BACKGROUND

George Pepperdine founded Pepperdine University to provide students with a place to combine academic pursuits with Christian values. George Pepperdine grew up in Kansas where he started the Western Auto Supply Company in 1909 from a $5 investment in postage. In 1937 he founded George Pepperdine College with the original campus located in Los Angeles. Pepperdine College gained university status in 1971 when a school of law was added and the business and education departments became separate schools. The campus was moved to its present 830-acre location in Malibu in 1972.

Today, Pepperdine’s Malibu campus is consistently reviewed as one of the most beautiful in the nation. The small-town atmosphere of the city of Malibu allows students to study and learn in a safe environment while maintaining a close distance to the Greater Los Angeles area. However, it is not simply the location that makes Pepperdine University such a unique place to study. The total undergraduate population of Seaver College is approximately 3,000 students. Additionally, about 30 percent of our faculty live on campus, providing a unique living-learning environment. This walking tour will help you understand how our faculty, staff, and students utilize and enjoy the campus.

NOTE ABOUT OUR CAMPUS

The Malibu campus offers unparalleled natural beauty from every location and facility. The architecture of the campus was designed to blend into these natural surroundings and allow the ocean and the mountains to be the focus of campus, rather than just the backdrop. Enjoy the view!
A. Payson Library
Payson Library is the hub of Pepperdine undergraduate research and study. Payson has undergone recent renovations including beautiful new furniture, additional database resources, new computers, and wireless Internet access available across campus. Please explore the library facilities and take a look at the ocean view from various study locations.

B. Adamson Plaza
One of the student body’s favorite traditions is the Rock located in the Adamson Plaza. The Rock is decorated and painted often by student groups for such events as New Student Orientation, Greek rush events, birthdays, and concerts.

C. Tyler Campus Center
The Tyler Campus Center is the focal point of student activity throughout the school year. It holds the Sandbar lounge, student activities and government offices, bookstore, international programs office, and the Waves Cafe.

D. Sandbar
The Sandbar is our recently remodeled 24-hour student lounge. Inside, students can enjoy a drink from the Freshens Juice Bar, check their campus mailbox, or use one of the 16 computers in the cybercafe. The lounge also has a big screen TV and a stage for student performances such as the popular “Coffee House” talent nights.

E. Student Activities Office
The Student Activity Office oversees all clubs and organizations on campus. The Student Government Association and the Student Programming Board are located here. This office is also the home to the Pepperdine Volunteer Center, the Intercultural Affairs Office, the Career Center, and the Campus Ministry Office.

F. Campus Bookstore
From t-shirts and pens to folders and hats, the Pepperdine Bookstore is ready to outfit you as a future Wave. Stop by to pick up your first Pepperdine sweatshirt!

G. International Program Office
Nearly 60 percent of Pepperdine students participate in a study abroad program for a full academic year, a semester, or a summer term. The most popular programs offer residential programs where students live, eat, and study with fellow Pepperdine students in a Pepperdine-owned facility. Other programs offer in-depth cultural experiences with home stays. In addition to the residential programs, special interest programs vary in topic, length, and destination, ranging from such examples as a medical missions trip through the country of Honduras to a business tour of Asia.

H. Rockwell Dining Center
The Waves Cafe is Pepperdine's primary dining hall on campus. Additional smaller, quick-serve cafes are also located around campus for student use. Right next door, the Oasis is open later and serves quick meals and snacks. Feel free to stop into the cafe or come back later to enjoy a meal.

I. Stauffer Chapel
Pepperdine University is a Christian university affiliated with Churches of Christ. While not funded or run by Churches of Christ, Pepperdine takes its Christian heritage and Christian mission seriously by encouraging students’ academic preparation and spiritual development. Students attend 14 convocation/chapel events a semester, and complete three courses in religion during their time at Pepperdine. Please take a few minutes to enter the chapel and enjoy the magnificent stained glass window.

J. Lookout at the Front of Stauffer Chapel
The city of Malibu covers an area 26 miles long and one mile wide with a population of approximately 13,000. Malibu enjoys both the access to a major city and the natural beauty of the coastal location. In this setting, students are able to take advantage of the extensive career, weekend, and nightlife opportunities that Los Angeles provides while enjoying living and studying in the safe and relaxed Malibu environment. After your tour of Pepperdine, make sure you take a few minutes to explore the city of Malibu surrounding the Pepperdine campus.
K. JOSLYN PLAZA/ROCKWELL ACADEMIC CENTER
This area houses several centers for Pepperdine's main academic facilities and classrooms. As a liberal arts college, all students will enroll in course work from each of our eight academic divisions: Business Administration, Communication, Fine Arts, Humanities and Teacher Education, International Studies and Languages, Natural Science, Religion, and Social Science. Pepperdine offers personal interaction between students and professors with an average class size of around 17 students. Classes are never taught by teaching assistants or graduate students.

L. SMOthers THEATRE
Smothers Theatre is the only professional performing arts center in the city of Malibu. Pepperdine students enjoy performing or watching student-produced plays, musicals, and the annual Songfest and Dance in Flight productions, which are great opportunities for non-theatre majors to perform.

M. HOWARD A. WHITE CENTER
The Howard A. White Center is Pepperdine's 24-hour student center. The "HAWC" is an excellent place for late-night study sessions. Inside you will find study areas, a big screen TV, Ping-Pong, pool tables, and a computer lab. Take a quick look through the HAWC before continuing your tour.

N. RESIDENCE HALLS
Pepperdine's first-year residence halls provide an environment for students to meet people immediately and create a safe and encouraging home away from home on campus. Each of the 21 residence halls house 50 students. All residence halls are single sex and have visitation hours limiting visits by the opposite sex. Each suite has a shared living area, bathroom, and four double-occupancy bedrooms. Each room is equipped with basic cable and high-speed Internet access, as well as a micro-fridge. A shared washer/dryer is also installed in each hall. Additional housing for upperclassmen is available in the Rockwell Towers, Lovernich Residential Complex, and on the Drescher Graduate Campus.

O. SPORTING AREAS
*Observe from the residence hall road.*
Pepperdine athletic facilities have been the venue for major historic sporting events, as well as the set for various movies, commercials, and television shows. The Olympic-size swimming pool was used for the water polo events of the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympics. The tennis pavilion, baseball stadium, and track and field boast spectacular views. Pepperdine has 15 NCAA Division I varsity athletic programs that have won nine national championships. The Intramural/Recreation Office sponsors all non-intercollegiate athletic activities.

P. FIRESTONE FIELDHOUSE
*Observe from the residence hall road.*
Firestone Fieldhouse is used for major sporting events and the main 10 a.m. Wednesday Convocation. The fieldhouse is also the venue for concerts, homecoming events, intramurals, and club sport events.

Q. CENTER FOR COMMUNICATION AND BUSINESS
*Observe from the residence hall road.*
The Center for Communication and Business opened to classes in 2002. Along with lecture halls and offices, the facility is home to Pepperdine's own TV station, News Waves 26, which is broadcast to over 13,000 people in the Malibu and Calabasas area. The facility also houses our radio station, KWVS, and the newsroom for our award-winning student newspaper, the Graphic.