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A National Pillar for Educating with Strength and Purpose Since 1841
A Legacy of Strength
for 175 years

“...My professors believed in me before I believed in myself. I entered Samford not knowing what I wanted to do, but I knew I was into writing. My professors took time to invest in me, I remember being told, ‘You’re a good writer, and if you work really hard, you can be an even better writer.’”

—Jon Acuff

From uncertainty about his path to writing and publishing five books, Jon Acuff’s excellence has been recognized on The New York Times best-seller list and by four million subscribers to his blog.

Samford recognizes strength (sometimes before you do), and will teach you the skills and discipline required to become the very best you.

60 members of U.S. Congress
8 state governors
Rhodes and Fulbright Scholars
4 Emmy and Grammy award-winning artists
Pulitzer Prize winners
Nobel Peace Prize winners

We cultivate greatness.

Jon Acuff
Samford Alumnus
The New York Times
Best-selling Author

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Step onto campus prepared to be challenged and Samford will immerse you in the experiences you need to enter the workplace on graduation day.

“The fact that as a freshman I could get hands-on experience writing for the newspaper, working on the yearbook or photographing for a sports team impressed me so much.

“My internship has not only equipped me with skills I will use in future employment, but it has pushed me to learn and grow in areas that I never thought were possible. And being able to start an internship my sophomore year is something that I consider invaluable.

“The school is so well balanced in every area and strives for excellence in all that it does. Samford does not back down from a challenge, but rises to meet it every time.”

- Taylor Glow

Samford gives opportunities for leadership. It is up to you to invest that opportunity in your future. Surrounded by classmates of this caliber, you leave campus prepared for a life of leadership.
A Pillar of Passion

Dr. Suresh Mathews
Samford Professor and Chair
Department of Nutrition and Dietetics,
School of Public Health

Your professors’ accomplishments are recognized across the globe.

Dr. Suresh Mathews’ research on insulin resistance has been awarded nearly five million dollars from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Dr. Amanda Howard has presented her research on foster care and adoption to the Australian Parliament. Dr. Joel Davis has had one of his musical compositions performed in Carnegie Hall.

Samford faculty could be anywhere in the world contributing to their field. They are at Samford because teaching the next generation of leaders is their passion. They know that students deeply engaged in learning go on to change their world.

#3 in the South for Commitment to Teaching
—U.S. News and World Report

96% of May undergraduate alumni were employed, in internships or pursuing continuing education within six months of graduation
Beauty Full

A campus rich with history, lush landscapes and Georgian Colonial architecture that delivers far more than the beauty that first meets the eye.

Samford's beauty inspires students from within and empowers them to deliver beauty beyond. Where there is influence, students ensure it is infused with humility and integrity. So too, ambition is balanced by grace and compassion.
Place Matters

During the day, intern among Birmingham's leading industries. From biomedical research to national banking, Samford's Birmingham location provides endless hands-on career opportunities during your time on campus.

On your off-hours, enjoy Oak Mountain State Park, Ruffner Mountain or Bessemer Fields in the city that boasts more green space per capita than any other in the nation.

Birmingham, Urban Elegance

Downtown Birmingham is a 10-minute drive from Samford. With friends or a Friday night date, take in live performances at the recently renovated Lyric Theatre or a film at the Alabama Theatre. Enjoy restaurants like Saw's BBQ, Taco Mama and Steel City Pops. Watch baseball at Birmingham's Regions Field.

Explore a historic city lined with urban elegance.
The hardest thing I’ve ever faced

“I recently lost my brother to childhood cancer. In the hardest thing I’ve ever faced in my life, all of Samford was there. Teachers, staff, sororities and students all loved me and my family. Dr. Phil Kimrey, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management, even flew to California for the funeral.

“Friends still stay up late and cry with me and point me to Scripture every time I doubt and question. They are there to remind me that the Lord is present and sovereign. I can’t imagine my life without this community.

“Samford taught us to live missionally right where we are. I want to go where the Lord wants me and where I can make a difference, because that’s what Samford does for us. We’ve been fostered to be people who desire to change the world.”

—Ashley Lyon

Ashley Lyon helped start a non-profit in honor of her brother. The Lyonhearted Foundation is committed to both providing hope and support to families of children with pediatric cancer and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Samford’s Christian faith is genuine. It goes to the core of every person and plays out in how students are supported and educated. Samford is preparing you for a legacy of success grounded in the Christian mission so that you might impact the world for Christ.

Bible studies • Mission trips • Worship nights
Small groups • Transport to local congregations

Your faith is nourished here.

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Called
in every
Generation

“Each of us explored where to receive the education needed to answer the Lord’s call. We each heard God speaking into our lives that He could use Samford to prepare us well for that which He’d called us to do. It’s been true.

Samford prepared each of us in our own generation for the work to which we were called.”

—Susan Doyle

50,000 alumni
87th-oldest institution of higher learning in the United States
17 decades

William Todd
Grandfather
Class of 1957

Susan Doyle
Mother
Class of 1980

Bailey Doyle
Daughter
Class of 2017

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Your Campus
Your Community

Step Sing
Step Sing is the musical tradition that begins on the steps of the old Bartow Hall in 1919. Today, it is over 1,000 students creating and performing with the musical performers for three nights to a sold-out crowd.

Christmas at Samford
An annual tradition that begins with a lively concert and celebrates the Christmas season with Natalie, music, food, and hot cocoa.

15 Greek Organizations
15 Greek Organizations dedication to the fraternities and sisters that exist on campus and beyond.

Athletic Opportunity
Twenty-five interscholastic sports teams and clubs on campus provide every athlete with a team.

Student Leadership
Student leaders are empowered to transform their community by practicing and integrating their faith, leadership, and service. They advocate for student voices, allocate student activity dollars, support student athletics, and implement positive changes each year.

Your School Your City
Kicked off the school year with a concert on the quad. Recent artists include Chris Cline, Squid, DeKalb Brothers, & the Neighbors, Sublime & the Lion, Phillip Phillips, Lecrae, and Mute Math.

Committed to Service
Students gave 927 hours of community service in 2019. Through annual campus-wide traditions like Student Athletes Action, partnerships with local faith-based organizations, and on-campus opportunities, Samford engages generously in the community and world.

Study Among Distinction
Four Years with the Boldest and Brightest Leaders.

Leaders surround you, not only in the classroom but in everything you do. Sports teams, performance groups, Bible studies or student government. Whatever your passion, our 110+ student organizations have like-minded leaders to support you.
“Samford sent me to London to work for a member of Parliament at one of the most significant moments in European history. Samford commits to our academic study, professional experience and individual growth. We’re preparing to make a mark of distinction on the world.

“You may be uncertain about what you want. But the moment you find it, Samford commits.”

―Austin Ferrer

Alumni live in 96 countries today
Ranked 30th in the nation for percentage of students studying abroad
–Institute for International Education

Make your mark.
Athletic Growth. Personal Growth.

“Samford pushes you to your limits. When I return to play with my national team in South Africa, I can see how I’ve grown as a soccer player. In the past, I’ve been limited by my talent. But at Samford, I’ve been taught that it’s not talent that matters. It’s working harder today than you did yesterday every single day.”

“The best part of playing soccer at Samford has been finding my identity in Christ. I know that sounds strange, you’d think it would be winning. But growing as a person has truly been the most important.”

—Jermaine Seaposewe

Tracy Oates
POLE VAULT
Senior
Foods and Nutrition
2016 U.S. Olympic Trials
2016 USFOA/XA All-Amercian First Team
NCAA Outdoor Championships 7th Place

Your Best is Harnessed Every Day.

“Everyone is there to support you. Going into NCAA championships, I hadn’t done my best, but my coach kept pushing me. I had the entire athletes’ department cheering me on when I finally qualified for the championships. No matter what sport you play the entire campus is behind you.”

—Tracy Oates

17 Division 1 sports
5 current NFL players
NCAA Division 1 national champion
31 conference championships since 2008
98% graduation rate among athletes

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The Feeling of Home

“Juliette is our third daughter to attend Samford. Our oldest started at a different school where I was always worried about her. I would go up every weekend and bring her home. We drove by Samford and I thought ‘What would it take to get her into that kind of school?’

“When Brittannie started at Samford it was everything we dreamed. We don’t have to worry about our girls, which takes a huge burden off the parent. Before we started at Samford we thought it was unapproachable. But now it’s like an extension of home. The professors are like an extension of the parents.

“When I go on campus I can talk to anyone. Walk anywhere. I’m not exaggerating. We don’t trust hardly anyone with our girls. But at Samford we know they are cared for and safe.”

- Cathy Stanley

“The community here is wonderful in so many ways. When we go to football games we go as a family with my parents, sisters, their husbands and even baby Josiah. Families aren’t just accepted on campus, they are welcomed and known. This is a family school. I love it.”

- Juliette Stanley

Homes are places of learning, growth, acceptance and community. Samford is proud to serve as home to students and their loved ones, embracing everyone who steps through its gates as family.

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A Pillar of Academic Excellence

Arts

Majors
- Art
- Composition
- Graphic Design
- Instrumental Music / Performance
- Interior Design
- Music
- Music and Worship
- Music (Education) (concentrations available in Instrumental Music and Vocal/Choral Music)

Minor:
- Art
- Dance
- Film Production
- Interdisciplinary Minor in the Arts
- Music
- Theatre
- Worship Leadership

Arts and Sciences

Majors
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Classics
- Communication Studies
- Computer Science
- Dual degree Engineering
- Engineering Physics
- English (concentrations available in Creative Writing and Film Studies)
- Environmental Science
- French
- Geography
- German
- Global Studies
- Greek
- History (concentrations available in Asian Studies and Legal Studies)
- International Relations
- Journalism and Mass Communication (concentrations available in Advertising, Broadcast and Electronic Journalism, Print Journalism and Public Relations)
- Language and World Trade

Latino American Studies
- Law, Politics and Society
- Marine Science
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Philosophy and Religion
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Religion (concentration available in Leadership and Organizations)
- Science and Religion (concentrations available in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, Pre-health and Religion)
- Sociology
- Spanish
- World Languages and Literature

Minors
- Asian Studies
- Bioinformatics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Classics
- Communication Studies
- Computer Science
- English
- Environmental Studies
- Film Production
- French
- Geographic Information Science Certificate
- Geography (Traditional)
- German
- History
- Latin
- Latin American Studies
- Marine Science
- Mathematics
- Medical Ethics
- Ministry and Missions
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religion
- Science and Religion
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Sports Media
- World Languages and Cultures
- Writing

Business

Majors
- Accounting
- Business
- Economics
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Marketing
- Management
- Marketing

Minors
- Economics
- Entrepreneurship
- General Business
- Marketing
- Social Entrepreneurship and Nonprofit Management

Concentrations
- Professional Sales
- Social Entrepreneurship
- Sports Marketing

Education

Majors
- Early Childhood Education / Early Childhood Special Education / Elementary Education / Elementary Collaborative Education / Elementary Education (concentration in Criminal Justice and Math)
- Human Development and Family Science (concentrations in Child Development, Education, Child Life and Gerontology)
- Secondary Education (6th-12th grade)

Minor
- Human Development and Family Science

Health Professions

Majors
- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Exercise Science
- Health Sciences
- Respiratory Care
- Sport Administration
- Sports Medicine

Minors
- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Sports and Recreation Ministry

Law

Minors
- Paralegal Studies

Nursing

Majors
- Nursing (B.S.N.)
- Nursing (Five Semester Second-degree B.S.N.)
- Nursing (Accelerated Second-degree B.S.N.)
- Nursing (Veterans B.S.N.)
- Nursing (Veterans Second-degree B.S.N.)
- Nursing (Veterans Accelerated Second-degree B.S.N.)

Pharmacy

Majors
- Foods and Nutrition
- Healthcare Administration
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Public Health

Minors
- Healthcare Administration
- Nutrition
- Public Health

Preprofessional Programs

Prebusiness
- Pre-architecture
- Pre-engineering
- Pre-dentistry
- Prelaw
- Premedicine
- Prepharmacy
- Prephysical therapy
- Preveterinary

Fast-track

3+3 Law (Curts Orulo and selected bachelor's degree)
2+4 Pharmacy (Doctor of Pharmacy with B.S. in Pharmacy Studies)
Fast-track Doctor of Physical Therapy and Exercise Science (BS)
Fast-track Master of Public Health and Sociology (BS)
Fast-track Master of Athletic Training and Health Sciences (BS)
Fast-track Master of Social Work and bachelor's degree in Foods and Nutrition, Global Studies, Health Sciences, Human Development and Family Science, Psychology, Religion or Sociology

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Take the First Step

SHOW US YOUR STRENGTH

Put Samford’s legacy of leadership, passion and power to the test. Samford is answering its call and changing the world. Samford knows excellence and will surround you with support. Invest your next four years in the education that will prepare you for success.

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