



# AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY 2024-25 FACT SHEET

## Mission

Azusa Pacific University is an evangelical Christian community of disciples and scholars who seek to advance the work of God in the world through academic excellence in liberal arts and professional programs of higher education that encourage students to develop a Christian perspective of truth and life.

## University History

What began in 1899 as the Training School for Christian Workers has grown into a comprehensive Christian university offering 66 bachelor's degrees, 40 master's degrees, 32 certificates and credentials, and 9 doctoral programs to a total enrollment of 6,200+ students. Azusa Pacific remains a vibrant faith and learning community, preparing difference makers through Christ-centered academic excellence to serve and influence the world.

## General Information

Azusa Pacific University is located in the San Gabriel Valley city of Azusa, 20 miles northeast of Los Angeles. The university also maintains several off-site regional locations throughout Southern California, including in the High Desert, Inland Empire, Monrovia, Murrieta, Orange County, and San Diego.

## University Degrees and Programs

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| Degrees awarded (2023-24)  | 2,540 |
| Doctoral degrees   | 148   |
| Master's degrees   | 1,194 |
| Bachelor's degrees   | 1,198 |
| Postbaccalaureate and post-master's certificates and credentials | 23    |

## Accreditation

Institutional: Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)  
Specialized: 13 professional/specialized accreditations

## Library Resources

APU's three libraries contain 244,361 books, 248,802 ebooks, 231 databases, 122,355 physical and digital media items, 2,009 serials, and 118,421 eserials.

## Faculty

APU professors serve as expert resources, coming alongside students' academic endeavors while pursuing their own professional development and lifelong learning. APU students benefit from small

classes and personal interaction with faculty members who often take time to mentor students and host small study groups.

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| Total teaching faculty   | 934  |
| Full time                | 343  |
| Adjunct                  | 591  |
| Student-to-faculty ratio | 10:1 |

## Staff

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Total staff | 603 |
| Full time   | 552 |
| Part time   | 51  |

## Students (Fall 2024)

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|----------------------------|-------|
| Total students enrolled    | 6,272 |
| Men                        | 29%   |
| Women                      | 71%   |
| Traditional Undergraduate  | 2,046 |
| Professional Undergraduate | 713   |
| Graduate                   | 3,513 |
| Full-time Equivalent (FTE) | 4,996 |
| Traditional Undergraduate  | 1,995 |
| Professional Undergraduate | 572   |
| Graduate                   | 2,429 |

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| Undergraduate ethnic minority students  | 75% |
| Graduate ethnic minority students   | 79% |
| Number of denominations represented (including nondenominational)   | 38  |
| Number of states represented (including the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Armed Forces Europe) | 46  |
| Number of countries represented   | 10  |

## Freshman Admission Profile

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| Number applied                          | 3,805 |
| Number entering (first time, full time) | 413   |

## Undergraduate Financial Aid (2023-24)

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| <b>Scholarships/grants</b>                                 |              |
| Federal (including military)                               | \$9,360,117  |
| State  | \$6,349,257  |
| Other external scholarships/grants administered by college | \$1,195,881  |
| Institutional  | \$53,169,893 |
| Institutional (excluding waivers and athletic awards)      | \$47,058,633 |

## Self Help

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| Student loans  | \$16,723,245 |
| Parent loans   | \$7,803,893  |
| Tuition waivers  | \$2,158,366  |
| Athletic awards  | \$3,952,894  |
| Percent of undergraduate students receiving any form of: |              |
| Grant or scholarship financial aid                       | 91%          |
| Institutional financial aid                              | 99%          |
| Need-based financial aid                                 | 66%          |

## Finances

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| Expenses (2023-24)                         | \$179,107,795 |
| Endowment (2023-24)                        | \$96,232,956  |
| Total donations (2023-24)                  | \$11,264,101  |
| Full-time undergraduate tuition (2024-25)* | \$43,758      |

\*See [apu.edu](http://apu.edu) for graduate and professional program tuition costs.





## APU Named Top Christian University in California by *The Wall Street Journal*

APU achieved a historic placement in *The Wall Street Journal's* 2025

Best Colleges in the U.S. as the top-ranked evangelical Christian university in California and the highest-ranked institution in the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities. At No. 101 overall, this marks the highest national ranking in institutional history. In addition to the Best U.S. Colleges placement, APU also ranked highly on the WSJ/College Pulse lists for Social Mobility (No. 29 nationally and No. 5 among private universities), Student Experience (No. 73), and Best Salaries (No. 161).



## Cougars Get New Athletics Marks

APU officially launched new athletics marks in fall 2024. For the first time in APU history, its celebrated athletics

programs have a cohesive set of unified athletics marks, including a Cougar and a new "AP" logo with a modern design twist to build even greater affinity among students, alumni, faculty, staff, and the broader community. The Cougar symbolizes the dedication and strength of Azusa Pacific athletes and the entire APU community.

## Making an Impact with Major Grants



### APU Receives \$5 Million Grant From Lilly Endowment

APU received a \$5 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to help establish The Cornerstones Project:

Building Faith Through Service. This innovative five-year initiative aims to impact more than 10,000 young people (ages 13-25) across the nation by fostering a deeper understanding of the relationship between faith, service, and human flourishing. The Cornerstones project will establish APU's Institute for Faith Leadership and Service and the APU Faith and Service Incubator, and will expand APU's Youth Leadership Initiative. In collaboration with Barna Group, APU will conduct a groundbreaking research study to explore the lasting impact of service on faith formation in high school and college students.



### College of Nursing and Health Sciences Awarded \$5 Million HRSA Grant

APU's College of Nursing and Health Sciences received a

\$4,985,376 grant from the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) that focuses on interprofessional geriatric education and training of healthcare providers to care for older adults in underserved communities across San Bernardino County. APU is partnering with community organizations to create an interprofessional geriatric workforce to provide age-friendly and dementia-friendly integrated primary care to older adults in clinics, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities. APU is 1 of only 41 higher education institutions in the country and 1 of only 2 in California to receive this HRSA grant.

## Advancing Academic Distinction



### APU, Citrus College Form Nursing Partnership

A new partnership between Azusa Pacific University and Citrus College extends access to nursing education

for residents of the San Gabriel Valley and greater Los Angeles area while offering a quicker and more affordable pathway for students to earn their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The accelerated program elevates the proficiency of nurses entering Southern California hospitals and clinics, moving graduates beyond the two-year associate's degree while increasing their skills as caregivers. In combining the low-cost, open-access program at Citrus College with APU's nationally ranked School of Nursing, students from all education backgrounds enter a pathway to a high-paying, impactful career.



### Steve Harden Named First Executive-in-Residence

APU named Steve Harden the first executive-in-residence of the School of Business and Management

(SBM), effective January 1, 2025. Harden brings more than 35 years of corporate executive experience to the role with expertise in brand development, marketing, and entrepreneurship, including serving as CEO/President of K-Swiss and other global sports apparel companies. As executive-in-residence, Harden will conduct workshops, seminars, and lectures; lead projects with students; serve as a mentor to students in one-on-one and group settings to guide them through the nuances of product development, launch, and growth; serve as an advisor to Zuvventurez, APU's *Shark Tank*-style pitch competition for new business ideas; and act as an ambassador for SBM in industry settings and on its advisory board.



### Stacy Kula Named Dean of College of Education and Behavioral Sciences

APU Provost Anita Fitzgerald

Henck, PhD, named Stacy Kula,

PhD, founding dean of the newly formed College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. Kula brings more than 25 years of education experience to the role with expertise in qualitative research methods, achievement gaps, and education of underserved and immigrant populations. As dean, Kula is responsible for the leadership, planning, direction, and management of the full range of undergraduate and graduate programs offered by the college, and will collaboratively and creatively advance scholarship, research, and integration of faith and learning.



### APU Music to Receive Gift to Build Pat Boone Scoring Stage and Recording Studio

Legendary recording artist, author, and actor Pat Boone will donate a

historic gift to APU Music to build a state-of-the-art scoring stage and recording studio, where aspiring performers, composers, and filmmakers will come alongside Christ-centered faculty mentors to learn their craft. The new complex will feature a scoring stage with tracking for a full film orchestra and 100-voice choir, and production suites.



## Strengthening Our Core

General Education (GE) plays a key role in APU's undergraduate curriculum, complementing and enriching students' majors by

exposing them to the methods and insights of a variety of disciplines, from biblical studies to the sciences. In fall 2025 the university will launch a GE program titled The APU Core: Pathways to Flourishing. Built around eight new courses based on three key concepts (Pursuing Wisdom, Preparing to Serve, and Living Out God's Love), the APU Core will enable students to achieve 24 learning goals under the categories of worldview and wisdom, character and virtue, calling and mission, critical and creative thinking, scientific and quantitative inquiry, and communication and collaboration.

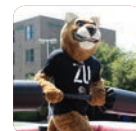
## Building a Thriving Community



### A Heart for Service

APU is 1 of only 368 universities nationally to hold a Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education for Community

Engagement, and 1 of only 8 in the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities. Exemplifying APU's Service Cornerstone, more than 1,200 APU students participated in local and global engagement opportunities and academic service-learning projects in 2023-24. Students served in a multitude of areas, including in the College Headed and Mighty Proud program, giving out community meals at a local church, mentoring middle schoolers through Cougar Pals, and tutoring K-12 students at the Azusa City Library.



### Leading in Athletics

More than 350 student-athletes compete for APU's 18-sport intercollegiate athletics program.

For 7 of the past 8 years, Azusa

Pacific has finished in the top 20 of the Learfield Directors' Cup, which ranks all NCAA Division II athletics programs' success. APU hosted more NCAA West Regional playoffs over the past nine years than any other school, and is the four-time defending PacWest Commissioner's Cup champion as the conference's best all-around athletics program. Many Cougar athletes have gone on to successful careers in professional sports: 14 have competed in the Olympics, including 2008 decathlon gold medalist Bryan Clay '03, and more than 50 others have been drafted into professional leagues, including NFL Pro Bowl running back Christian Okoye '87 and MLB two-time All-Star Stephen Vogt '07.

### Stay Connected

Follow APU on Facebook, Instagram, and X @azusapacific. Watch inspiring stories of APU students and alumni at [apu.edu/stories/](https://apu.edu/stories/).

### View Programs

Explore APU's rigorous and relevant degree programs at [apu.edu/programs/](https://apu.edu/programs/).

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