

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY



San Antonio, Texas

St. Mary's University, founded in 1852 by Society of Mary (Marianist) brothers and priests, was the first institution of higher learning in San Antonio and is the oldest Catholic university in Texas and the Southwest. Located on a 135-acre campus in northwest San Antonio, the institution offers a blend of historic beauty and modern facilities, and provides its faculty and students with a close-knit academic community.



Mission

St. Mary's University, as a Catholic Marianist University, fosters the formation of people in faith and educates leaders for the common good through community, integrated liberal arts and professional education, and academic excellence.

St. Mary's University's mission is deeply rooted in both the liberal arts and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, which informs the five fundamental characteristics of a Marianist education: formation in faith; integral quality education; family spirit; service, justice and peace, and integrity of creation; and adaptation and change. These characteristics are the foundation of a holistic educational experience designed to infuse students' professional training with an understanding of individual human development, community, the natural world and God. These, in turn, inspire human vocations, ethical engagement and action, and creativity.

Students at St. Mary's experience a nurturing and vibrant community atmosphere that encourages and facilitates community engagement, undergraduate and graduate research, comprehensive faculty mentoring, and service learning in San Antonio and around the world. That community experience is carried forward and manifested every year in the vocations and service of many alumni, a community of some 36,000, whose goal is to improve the human condition in the world.

Academic Programs

Committed to academic excellence and student outcomes, St. Mary's develops graduates who are ethical leaders prepared for success in their chosen vocation. For many graduates, their St. Mary's experience is a defining moment in their lives.

Academic achievement, sense of community and holistic learning are part of what sets a St. Mary's education apart. With an 11-to-1 student-to-faculty ratio, students receive personalized attention from dedicated faculty. At the heart of its undergraduate curriculum is the St. Mary's Core Curriculum, a unique set of courses that engages students in foundational questions of a liberal arts education. Undergraduate studies include humanities, sciences and business, with options to pursue graduate and doctoral degrees. To enhance their experience, students can participate in research, internships, study abroad and community engagement.

St. Mary's is a nationally recognized Hispanic-serving institution with a diverse student population of more than 3,500 — and about 2,300 undergraduate students — of all faiths and backgrounds. The University provides a quality Catholic education experience to students of the Southwest, as well as other states and nations. Its approximately 200 full-time faculty members are committed to student success in and out of the classroom. St. Mary's has four schools and 75 undergraduate, graduate and law programs, including one doctoral degree, five law programs and six graduate certificate options.

Each of the four schools — Greehey School of Business; Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; Science, Engineering and Technology; and the School of Law — is under the immediate direction of a Dean who is directly responsible to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for all academic matters within the Dean's school.

Two libraries support the University's academic mission and curriculum: the Louis J. Blume Library and the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, the largest legal information center in South Texas.



The **Greehey School of Business** offers a rich academic environment for students in which individualized experiences are designed to instill ethical leadership, technical excellence, global awareness, and professional orientation. The school's eight programs are supported through institutional dollars, and the nearly \$50 million endowment for the Greehey School of Business, which includes a \$25 million endowment from San Antonio businessman Bill Greehey. The school offers six undergraduate academic programs, (Accounting, Accounting and Data Analytics, Finance and Risk Management, International Business, Management, and Marketing), two graduate programs (Greehey MBA for Values-Driven Leaders and MBA for Professionals) and one certificate program in Business Intelligence that are designed to prepare students for real-world leadership in today's evolving global and technological business environment. The Greehey School of Business has been accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB) since 1997. Fewer than 7% of the world's business schools, and only about one-third of those in the U.S., have achieved this distinctive mark of quality.

The **College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences** is the University's largest school and is the cornerstone of the St. Mary's Catholic and Marianist liberal arts education. The college is home to more than 40% of the total undergraduate population and 70% of the graduate population. In addition to teaching courses within their disciplines, the faculty in the college teach approximately 90% of the courses in the St. Mary's Core Curriculum. The college is proud of the high participation rate of its

students and faculty in community engagement and leadership in their local communities. In an environment that fosters fellowship, understanding and real-world problem-solving, students learn to adapt to change and apply practical tools to global issues.

The college has undergraduate programs ranging from technically oriented fields such as Criminal Justice to highly creative specialties such as Art and Drama. In addition, there are graduate programs in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, with degrees leading to Master of Arts, Master of Science, Doctor of Philosophy and post-baccalaureate certificates.

The **School of Science, Engineering and Technology** offers a student-centered, service-oriented environment that encourages students to analyze problems through scientific inquiry within the framework of moral and ethical considerations. The school includes 19 undergraduate degree plan options, including seven majors in engineering fields, eight graduate programs and three post-baccalaureate certificates. The Biology degree has long been the largest and most popular major among undergraduate students due to the University's reputation and success in preparing them for professional schools. Historically, more than half of graduates who apply are admitted to medical and dental schools. Other programs include mechanical engineering, forensic science, cybersecurity, environmental science, and a new engineering science concentration in unmanned aerial vehicles.

The **School of Law** has been dedicated to educating successful and ethical attorneys. The curriculum mixes theory and real-world applications, enabling students to become professional leaders and effective advocates of legal and social justice. The Center for Legal and Social Justice houses a widely recognized clinical program that offers students of law valuable hands-on training and the opportunity to represent San Antonio's indigent and disadvantaged citizens. The School of Law hosts the Texas Fourth Court of Appeals every year in its courtroom, and the school's nationally ranked advocacy teams use it to hone their skill. In addition to the Juris Doctorate, the Law School offers three Master of Law degrees and a Master of Jurisprudence. There are numerous combined M.A./J.D. programs that permit students to simultaneously pursue a degree in law and develop substantive advanced knowledge in a specific discipline.

Academic Expansion and Innovation

The University is committed to academic excellence, and has worked hard to create new and innovative programs, provide support for faculty and student scholarly research, strengthen existing programs and secure funding for a number of key initiatives. All these initiatives are launched within the guiding framework of the institution's mission as a Catholic and Marianist University.

New Programs

St. Mary's University's academic excellence is reflected in its new undergraduate and graduate programs. In recent years the University has launched undergraduate programs in Bioinformatics, Forensic Science, Environmental Science, Software Engineering, Unmanned Aerial Systems, and Accounting and Data Analytics (Big Data), as well as master's degrees in Cybersecurity and Jurisprudence. St. Mary's is the first in Texas to offer a comprehensive Master of Cybersecurity and a

Master of Jurisprudence, and the first in San Antonio to offer a bachelor's degree in Big Data. Also new are several certificate programs in Cybersecurity, Business Intelligence and Dual-Credit Teaching.



Active Intellectual Climate

Scholarly inquiry and conversation are central to University life. The newly established Center for Catholic Studies enables faculty and students to explore social policy issues and examine the Catholic Church in society and culture, particularly as it relates to the Southwest region of the nation and its growing Hispanic population in the Church and other Christian religions.

Since acquiring *The Saint John's Bible* Heritage Edition in 2013, the University has launched the Escobedo *Saint John's Bible* Lecture Series, which allows St. Mary's to share the remarkable handwritten, hand-illustrated illuminations of the pages with faith communities across Texas. This lecture series, as well as the endowed MacTaggart Catholic Intellectual Tradition Series, the endowed Lin Great Speakers Series, and the annual Conference on Justice and Social Concerns, provide opportunities for ongoing open discussion of critical issues and greater learning opportunities for University constituencies and surrounding communities.

Faculty

The St. Mary's University faculty is accomplished, dedicated and much esteemed by students. Nearly 96% of the 200 full-time faculty members hold terminal degrees. The faculty is committed to being master teachers and mentoring students to apply their professional expertise in the world with excellence and ethical considerations, and for the common good. In addition, many faculty members are research scholars who publish regularly and are nationally regarded in their fields.

Student Success

St. Mary's is a nationally recognized liberal arts institution with a diverse but predominantly Hispanic and female student population of all faiths and backgrounds. The University is committed to creating a student experience that provides the St. Mary's edge: helping each student discover, affirm and cultivate his or her unique talents and gifts, and preparing each student to enter the world with the skills and motivation to make a difference.

STRIVE Center

STRIVE – Successful, Transformative Results from Innovative Vocational Experiences – Career Center. The Center engages campus and community partners to provide vocational and experiential education opportunities. These innovative programs engage alumni, parents, faculty, staff, employers and citizens of the community in strategic partnerships. Our educational purpose is to develop essential life skills and career competencies that bridge professionalism with character-driven values, to inspire students and alumni to pursue a successful career journey.

Academic Support

A central concern of St. Mary's is that students are academically successful and graduate in a timely fashion. The University's Four-Year Pledge is a successful tool for enhancing four-year graduation rates at the undergraduate level. St. Mary's four-year graduation rate for all first-time undergraduate students who entered in 2013 is 47.6%; and the six-year rate is 60%.

The Rattler Success Center is designed primarily for undergraduate students to help build community by offering professional advising, building student interaction, creating student opportunities and supporting student academic attainment through formal and informal programs and activities. The recently established Graduate Center for Excellence is a collaborative learning space designed exclusively for St. Mary's master's and doctoral students to collaborate with classmates and students from other disciplines.

Academic success is further enhanced through a first-year required academic and student life immersion program, the Rattler Success Center, and a formal faculty mentoring program for students.

Special programs feature a National Institutes of Health-funded Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) U*STAR Program — now in its 35th year — which introduces minority students to careers in the sciences and supports the education of the next generation of biomedical research scientists. St. Mary's is also the home of three federal TRIO programs: Upward Bound, McNair Scholars, and Student Support

Services. All three programs assist low-income, first-generation, minority students succeed in obtaining college-level and graduate-level education.

Service for the Common Good

A welcoming Marianist commitment to community infuses the entire student experience, and nearly 70% of students participate in service activities on the campus, in San Antonio, and beyond. The Carnegie Foundation granted St. Mary's its prestigious Community Engagement Classification for its institutional focus on community engagement and service, highlighting the University's commitment to its servant-leadership model and its expectation that students, faculty, staff and alumni be active and engaged citizens in their communities and the world.



Campus Life

Students are involved in some 90 organizations with a variety of interests: academic, cultural, honor societies, law, service and special interests. Developing leaders is an essential part of many of the student programs. Many of these skills are enhanced and utilized through additional training and a variety of student leadership positions, including Student Government Association, Marianist Leadership Program, Zaragoza Leaders (orientation leaders), President's Ambassadors and a host of other student intern positions on campus.

Student programming on campus is plentiful — live music performances, trivia contests, movies, cooking classes, open mic nights, murder-mystery dinners, NFL and NCAA football game watching gatherings,

and more. Rattler Weekends is a series of off-campus excursions that allow students to enjoy what San Antonio and the surrounding areas have to offer.

Sports

The University has 11 NCAA Division II intercollegiate teams. St. Mary's is proud of its student-athletes and claims six national NCAA Division II titles in basketball, baseball, softball (two), and golf (one individual and one academic). Varsity teams at St. Mary's participate in the Lone Star Conference and include baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's golf, softball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's tennis, and women's volleyball. Beginning this coming fall, Rattler Athletics will launch its Esports program, offering students the opportunity to compete in one of the world's fastest-growing industries — competitive computer gaming.

Strategic Plan

St. Mary's University's vision is, as a Catholic and Marianist University, to become one of the finest private universities in the region, a gateway for its graduates to professional lives as ethical leaders in Texas, the nation and the world.

The strategic plan, *Gateway: A Vision for St. Mary's University*, was launched in April 2013, soon after President Tom Mengler took office in summer 2012. The term Gateway signifies an entry point, a beginning and a pathway to a more significant stage. Gateway symbolizes and reaffirms the enduring role of St. Mary's as a Catholic and Marianist University, integrating the liberal arts with professional preparation for students to lead purposeful lives. Gateway conveys an image of students arriving at St. Mary's on individual paths, but joining a global family of men and women collaborating on behalf of the common good in service to God. Finally, Gateway evokes a dynamic vision, a strategic plan for a more vital and integrated role for St. Mary's as a partner in the future of San Antonio and the region.

A top institutional priority is to create a culture of excellence. This includes recruiting and retaining top students; strengthening and promoting the Catholic and Marianist tradition; advancing the academic mission; increasing fundraising support to the University; excellent strategic allocation and stewardship of resources; increasing financial and capital funding; and graduating ethical leaders who are highly sought after in the workplace after graduation.

Finances and The Defining Moment Comprehensive Campaign

The University's total operating budget is \$89 million. St. Mary's endowment as of Dec. 31, 2019, is some \$200 million, and over the past four years, the University has surpassed its campaign goal raising more than \$130 million in gifts and pledges. The University has extended the goal for its comprehensive campaign to raise \$150 million.

Additional Information

Accreditation

St. Mary's University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award B.A., B.B.A., B.S., L.L.M., M.A., M.B.A., M.Jur., M.P.A., M.S., J.D., and Ph.D. degrees.

Professional accreditations include those from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE), the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), the American Bar Association (ABA), and the American Association of Law Schools (AALS).

St. Mary's Campusology and Points of Pride

Academics

- Four academic schools – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; School of Science, Engineering and Technology; Greehey School of Business; and the School of Law
- more than 70 undergraduate, graduate and law programs featuring one doctoral degree, five law programs and six graduate certificate options
- 11:1 student-faculty ratio; 16 average class size
- \$2.5 million Student-Managed Investment Portfolio
- 1153 average SAT score; 23 average ACT score; and 3.66 average GPA
- 61% of incoming freshmen rank in top quarter of their class
- 16 Fulbright Scholars and Piper Professors since 1982
- 96% of full-time faculty have terminal degrees in their field of teaching
- 280 employers come to campus annually to recruit for jobs and internships
- 56% of students complete at least one internship
- 22 countries visited by St. Mary's students to study internationally over the past two years
- 100% acceptance rate for MARC Program students into Ph.D. programs since 2009
- Placement rates for students into medical and dental schools is consistently higher than the national and state placement rates
- 74% of graduates are employed or pursuing advanced degrees three months after graduation
- 80% of graduates are employed in positions that align with their life goals
- 36,000 make up the St. Mary's alumni network
- 390 living judges and elected officials are graduates of St. Mary's University

Campus Life

- 3,514 students – 2270 undergraduate, 1244 graduate and Ph.D. and law
- 1230 students live on campus in 12 residence halls
- 90 student organizations
- 11 Rattler NCAA Division II varsity sports, plus varsity-level Esports
- 5 national athletic championships – basketball, baseball, softball and golf
- One academic national championship – golf

- 189 student-athletes recognized as All-Americans
- 70% of student-athletes named to academic and athletic honor rolls
- 1,000 burgers served at the annual “Burgers with the Brothers” (Marianists)
- 675 participate in the biannual Continuing the Heritage Day of Service
- 600 participate in the annual St. Mary’s 5K Run for the Neighborhood
- 100,000 Oysters served at the annual Fiesta Oyster Bake attended by more than 70,000 patrons

Scholarships

- \$7 million raised from Fiesta Oyster Bake proceeds for scholarships
- 61% of the class of 2023 received federal or state grants
- \$8 million in scholarships awarded to the class of 2023
- \$10 million in merit and need-based aid offered annually to students
- \$32,650 average award

Points of Excellence and Recognitions

- *Money* magazine ranked St. Mary’s the top Catholic university in the Southwest and No. 26 of all Catholic institutions in its 2019 Best Colleges ranking. The magazine also ranked St. Mary’s the second-best university in San Antonio, seventh in Texas and No. 220 of 744 nationally. Schools were ranked based on quality of education, affordability and graduates’ job success.
- St. Mary’s was ranked second in the West region in the U.S. News & World Report in the Best Value Schools rankings. In its Best Colleges ranking, St. Mary’s tied for 10th of 128 universities in the West for academic quality, especially student outcomes. St. Mary’s has been included in the list of top-tier regional universities for 26 consecutive years.
- U.S. News & World Report introduced a new ranking for Top Performers on Social Mobility this year (2020) to evaluate which schools best serve underrepresented students. St. Mary’s tied for No. 22 in the West and ranked first in San Antonio in this analysis.
- St. Mary’s also tied for 6th among the Best Colleges for Veterans in the West in the U.S. News & World Report, in the ranking which includes schools that take part in federal initiatives to aid veterans and active-duty service members in funding their education.
- *Forbes* magazine ranked St. Mary’s 21st in Texas and No. 124 in the South last year (2019). The review of undergraduate institutions measures those that deliver the best academics, experiences, career successes and the lowest debt. *Forbes* includes only the top 15% of the 4,300 degree-granting postsecondary institutions in the U.S.
- Compared to other Texas colleges and universities, St. Mary’s University provides an education that ranks highly on its return on investment to students, according to the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce. The value of students’ investment in their education at St. Mary’s increases dramatically over time. Evaluating the investment 40 years from today earns St. Mary’s a spot among the top 15% of schools studied.
- The Brookings Institution gave St. Mary’s a score of 99 out of 100, making it the top university in San Antonio, second in Texas and 17th nationally for how well it prepares students for careers — ahead of Harvard, Notre Dame, Yale, Texas A&M and UT-Austin. Brookings uses government and private

data to analyze college value-added, considering the economic success of graduates — incomes, occupations and loan repayment rates.

- St. Mary's appears on national, Texas and Catholic Colleges of Distinction lists. An honor, not a ranking, Colleges of Distinction has been recognizing excellence in undergraduate higher education for more than 15 years. It focuses on four distinctions: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant community and successful outcomes.
- PayScale has repeatedly recognized St. Mary's for alumni with top salary potential in their careers, and this year (2019-2020) was no different. St. Mary's was again among Texas' top schools (No. 22) in the College Salary Report. PayScale also has St. Mary's ranked 415 overall out of 1,566 schools nationally.
- St. Mary's ranked second in the Southwest in the Best Colleges for the Money rankings by College Factual, affiliated with USA Today this year (2020). The University ranked in the top 15% of all schools in the nation in the Best for Veterans category and was in the top 5% in the nation for Best Value for Political Science and Business Administration programs.
- Niche ranked St. Mary's second of colleges in San Antonio and 14th of 79 Texas schools this year (2020). St. Mary's was also highly ranked among the Best Colleges in America, Best Catholic Colleges in America (34 of 164) and Best Value Colleges in America (189 of 1,592). Niche's overall rankings stem from federal data as well as student and alumni reviews to help get a clearer picture of each school's quality.
- The Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP) ranked St. Mary's Master of Industrial/Organizational Psychology program 11th overall out of 129 of the top master's programs in the nation affiliated with the society in 2018. The program, which provides students with a challenging curriculum and pairs students with alumni mentors to enhance their professional development, earned fifth in Applied Experiences for Students and 15th in Curriculum.

**About the Area:**

San Antonio is the seventh-largest city in the United States and the second-largest city in Texas, with a population of nearly 1.5 million residents. Located in the south-central region of Texas, the city serves as the seat of Bexar County. Despite its size, the city is known for its small town feel and friendly residents.

The jewel of the city is the River Walk, which runs through the downtown area. Lined with numerous shops, bars and restaurants, as well as the Arneson River Theater, this attraction is transformed into an impressive festival of lights during the Christmas and New Year holiday period, and is suffused with the local sounds of folklórico and flamenco music during the summer, particularly during celebrations such as the Fiesta Noche del Rio. The Alamo, located nearby, is Texas' top tourist attraction, while the River Walk is the second-most visited attraction. SeaWorld, located 16 miles west of downtown, is the No. 3 attraction. San Antonio is world famous for its Mexican, Tex-Mex and cosmopolitan cuisines at fine restaurants throughout the city. The San Antonio Missions National Historical Park was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2015.

In San Antonio, culture sings. We celebrate our rich heritage with vibrant parades, food-centric events and lively, local entertainment. We collect medals to show off our San Antonio pride. What started in 1891 as a way to honor the heroes from the Battle of the Alamo has transformed into city-wide party with a purpose, Fiesta. The St. Mary's Alumni Association hosts one of the largest Fiesta events on the University campus every spring. The Fiesta Oyster Bake, now more than 100 years old, raises funds for scholarships for St. Mary's students.

San Antonio has a strong military presence. It is home to Fort Sam Houston, Lackland Air Force Base, Randolph Air Force Base, and Brooks City-Base, with Camp Bullis and Camp Stanley outside the city. San Antonio is home to five Fortune 500 companies; to the South Texas Medical Center, the premiere medical research and care provider in the South Texas region; and to the San Antonio Military Medical Center, the largest inpatient medical facility of the Department of Defense. For more information on San Antonio please visit: www.sanantonio.gov; www.sachamber.org; or www.visitsanantonio.com.

As a Catholic and Marianist University, we are guided by the Characteristics of a Marianist Education, which call us to develop respect for the dignity of the person and educate for service, justice, and peace. St. Mary's University is a Hispanic-Serving Institution and an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants are welcome; we actively encourage minorities and women to apply.