1942  Fairfield College of St. Robert Bellarmine, Inc. purchased two adjoining estates in Fairfield
      Fairfield College-Preparatory School opened classes in a four-year program
1945  Fairfield University was chartered on May 29 by the State of Connecticut to grant degrees
1947  First class of 303 male students was admitted to the College of Arts and Sciences
1949  College of Arts and Sciences was accredited by the State of Connecticut
      First summer session of undergraduate courses was held
1950  First graduate classes in education were held on a coeducational basis
      Education Program for teacher certification was accredited by the State of Connecticut
1951  First graduation class
1953  Fairfield University fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
1963  Graduate Department of Education became the Graduate School of Education
1966  Graduate School of Corporate and Political Communication opened
1970  Women were admitted to all undergraduate programs
      Undergraduate School of Nursing admitted its first class
1972  Center for Lifetime Learning offered its first courses
      Graduated first class of women
1975  Connecticut Center for Continuing Education became part of the University
1978  School of Business was established
1979  School of Continuing Education was established
1981  School of Business offered its first Master of Science degree program in Financial Management
1982  The Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions merged with The School of Continuing Education
      to form The School of Graduate and Continuing Education
1987  The School of Graduate and Continuing Education was separated into two schools: The School of
      Continuing Education and The Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions
1989  Acquired the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur property
1990  The Graduate School of Communication closed
1994  Acquired Bridgeport Engineering Institute
      Masters of Science in Nursing and Masters in Business Administration Program offered
1995  Accepted into Phi Beta Kappa
1997  Granted accreditation into the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International)
      Master of Arts offered in American Studies
1998  Master of Science offered in Management of Technology and in Software Engineering
1999  School of Engineering becomes a separate undergraduate school
2000  Master of Science offered in Mathematics
      School of Business named to honor Cablevision founder Charles F. Dolan
2002  School of Continuing Education was renamed to University College
2004  Fairfield University’s eighth President was installed
2008  MFA in Creative Writing launched
2009  Master’s in Communication offered
2010  Doctor of Nursing Practice offered
      Bellarmine Museum opened
2012  University College closed and part-time students matriculated into other colleges
2013  Master’s in Public Administration
2015  Rafferty Stadium Complex Opens