

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 mind, character and deep sense of purpose in the world. Samford alumni have served as Supreme Court justices, acclaimed educators, faith leaders, Rhodes Scholars, winners of the Nobel Prize 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 countless ways. But, 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%

**Samford students employed
or in further study within
six months of graduation**

14:1

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

#10

**Nationally in Career Preparation
(*The Wall Street Journal*, 2024)**

DEDICATED SUPPORT

At Samford, our history of achievement is rooted in care.

Samford's support connected senior Alyssa Ryals to a prestigious sports production internship. Impressed by Alyssa's work, the internship supervisor awarded her a trophy which is still sitting in the office of Samford's Center for Sports Analytics today. Because of the patience, faith and talent of Samford's faculty, Alyssa is prepared to pursue her dream of working for the Olympics.

Through investment in our students' health and growth, faculty who offer personal attention and a culture of generosity, Samford supports the growth of every student.



"I met my Samford community in the Sports Analytics program. Through their support, I gained the confidence to handle anything."

ALYSSA RYALS

Senior
Marketing



TRUE SAFETY

Tommy Taylor, 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

More than 180 majors, minors and concentrations prepare Samford students 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
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*
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*
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
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)

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
CONCENTRATIONS
Disability Studies

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 Administration
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*

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

MINORS

Health Informatics and Analytics
Nutrition

FAST-TRACK

Complete your Master of Social Work degree (MSW) through our five-year fast-track program. Bachelor degree options include:
BA, Biblical Studies
BA, Christian and Religious Studies

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 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

PREPROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISING AREAS

PROGRAMS

Predentistry
Pre-engineering
Prelaw
Premedicine

Pre-optometry
Pre-physician Assistant
Prephysical Therapy
Preveterinary
Pre-Athletic Training

Pre-Audiology
Pre-Chiropractic
Pre-Occupational Therapy
Pre-Podiatry
Pre-Speech-Language Pathology

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 DI Southern Conference, winning 80 conference championships to date.

2013

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

2022

The Wall Street Journal ranks Samford #1 in the Nation for Student Engagement. 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.

2024

The Wall Street Journal ranks Samford #10 in the Nation for Career Preparation, a key indicator of quality of career preparation provided to its students. Samford's three-year campus plan, Samford Horizons, continues on campus.

5,791

Students from 49 states and 19 countries

57,000+

Alumni shaping the world through their lives and careers

FRESHMAN ADMISSION TIMELINE

AUGUST 1

Application opens

NOVEMBER

Admission notification begins

DECEMBER 1

1st scholarship deadline

FEBRUARY 15

FAFSA priority date and
2nd scholarship deadline

MARCH 15

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



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 — \$17,500 average award for academic achievement.

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

Marion Scholarship — \$13,000 average award for embodying Samford values and positive community impact.

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

Ragland Scholars Program — A competitive four-year scholarship and cohort experience for student leaders interested in multicultural programs. For entering freshmen.

Need-Based Aid — Submit a FAFSA 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.

Faith is essential to this vision. Through learning, events and initiatives that strengthen the faith of students and faculty, we encourage our community to bring the wisdom of Scripture to tomorrow’s greatest challenges and open pathways to bring all people to the love of Christ.



With the new developments happening around campus, truthfully, I CANNOT THINK OF A BETTER TIME TO BE A SAMFORD BULLDOG. The commitment to the holistic well-being and personal growth by this place that we call home is just one of the many reasons why my decision to choose Samford is affirmed daily.”

JAMES JEFFERSON

Student Government

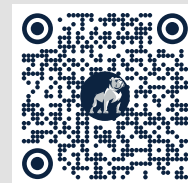
Association President

(2024-2025)



INTENTIONAL SPACES, BUILT FOR YOU.

Learn about Samford’s new \$65 million Recreation, Wellness and Athletic Complex, 513-bed residence hall and expanded parking on campus. All of these projects and more will be completed by 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

19

Average undergraduate
class size

1,481

Student Life events
every school year

87th

Oldest university in the U.S.
Founded as Howard College
in 1841 in Marion, Alabama

180+

Majors, minors
and concentrations

17

Division I NCAA Teams
(Nine Women's,
eight Men's Teams)

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