

Samford University

FAITH & LEARNING



A NATIONAL PILLAR FOR EDUCATING WITH
STRENGTH AND PURPOSE SINCE 1841



ACADEMICS *built on* VISION

Students at Samford University gain an education that strengthens their minds, builds character and instills a deep sense of purpose in the world. Samford alumni have served as Supreme Court justices, acclaimed educators, faith leaders, Rhodes Scholars, Nobel Prize winners and in countless roles shaped by faith and learning.

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

Samford faculty publish groundbreaking research, earn prestigious fellowships, lead national professional organizations and serve in a variety of other ways. Most importantly, however, the heart of their work is Samford's students. Through intellectual leadership, meaningful professional connections and dedicated spiritual mentorship, they prepare our students to thrive.

FORMATIVE EXPERIENCES

Samford students grow through powerful experiences that range from research alongside professors to career-sparking internships to lab work, field work and study abroad programs. Samford's cutting-edge Center for Sports Analytics, for example, partners with professional organizations and equips students for high-impact careers.

97%

Of undergraduate alumni
are working or in further
study within six months of
graduation (2024)

14:1

Student-to-faculty ratio,
allowing individualized
support for every student

#3

In the Nation for
Career Preparation
(*The Wall Street Journal*, 2026)

DEDICATED SUPPORT

At Samford, our legacy of achievement is grounded in care for our students.

Senior McKinley Johnson experienced this through the guidance and support of her professors, who helped prepare her for a competitive internship with the Savannah Bananas baseball team. She credits the strong academic foundation and encouragement she received as key to her success. Their investment in her growth leaves her feeling confident and well prepared for the professional world ahead.

Through a commitment to student well-being, personalized faculty mentorship and a culture of generosity, Samford empowers every student to thrive.



Brock School of Business professors have given me advice on how to navigate this process and continually give me opportunities to grow my skills and stand out as an applicant in a competitive industry.”

MCKINLEY JOHNSON

Senior
Marketing



TRUE SAFETY

Tommy Taylor, the chief of police at Samford, demonstrates the commitment to student flourishing that defines Samford. As he walks the pathways of campus, greeting students by name and evaluating every element of student safety, he feels the full institutional support of a university guided by a shared vision.

“It is truly a blessing to see Samford students lifted up by a community that has their best interests at heart.”

TOMMY TAYLOR

Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety & Emergency Management

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

With 178 majors, minors and concentrations, Samford students are prepared for purpose and achievement in any field.

Majors that can also be pursued as minors are marked with an asterisk (*). Fast-Track programs are listed at the bottom of each school.

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

MAJORS

Architecture
Art
Christian Ministry
Commercial Music*
(concentrations available in Music Industry, Music Production, Performance and Songwriting)
Composition
Dance*

Game Design
Graphic Design
Instrumental Music Performance
Interior Design
Music*
Music and Worship
Music Education
(concentrations available in Instrumental Music and Vocal/Choral Music)
Musical Theatre
Organ Performance
Piano Performance
Piano Performance with Pedagogy Emphasis
Studio Art*
(concentrations available in Painting/Drawing and Sculpture)
Theatre*
(concentrations available in Acting and Directing and

Production Design and Technology)
Theatre for Youth: Performance and Teaching Artistry
Voice Performance
Worship Leadership*
(concentrations available in Ministry, Songwriting for Worship and Worship Production)

MINORS

Church and Culture
Film Production
Intercultural Engagement

FAST-TRACK

Master of Architecture (five years)

HOWARD COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

MAJORS

Biblical Studies*
Biochemistry
Biology*
Chemistry*
Christian and Religious Studies
(concentration available in Ministry Leadership)
Classics*
Communication Studies*
Computer Science*
(concentrations available in Computer Engineering, Cybersecurity and Software Engineering)
Engineering Physics
English*
(concentrations available in Writing and Film Studies)

Environmental Science
French*
Geography
(concentration available in Geographic Information Science)
German*
Global Studies*
Greek*
History*
International Relations
Journalism and Mass Communication
(concentrations available in Advertising, Broadcast and Electronic Journalism, Print Journalism and Public Relations)
Language and World Trade Latin*

Law and History
Law, Politics and Society
Marine Science*
Mathematics*
(concentration available in Data Science)
Neuroscience*
Philosophy*
Philosophy and Religion
Physics
Political Science*
Psychology*
Public Administration
Sociology*
Spanish*
World Languages and Literature

MINORS

Aerospace Studies
Asian Studies
Bioinformatics
Biology
Classical Civilization
Classics
Data Science
English
Environmental Studies
Film and Video Studies
Film Production
History
Latin American Studies
Medical Ethics
Ministry and Missions
Physics
Race, Ethnicity and Social Justice

Religion
Science and Religion
Sports Media
Theology and Ethics
Traditional Geography
Western Intellectual Tradition
World Languages and Cultures
Writing

FAST-TRACK

BA, Psychology to Master of Public Health (MPH)

BROCK SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

MAJORS

Accounting*
Brock Scholars
Economics*
Entrepreneurship*
Finance
Management
Marketing*

MINORS

Data Analytics
General Business
Social Entrepreneurship and Nonprofit Management

CONCENTRATIONS

Data Analytics
Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation
Professional Sales
Real Estate

Risk Management and Insurance
Social Entrepreneurship
Sports Marketing

FAST-TRACK

Master of Accountancy (MAcc) (five years)
Master of Business Administration (MBA) (fifth year) (concentration in Sports Business)

ORLEAN BEESON SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

MAJORS

Early Childhood Special Education, Elementary and Collaborative Education (ESEC) (Preschool-6th Grade)
Elementary Education
(concentration in Christian Education and Missions)
Human Development and Family Science*
(concentrations available in Child Development Education, Child Life and Gerontology)

Secondary Education (6th-12th grade) (content areas available for teacher certification, including English, French, German, Mathematics, Social Studies and Spanish)

FAST-TRACK

Human Development and Family Sciences majors can pursue accelerated programs:
3+3 Law Program
Divinity Fast-Track

Public Health Fast-Track
Social Work Fast-Track

BEESON DIVINITY SCHOOL

Fast-Track Master of Divinity (MDiv) (six years) built upon the following degrees:
BA, Christian Ministry (School of the Arts)

BA, Biblical Studies (Howard College of Arts and Sciences)
BA, Christian and Religious Studies (Howard College of Arts and Sciences)

BA, Christian and Religious Studies, Ministry Leadership (Howard College of Arts and Sciences)

BS, Human Development and Family Science (Orlean Beeson School of Education)

SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

MAJORS

Communication Sciences and Disorders*
Exercise Science
Health Sciences
Sport Administration
Sports Medicine

MINORS

Strength and Conditioning
Disability, Health and Physical Activity

CONCENTRATIONS

Disability, Health and Physical Activity

FAST-TRACK

Doctor of Physical Therapy (six years)
Master of Science in Speech-language Pathology

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW

A Juris Doctor (JD) degree can be pursued in conjunction with many programs through three years of undergraduate studies plus three years of graduate studies (3+3 law program). For more information, speak with your admission counselor.

JD/MAcc

JD/MBA

JD/MDiv

JD/Master of Public Administration

JD/Master of Public Health

JD/Master of Science in Environmental Management

JD/Master of Arts in Theological Studies

JD/Master of Laws

MOFFETT & SANDERS SCHOOL OF NURSING

MAJORS

Nursing (Traditional BSN)
Nursing (Second-Degree BSN)

McWHORTER SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

The prepharmacy curriculum allows students to complete the required prerequisites within two years before entering pharmacy school.

After completion of prerequisites, a Bachelor of Science in pharmacy studies is awarded after the second year of the Doctor of Pharmacy program.

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

MAJORS

Culinary and Wellness Nutrition Management
Healthcare Administration*
Nutrition and Dietetics
Public Health*

Religious Studies

BS, Culinary and Wellness Nutrition Management

BS, Global Studies

BS, Health Sciences

BS, Human Development and Family Science

BS/BA, Psychology

BS, Public Health

BA, Sociology

Complete your Master of Healthcare Administration degree (MHA) through our five year fast-track program built on a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration.

Complete your Master of Science in Nutrition with

a Dietetics Concentration through our five year Fast-Track program built on a BS in Nutrition and Dietetics.

Complete your Master of Public Health degree (MPH) through our five year fast-track program. Bachelor degree options include:

BS, Public Health

BA, Psychology

BA, Sociology

BS, Human Development and Family Science

BS, Health Sciences

BA, Biblical Studies
BA, Christian and

PREPROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISING AREAS

PROGRAMS

Pre-Athletic Training
Pre-Audiology
Prechiropractic
Predentistry

Pre-Engineering

Prelaw

Premedicine

Pre-Occupational Therapy

Pre-Optometry

Prephysical Therapy

Prepodiatry

Preveterinary

LEGACY OF IMPACT

Since its founding in 1841, Samford University has modeled academic achievement at the intersection of faith and learning.

1896

Samford demonstrates an early commitment to expanding access with its first female student, Anna Judge.

1961

Cumberland Law School is acquired by Samford, becoming part of its academic offerings.

1967

Samford's legacy of care expands again with its first full-time African American student, Audrey Gaston.

1984

Samford purchases the Daniel House in London, expanding its study abroad program.

2008

Samford joins the NCAA Division I Southern Conference, winning 87 conference championships to date.

2013

Samford forms the College of Health Sciences, offering career pathways in vital and fast-growing industries.

2022

The estate of Marvin Mann '54 honors Samford with a \$100 million gift, the largest single gift ever made to an institution of higher learning in Alabama.

2025

Samford completed a three-year campus plan focused on enhancing community, wellness and student support.

2026

The Wall Street Journal ranks Samford University among the top in the nation: #3 for Career Preparation, #5 for the Most Recommended Colleges and #7 for Student Learning Opportunities.

6,324

Students from 44 states, Puerto Rico and 16 countries

57,000+

Alumni shaping the world through their lives and careers

FRESHMAN ADMISSION TIMELINE

AUGUST 1

Application opens

NOVEMBER 1

Early Action application deadline
(Decision release begins
in early November)

DECEMBER 1

1st scholarship deadline

MID-DECEMBER

1st scholarship notification begins

FEBRUARY 15

FAFSA priority date &
2nd scholarship deadline

EARLY MARCH

Final Aid awards released &
Orientation registration opens

MAY 1

Samford decision deadline

ACADEMIC INDICATORS

THE MIDDLE 50% OF
INCOMING STUDENTS

ACT: 23-29

SAT: 1150-1380

GPA: 3.48-4.1

Samford University continues to
give freshman applicants the option
to be evaluated without a test score.

Learn more at

samford.edu/go/appoptions

SUPPORT *that* UNLOCKS POTENTIAL

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships and financial aid are a mark of Samford's investment in the potential of each student. We award aid to more than 90% of our students as part of our commitment to making life-changing Christian education accessible and available.

90%

Students receive
Samford aid

Crosland Scholarship — \$18,000 average award for academic achievement.

Davis Scholarship — \$2,000 annual scholarship for community engagement and service during high school.

Marion Scholarship — \$15,500 average award for embodying Samford values and having a positive community impact.

Marvin Mann Scholarships — Awards between \$1,000 and \$10,000 for National Merit finalists, students with financial hardship, legacy students and children of parents ordained in a Christian organization.

Ragland Scholars Program — This competitive four-year program for entering freshmen fosters academic, career and ethical excellence while encouraging social and civic responsibility. Scholars actively contribute to a Christ-centered, compassionate campus community as part of a cohort through participation in professional, social and spiritual development events and completion of a four-year ethical competency curriculum.

Need-Based Aid — FAFSA application submitted to Samford by February 15.

TRANSFORMATIVE STRATEGIC PLAN

"Fidelitas: Faith and Future"

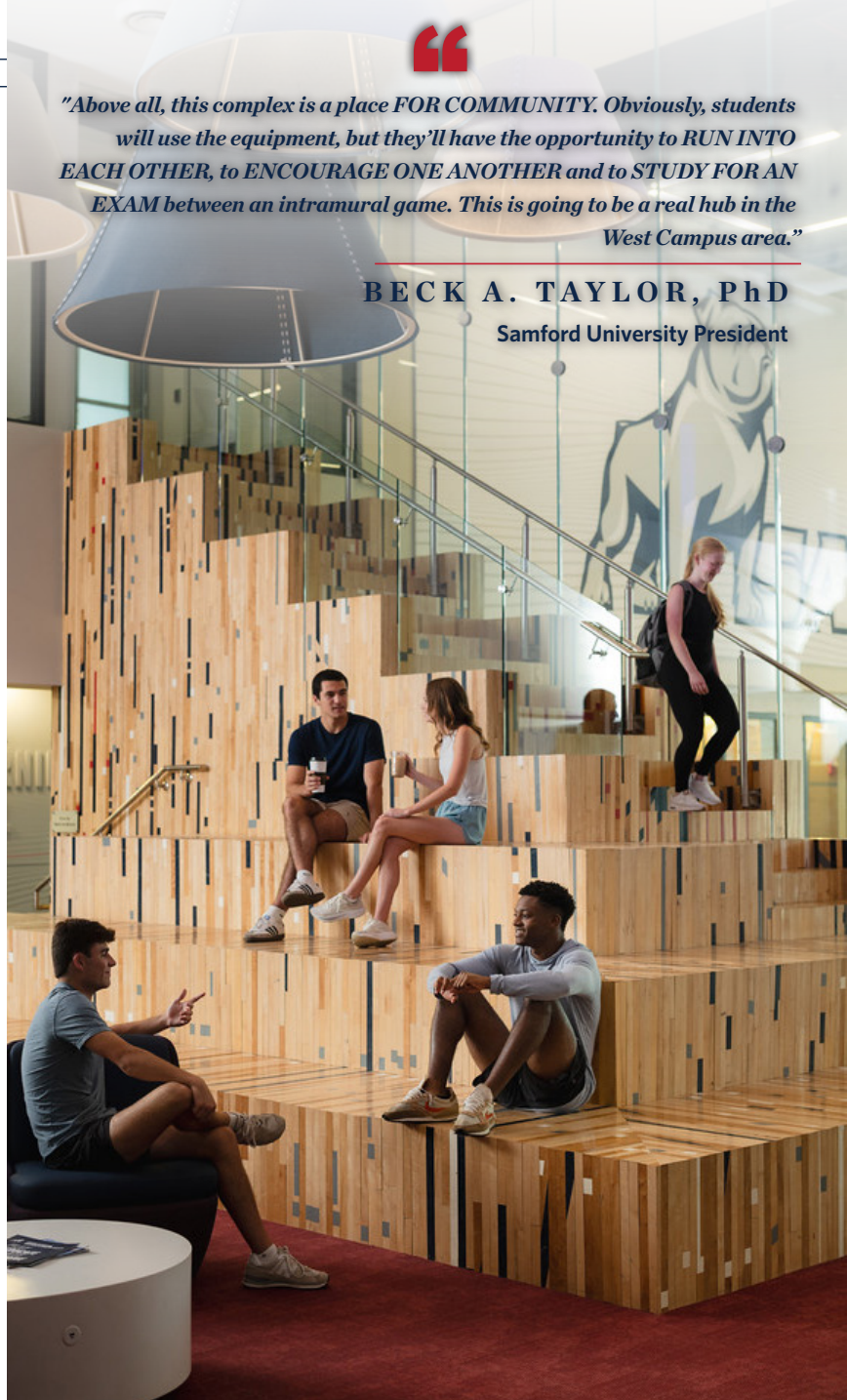
is Samford's ambitious strategic plan to become the school of choice among Christ-centered universities. Impacting every aspect of Samford, from academics to athletics to global influence, this comprehensive roadmap will propel the university to extraordinary heights over the next decade and beyond.

As part of this effort, Samford Horizons is an initiative focused on creating spaces that foster student growth and build lasting community. One of the signature projects of this plan is the new Recreation, Wellness and Athletic Complex, which serves as a central hub for connection, well-being and holistic development. In addition to this transformative facility, the initiative includes four new residence halls and expanded parking to support a vibrant and accessible campus experience.

Through initiatives like these, Samford is committed to preparing students to bring the wisdom of Scripture to tomorrow's greatest challenges while opening pathways to share the love of Christ with the world.

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Most Recommended Universities
(*The Wall Street Journal*, 2026)



"Above all, this complex is a place FOR COMMUNITY. Obviously, students will use the equipment, but they'll have the opportunity to RUN INTO EACH OTHER, to ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER and to STUDY FOR AN EXAM between an intramural game. This is going to be a real hub in the West Campus area."

BECK A. TAYLOR, PhD
Samford University President

INTENTIONAL SPACES, BUILT FOR YOU.

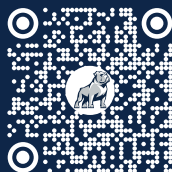
Learn about Samford's new \$65 million Recreation, Wellness and Athletic Complex, four state-of-the-art residence halls and expanded parking on campus. All of these projects are complete as of fall 2025.



A FUTURE *that* INSPIRES

When you refer a student to Samford, you invite them
into a future greater than they might ever imagine.

REFER A STUDENT TODAY.



Samford University®

100+

Student organizations
forging lifelong connections

#1

Graduation rate
in Alabama

19

Average undergraduate
class size

178

Majors, minors
and concentrations

#7

In the Nation for Student
Learning Opportunities
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17

Division I NCAA teams
(Nine women's and eight
men's teams)

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