Masters and Doctoral Programs in the Tradition of Depth Psychology
Welcome

We appreciate your interest in Pacifica and our degree programs. As you look through these pages and reflect on your academic and professional future, we hope you will consider what resonates with your imagination, your heart, and the deeper part of you that we call soul.

Pacifica’s calling is to foster learning and research that is framed in the traditions of depth psychology. We strive to cultivate and harvest the gifts of the human imagination, and awaken the genius of the psyche in our students. In this way, we hope to meet the personal and collective challenges that face us all, and fulfill the dreams we hold for ourselves and the world.

About the Institute

Pacifica Graduate Institute is an employee-owned, accredited graduate school with two campuses nestled between the coastal foothills and the Pacific Ocean, a few miles south of Santa Barbara, California.

The Institute offers masters and doctoral programs in psychology, the humanities, and mythological studies, all informed by the traditions of depth psychology.

A faculty of leading scholars has developed a cutting-edge curriculum that meets the complex needs of a diverse student body.

Pacifica’s educational formats include monthly three- and four-day learning sessions and blended online/low-residency degree programs.

The Institute attracts working professionals interested in a rigorous intellectual experience that connects with their inner self and positively transforms the way they see the world.

Pacifica’s degree programs are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

It Began with a Dream

During the cultural upheaval of the early 1970s, the social service agency that was to become Pacifica Graduate Institute initiated a counseling skills certificate program. Its vision of soul-centered living and progressive approach attracted the attention of prominent scholars like Joseph Campbell, James Hillman, Marion Woodman, and Marija Gimbutas. They felt something extraordinary was taking root, and they contributed their time and support to help it blossom.

By the late 1980s, Pacifica’s innovative degree programs were attracting students and professors from around the world. As the Institute grew—enriched by the myriad contributions of faculty, staff, students, and alumni—a community developed and began to craft structures and surroundings that reflect the school’s mission and core values.

Pacifica students often talk about having found a place where their inner lives matter; where their chosen paths to self-knowledge and intellectual pursuits are honored and encouraged. They gain the skills and confidence to realize their dreams. Coming from such small beginnings to what it is now, Pacifica stands as proof that dreams can be actualized and opened to the call of the future.

Pacifica is an Institute alive with a mission.
The intention expressed in our motto, animae mundi colendae gratia, (tending the soul in and of the world), has inspired individuals worldwide, who now carry the fire of that vision. We have found that cultivating the ‘soul spark’ rooted in the animated presence of the deep psyche opens the intelligence of imagination. Over and again, I have seen how this advocacy—this education—leads to personal fulfillment, meaningful careers, and a more just and fertile planet. We invite you to join our vibrant learning community.”

—Stephen Aizenstat, Ph.D.
Chancellor and Founding President
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Regardless of what brought them to Pacifica, all our students share the desire to forge a future and a career that is both uniquely their own and authentic to their true selves. It is our pleasure to help them acquire the knowledge and skills needed to do precisely that.

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As the pace of change accelerates, many of us find it necessary to reinvent ourselves over the course of our careers. Others experience disruptions in their lives, or discover a new interest or calling.

A Pacifica education fosters the kind of deep, ongoing psychological growth that enables individuals to restructure and recreate their lives while remaining true to their authentic selves. It promotes cognitive complexity and mental agility, and awakens the imagination in ways that prepare graduates to be flexible, resilient, innovative, and collaborative.

We know these are the very qualities that professional success now requires and that employers seek. They search for—and often cannot find—people who rise to the challenge of continual change, innovate to solve problems in creative ways, and are skilled in human interaction and collaboration.

On a broader level, we live in a time when no one can sit back and ignore the ecological, financial, and spiritual crises that face us as a nation and a world. Solutions to these daunting challenges cry out for a deeper level of consciousness—the sort of consciousness nurtured by a Pacifica education.

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Marion Woodman, who has often been in residence at Pacifica, advanced the somatic side of depth psychology. Her approach is increasingly being validated by research findings in the field of neuroscience.

James Hillman was a frequent visitor and guest lecturer at Pacifica until his death in 2011. He developed the field of archetypal psychology, launching a series of revolutionary ideas that revisioned depth psychology. He challenged the field to expand beyond the consulting room and address important issues of our time. Among other insights, Hillman recognized that the contemporary epidemic of depression results as much from sterile environments and awareness of poverty and environmental devastation, as it does from illness or early childhood trauma.

Joseph Campbell was instrumental in Pacifica’s early development. His work solidified the crucial link between depth psychology and mythology. This insight led to the creation of Pacifica’s M.A./Ph.D. Program in Mythological Studies—the only doctoral program in the country that focuses exclusively on the study of mythology.

The growing impact of depth psychology continues to be felt as contemporary scholars extend its reach through ground-breaking research and the formulation of new applications that have proven relevant to a stunning variety of fields. At Pacifica, we believe that psychological life is an evolutionary development, alive in all the phenomena and systems of our world. Our students and graduates are helping to move the field forward through their scholarship, professional achievements, and actions in the world.
Learning in a Diverse Community

Sharing the desire for a deeper and richer life, students come to Pacifica from across the country and around the world. Most are working adults who are members of many different ethnic, socioeconomic, and age groups. Some are preparing for first, second, or even third careers; others are pursuing graduate studies to advance their current professions. What they have in common is an enthusiasm for broadening their horizons and deepening their self-knowledge.

The Cohort System at Pacifica

Pacifica students learn in single, close-knit, collaborative cohort groups of between 15 and 35 throughout their academic careers. These cohorts become genuine communities that sustain the individual uniqueness and growth of their members. The relationships formed are often life-long. Even at the beginning of their Pacifica experience, many students express the feeling of “having come home” or “finding their tribe.” What they’ve found is the sort of real intimacy that does not ask them to leave parts of themselves at the door.

The Power of an Interdisciplinary Curriculum

At Pacifica, the art and science of psychology are intertwined with the creative multiplicity of the humanities, fostering a much deeper understanding of the natural ways the psyche communicates through dreams, imagery, symbol, story and embodied experience. Academic study, relevant to life of our times, becomes enlivened with the power and pulse of the mythic imagination and philosophical explorations about what it means to be human and fully alive.

Innovative Academic Formats

Most of Pacifica’s degree programs are offered in either three or four-day monthly learning sessions. The experience has been likened to a learning retreat, where normal concerns are put aside and students focus intensively on classes and interaction with professors and fellow members of their cohort. The intervening weeks, spent in home environments, allow ample time for reflection, research, writing, and virtual communication with faculty and their cohort.

Two of the programs are offered in a blended distance-learning/low-residency format. With this option, students come to campus four times a year for four days in residence and complete the balance of their coursework through online technology. It is a rigorous and fully engaged academic model, in which students maintain close contact with their professors and the other members of their cohort.

Both academic formats have been designed to allow adult learners to pursue and achieve success in graduate studies while maintaining existing personal and professional commitments.

Attending Pacifica has been a powerful experience for me. The once-a-month ‘retreats’ have allowed me to form meaningful and genuine relationships with fellow students while gaining effective skills from my compassionate and extremely knowledgeable professors. I appreciate and enjoy being around people who are also dedicated to personal growth, following their passions, and helping others. I look forward to having many life-changing and transformative experiences at Pacifica!”

—Kristen Lewis, Pacifica Student

PACIFICA PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH A RICH AND VIBRANT Educational Environment
From the beginning, Pacifica’s campuses have been a dynamic part of its educational experience. Both lie between the Pacific Ocean and Santa Ynez Mountains near Santa Barbara, California. Blessed with natural beauty, they are a perfect backdrop for contemplation and study. Students attend classes in retreat-like settings where inspiration and imagination flow freely. The physical environment is listened to and tended with great care. Pacifica was an early leader in environmentally friendly practices and maintains an active sustainability program on both campuses.

The Lambert Road Campus
A 13-acre Educational and Administrative Center less than a mile from the Pacific Ocean.
The Lambert Road Campus is on the site of an internationally known philanthropist’s 1920s-era estate. Beautifully and extensively landscaped, it is an extremely peaceful setting with magnificent views of the nearby Santa Ynez Mountains. In addition to classrooms and lecture halls, the campus houses faculty and administrative offices, the Joseph Campbell Library, and branches of the Graduate Research Library and Bookstore. An on-site, organic, bio-intensive mini-farm produces vegetables, herbs, flowers, and small fruit for both campuses and members of the community.

The Ladera Lane Campus
A 35-acre Educational and Retreat Center in the Coastal Foothills.
The Ladera Lane Campus is just a few minutes’ drive from its companion on Lambert Road. Facilities here include a conference center, classrooms, computer center, and branches of the Library and Bookstore. Opus Archives and Research Center houses its rare collections on this campus. A residential building offers lodging for students. Fresh, healthful meals are shared by students, faculty, and staff in the large communal dining hall. Spacious lawns offer sweeping vistas of ocean, islands, and mountains. Beautiful gardens afford quiet contemplation, and hiking trails lead off into the wilderness.

BEAUTIFUL SETTINGS AS UNIQUE AS THE INSTITUTE ITSELF

Two Exquisite Campuses

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lie on the Southern California coast a few miles south of Santa Barbara. Both campuses are easily accessible from either the Santa Barbara or Los Angeles Airports. A host of cultural, dining, and entertainment options are available in Santa Barbara, a 10- to 15-minute drive from either campus. The beach is within walking distance of the Lambert Road Campus.

Graduate Research Library
Containing special collections in Jungian, archetypal, and psychoanalytical psychology, mythology, the humanities, and religious studies, Pacifica’s library works to acquire rare materials that are specific to each of the Institute’s degree programs. With branches on both campuses, the library houses 16,000 books, 3,000 theses and dissertations, audio and video material, and print and electronic journals. Special collections include course reserves, student papers, faculty publications and archives, rare titles, and multimedia materials.

Opus Archives and Research Center
A Not-for-Profit Organization on Pacifica’s campuses, Opus works to preserve, develop, and extend the archival collections and libraries of eminent scholars in the fields of depth psychology, mythology, and the humanities. Opus extends the availability of these collections to students and scholars for contemporary research. As a “living archive” Opus offers scholarships, research grants, educational programs, and community events. Access to the collections is available to researchers, scholars, students, and the general public.

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holds the personal collections of these scholars:
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• James Hillman
• Christine Downing
• Jane Hollister and Joseph Wheelwright
• Adolf Guggenbühl-Craig
Opus also holds the private libraries of Joseph Campbell and Marija Gimbutas.

The secure, climate-controlled archives at Opus hold thousands of rare original manuscripts, notes, photographs, video and audio recordings, and irreplaceable objects that belonged to many of the seminal figures in the tradition of depth psychology.”
—Safron Rossi, Ph.D.
Curator of Collections

Learn More about Opus at opusarchives.org

Pacifica Bookstore
The Bookstore has branches on both of Pacifica’s Campuses, and its website at www.pacificabookstore.com offers easy online access to more than 5,000 titles on topics ranging from neuroscience to works by both well-known and hard-to-find depth psychology scholars, including works by members of the Pacifica faculty. The site is easy to browse, whether you’re looking for books on alchemy or somatic studies. There is also consciously chosen selection of clothing, jewelry, and unique objects.

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Pacifica’s faculty and senior administrators are leaders in the fields of depth psychology, humanities, and mythological studies. Many are accomplished authors, internationally known scholars, and prominent lecturers; others are respected practitioners. They share an affinity for working with students engaged in graduate studies, and bring the benefit of vast personal experience to bear in the classroom. At Pacifica, faculty often serve as role models and mentors, helping students move along the path toward becoming colleagues and co-creators of the future of their fields.

Harnessing the Power of Imagination in the Classroom

In addition to academic work, many on the faculty devote themselves to painting, photography, music, dance, and similar pursuits. These creative endeavors quite naturally extend to Pacifica’s academic environment, where students actively cultivate their imaginative capacities. In conjunction with lectures, discussions, and case presentations, multiple opportunities are provided for the advancement of knowledge through innovative classroom experiences and assignments. This consistent encouragement of creative expression prepares graduates to respond imaginatively to any situation. They come to recognize that every individual, group, and community is unique—a mystery, unlike any other—and is not to be reduced to a standard diagnosis or simple formula. They develop the ability to connect not just in a professional role, but person to person, with the capacity to be surprised by the unexpected and to respond to whatever happens with engaged authenticity.

Choosing a Degree Program

Before reading the descriptions of Pacifica’s degree programs on the following pages, think about what you would like to achieve through your graduate studies.

If professional licensure is a goal, consider the Counseling and Clinical Psychology Programs.

If traveling to campus every month would be a stretch, one of the online/low-residency programs could offer an ideal option.

The four distinct specializations in Pacifica’s M.A./Ph.D. Programs in Depth Psychology speak to multiple interests and encourage custom-tailored career paths.

The programs in Mythological Studies and Engaged Humanities allow graduates to apply the insights and wisdom of depth psychology to a range of professional goals limited only by their own imagination.

M.A. in Counseling Psychology
Ph.D. and Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology
Ph.D. in Depth Psychology with Emphasis in Psychotherapy
M.A./Ph.D. in Depth Psychology with Emphasis in Somatic Studies
M.A./Ph.D. in Depth Psychology with Emphasis in Jungian and Archetypal Studies*
M.A./Ph.D. in Depth Psychology with Emphasis in Community Psychology, Liberation Psychology, and Ecopsychology
M.A./Ph.D. in Mythological Studies
M.A. in Engaged Humanities and the Creative Life*

* Blended Distance-Learning/Low-Residency Program
Pacifica is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Download a copy of Pacifica’s current Course Catalog at pacifica.edu
Pacifica’s M.A. Counseling Psychology Program with Emphasis in Depth Psychology is dedicated to offering students unique and comprehensive education and training in the art, science, and practice of professional marriage, family, and couples counseling and individual psychotherapy.

As preparation for licensure in both Marriage and Family Therapy and Professional Clinical Counseling, this rigorous academic program emphasizes both theoretical understanding and experiential training in clinical skills. Research studies prepare students to explore and contribute to the practice of scholarship within the depth psychological tradition in order to further Pacifica’s dedication to tending the soul of the world.

Depth psychology invites a curiosity about the psyche and encourages respect for the diversity of life and human experience. Interdisciplinary courses in literature, mythology, religion, and culture deepen students’ ability to link archetypal themes to sociopolitical and personal issues in the lives of individuals, families, and communities.

Pacifica’s Clinical Psychology Ph.D. and Psy.D. Programs provide students with advanced clinical training steeped in the foundations and traditions of depth psychology. The programs present students with a distinguished faculty, an academically rigorous curriculum, and access to excellent internship and practicum sites. Pacifica prepares students to be successful in the world of clinical psychology, while engaging the mind, heart, and soul in ways that build clinical depth. Students expand their creativity and knowledge in research and clinical treatment in service to the needs of an ever-changing and complex world.

The Clinical Psychology programs offer the latest developments in quantitative and qualitative research methods, the biological and social foundations of human behavior, professional ethics and standards, psychological testing and assessment, cultural competency and individual differences, and evidence-based psychotherapeutic interventions.

Pacifica’s clinical programs are WASC-accredited degrees that combine essential elements from psychodynamic, psychoanalytic, and Jungian approaches to contemporary clinical research and practice. Pacifica has offered a Ph.D. program in clinical psychology since 1987 and began offering a Psy.D. program in 2012.

When I was a student and later faculty at a large university, I thought my inner life and my professional life had to be divided. When I found Pacifica and our program, I was delighted to work in a place where we can openly integrate depth psychological principles in all aspects of our lives and work. It is this integration that I believe inspires us to be a community of students, faculty, and staff that share a commitment to tending the soul in and of the world.

—Oksana Yakushko, Ph.D., Program Chair

The dynamism and joy of this program has always been most vividly experienced for me through our offerings of enriched coursework, opportunities for collaborative and experiential learning, and an absolutely unique course of study that integrates professional counseling and marriage and family therapy with depth psychology."

—Willow Young, M.A., MFT
Jungian Analyst, Program Chair

Pacifica Graduate Institute’s Psy.D. and Ph.D. programs are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Department of Education to offer financial aid. Pacifica’s doctoral programs in Clinical Psychology are not accredited by the American Psychological Association.
Pacifica’s Depth Psychotherapy Program supports students in becoming leading 21st century clinicians and researchers by bridging developments in psychotherapy with the values of depth psychology. Faculty and students work to expand awareness of the unconscious dynamics and hidden depths of clients, themselves, the culture, and the world. Pacifica students help dream the field forward through scholarly research and clinical work that advances the frontiers of psychotherapy and serves our diverse multi-cultural world.

Evidence for the efficacy of depth psychological approaches is growing. The importance of the field is expanding as contemporary scholars extend their reach into systems and ecological thinking, neuroscience, and leading clinical research. Students examine the latest in affective neuroscience and embodied awareness, new approaches to individual and collective trauma, and the impact of global challenges.

The program is an advanced doctoral degree grounded in the traditions of Jungian, psychoanalytic, and archetypal psychology. Students are enriched by Pacifica’s commitment to interdisciplinary studies as they explore mythology, literature, philosophy, spiritual and healing traditions, and emerging science.

Through a rigorous process of engaged scholarship, students in the Somatic Studies concentration learn how to think deeply through and with the body, develop skills that strengthen their effectiveness as teachers and practitioners, and engage in transformative practices and fieldwork projects with the potential to change how we live in the world.

The Somatic Studies concentration is grounded in depth psychology with an emphasis on the unconscious, imagery, archetypes, and dreams. From that ground, we explore the intersections between body and psyche, connect image to sensation, and follow the dance of our dreams. We study the body’s role in the process of individuation, and consider how physical symptoms may speak for the soul.

From a somatic perspective, bodily experience is understood holistically—in relation to physical health, interpersonal relationships, the environment, sociocultural contexts, and spiritual domains. Working from this interdisciplinary umbrella allows us to draw from a range of practices, such as integrative medicine, shamanic traditions, and cultural studies. Students are drawn from diverse backgrounds in counseling, healthcare, and body work.

Psychotherapy should always be a craft of the heart more than of the head. A loving and containing presence will always have more curative effect than a well-crafted interpretation based on our theories. In that light, the core of all training is our continuing commitment to the adventure of self-awareness.”

—Allen Bishop, Ph.D.
Program Chair

Our body is our home, a treasure trove that houses our awareness. It is an exquisite vehicle that when well-tended will offer us direct access to the unconscious. In this program we learn to inhabit our bodies through a variety of experiential forms such as active imagination, dream work, movement, and meditation.”

—Cally Huttar, Ph.D.
Program Chair
This program is an in-depth engagement with the work of C.G. Jung and post-Jungians. It offers a container where students can explore, apply, and advance depth psychology—especially Jungian and archetypal studies—both personally and vocationally. The program is centered around the recognition that the theories and practices within the Jungian tradition continue to offer valuable insights and tools for working with the psyche beyond the analytic encounter.

The specialization surveys Jungian and archetypal theories and practices most applicable to healing, transformation, self-expression, creativity, and the development of consciousness. Students evaluate both the limitations and the potentials of Jungian psychology in contemporary contexts. Working together in a dynamic learning community, they advance, apply, and imagine new extensions for these theories and practices in the world.

This specialization is a bold initiative to forge interdisciplinary, transformative approaches to the individual, community, cultural, and ecological challenges of our time. While grounding students in the psychoanalytic, Jungian, archetypal, and phenomenological lineages of depth psychology, this specialization places Euro-American approaches to depth psychological theories and practices in dynamic dialogue with ecopsychology, cultural studies, and psychologies of liberation from diverse cultural settings.

To study community psychology in the light of liberation psychology is to commit to the exploration of the profound effects of injustice, violence, and the exploitation of others and nature on psychological, communal, and ecological well-being. It is a commitment to learn and create paths to peace, justice, and sustainability.

Praxis classes mentor students in a variety of approaches to working with groups: council/circle, appreciative inquiry, theater of the oppressed, public conversation, open space technology, community dream work, liberation arts, restorative justice, somatic approaches to trauma healing, conflict transformation, and imaginal and ritual approaches to community health and healing. Students will also gather the theoretical insight and practical skills to conduct participatory action research and community program evaluation.

By stimulating and supporting the rigorous scholarship and creative research of our students, we hope to further the crucial task of advancing depth psychological ideas and practices as catalysts for individual and cultural transformation."

—Keiron Le Grice, Ph.D.
Program Chair

To pursue individual, family, and community well-being, we must critically understand and address the impacts of injustice/justice, violence/peace, and environmental degradation/sustainability on the human psyche. Then we will be better able—in Freire’s words—to create ‘a world in which it will be easier to love.’"

—Susan James, Ph.D.
Program Co-Chair

—Nuria Ciofalo, Ph.D.
Program Co-Chair
For 20 years, Pacifica’s Mythological Studies Program has offered the only doctoral program in the country that investigates mythologies and cultural traditions through the lenses of religious studies, literature, and depth psychology. By discerning similarities in the world’s traditions, we uncover the common patterns in human life, as well as the diverse ways human beings live and make meaning of their experience. Our cultivation of the mythic imagination provides a capacity for self-understanding, as well as an understanding of cultures other than our own.

A faculty of distinguished scholars and inspired teachers attracts artists, writers, teachers, psychologists, pastoral counselors, executives, lawyers, and life-long learners who seek to understand and express the depths of the psyche. Students discover recurring mythic themes in classic and contemporary literature, theatre, film, music, philosophy, and popular culture. Fostering the confluence of scholarship and imagination, they develop as academic and creative writers.

The study of myth is interdisciplinary and multicultural. The program emphasizes the interpretative modes of depth psychology, and particularly the influences of C.G. Jung, Sigmund Freud, Marie-Louise von Franz, James Hillman, and Joseph Campbell.

At a fundamental level, to study the Humanities is to study being human by investigating literature, the arts, philosophy, history, religion, and other inherently human interests. Pacifica’s program in Engaged Humanities and the Creative Life goes further to examine how individuals can be active and powerful in the world through the study of creativity and culture. The program’s emphasis in depth psychology, which explores the creative unconscious, and its emphasis on arts practice make it unique.

The program has foundations in the humanities as engaged in making culture; depth psychology, which treats the psyche as a uniquely creative organ; and art-making as a way of developing the capacity to be human and engage with the world. In engaged humanities, we look at traditional subjects as interventions into key issues of our time. They include ecology, the future of spirituality, the role of myth in culture-making, healing, and technology.

Depth psychology offers methods for developing creativity and wholeness such as dream work and active imagination, while arts practice is attuned to developing the creativity so often ignored in modern life. Designed for anyone who wants to realize his or her creative potential, this program seeks out those who want to join a humanities program not so much of the world, but for it.

Myth has the power to exhilarate the creative energies of the psyche, catalyzing symbolic images that give life meaning. Engaging those energies during times of radical change, and continuing the inspired quest for myths to live by, is the mission of the Mythological Studies Program.

—Evans Lansing Smith, Ph.D.
Program Chair

Pacifica’s M.A. in Engaged Humanities and the Creative Life enables you to conceive and incubate your own creative project—either drawn from professional life in the world, or from your desire to live more authentically. Come and learn with us arts practice enhanced by the creative psyche and the ecological humanities.

—Susan Rowland, Ph.D.
Program Chair

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Director of Admissions

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