M.Ed., M.P.S., M.Div., Ed.S., Ed.D.**

Accreditations

La Sierra University is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the *Western Association of Schools and Colleges* (WASC). The University is also accredited by the *Adventist Accrediting Association* (AAA). The programs of Music and Social Work have additional professional accreditations.

Student Enrollment: 2002-03 (Fall 2002)

Enrollment (head count)

Undergraduate: 1448 Graduate: 310

Total: 1758

Undergraduate students (head count)

Freshman: 611 Junior: 250

Sophomore: 262 Senior: 325

Student Ethnic Background (excludes int'l)

African-American: 176 Caucasian: 526

American Indian: 23 Hispanic: 393

Asian: 343 Other: 81

Student Gender distribution

Male: 722

Female: 1036

Student Geographic Origin

California: 1348

Other U.S.: 194

International: 216

Other student data

Freshman retention rate: 65.8%

Percent of students receiving Fin. Aid: 90%

F.T. students living in campus-owned housing: 56.4%

Internet ready dorms: 100%

Student Costs (2002-03)

Undergrad. Tuition (per quarter unit): \$432

Graduate tuition (per quarter unit): \$375

Estimated annual tuition for undergrads: \$15,552

Room: \$2,568

Board: \$1,734

Degrees Awarded

	B	M	D	Total
2002	155	57	4	216
2001	145	63	6	214
2000	190	63	1	254
1999	201	56	1	258

Faculty

Full-time: 95 (including library faculty)

Percent with terminal degree: 83.16%

FTE Student-faculty ratio: 16:1

Finances

Operating budget: \$31,832,305

Endowment: \$10,135,696

Library Resources

Library books & bound periodicals: 251,632

Library Items available through Link+: 4 million

Periodicals available online: 12,000

Ministries and Spiritual Life

Number of ministries active on campus: 43

Students sent out as student missionaries: 42

Students involved in Homebase Ministries: 435

Academic Life

- Students enrolled in the Honors Program: 38
- Undergraduate students doing original research with faculty outside course requirements: 25

Service

Students involved in service learning: 475 (estimate)

Total hours of service: 4945 (estimate)

Environment

La Sierra University is a smoke-free, alcohol-free and drug-free campus with exceptional opportunities for character development, spiritual growth, service to humankind, pursuit of academic excellence and to experience diversity.