

President's Message

Your college years can be some of the most transformative and satisfying. It can be a time to challenge yourself, discover new passions, question your beliefs, and embrace opportunities. You will do this both inside and outside of the classroom — whether over a cup of coffee with friends, alongside a faculty mentor in the lab, or on the job while working on- or off-campus.

This catalog is here to help you make sense of the time you will spend inside the classroom (though sometimes even your coursework will take you out of a traditional classroom). The lessons you will learn in these classes from our esteemed faculty are the strong foundation upon which your degree from Cal Lutheran is built.

California Lutheran University itself was built on the foundation of a man with a vision. In 1959, Richard Pederson donated his family's ranch land to be used for a Lutheran institution of higher education. This is the land that now supports your classrooms, residence halls, chapel, dining commons, gym, fitness center, and stadium, among other things. It also supports the ideals of Lutheran higher education, including critical inquiry into matters of both faith and reason while nurturing the moral and spiritual development of every student.

At Cal Lutheran, you will see these ideals realized in the form of outstanding academic and professional programs within a culture of openness, inclusion, and respect. As a Cal Lutheran student, you will be held to high academic standards, provided opportunities for real-world learning experiences, and given the support to achieve success in your scholarly and extracurricular pursuits.

All of us at Cal Lutheran are here to ensure your experience as a Cal Lutheran student is a worthwhile one and one that helps you in your journey to discover and live your purpose—now, let's get started!

Chris Kimball, Ph.D.

President

California Lutheran University is a diverse scholarly community dedicated to excellence in the liberal arts and professional studies. Rooted in the Lutheran tradition of Christian faith, the University encourages critical inquiry into matters of both faith and reason. The mission of the University is to educate leaders for a global society who are strong in character and judgment, confident in their identity and vocation, and committed to service and justice.