2025-26 Samford Essentials

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The rankings below are the most current available. Note that some rankings are no longer measured by *The Wall Street Journal*.

- Samford University garnered three top 10 national rankings in *The Wall Street Journal* 2026 Best Colleges in the U.S. list. The rankings include 3rd in the nation for career preparation, 5th in the nation for most recommended colleges and universities and 7th in the nation for the quality of learning opportunities provided to its students.
- *The Wall Street Journal* ranks Samford 3rd of all colleges and universities in the nation for the quality of career preparation provided to its students (2026).
- Samford ranked 5th in the nation for the most highly recommended by students and recent alumni by *The Wall Street Journal* (2026).
- The *Wall Street Journal* ranked Samford 7th in the nation for the quality of learning opportunities provided to its students (2026).
- Among all national colleges and universities, *The Wall Street Journal* ranked Samford 2nd in the nation for the quality of character development of its students (2025).
- 97% of undergraduate alumni are working or in further study within six months of graduation (2024).
- Samford was ranked by *Niche.com* as one of the top colleges and universities in the nation for "Most Conservative" as well as "Best Christian College" and with both rankings Samford is the highest ranked in Alabama.
- Samford is recognized as one of the most beautiful college campuses in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report* (2026).
- *U.S. News & World Report* recognizes Samford among the top universities in the country for Best Value and ranks it 35th nationally for Best Undergraduate Teaching (2026).
- Samford's athletic teams ranked among the highest scores for all Division I universities in the nation by earning a 97% Graduation Success Rate by the NCAA, alongside an impressive group of peer institutions.
- Samford is listed as one of the South's Best Colleges by the Princeton Review (2025).
- The Princeton Review listed Samford among the nation's best Green Colleges for superb sustainability practices, a strong foundation in sustainability education and a healthy quality of life for students on campus (2025).
- A total of $27.4 million in external funding was authorized to Samford faculty from federal, state, private industry, foundations and nonprofit funding sources in support of education, research and scholarly activities (2022-25).
- Samford's annual economic and fiscal impact on Alabama is $453.3 million, 2,635 jobs and $18.2 million in income and sales taxes, including more than $11.5 million in state tax revenues and nearly $6.7 million in local sales taxes (2021-22).
- The university is a net importer of human capital to both the state of Alabama as well as the Birmingham metropolitan area. According to a recent analysis, between 2014-24, 18% of all students whose home state was outside of Alabama decided to remain in Alabama employed or in graduate school after graduation. A significantly smaller percentage (9%) of students whose home state was Alabama elected to relocate outside of the state after graduating. Further, between 2014-24, 17% of all students who resided outside of the seven county Birmingham metropolitan area when they enrolled at Samford decided to remain in the Birmingham metropolitan area after graduation.
- Twenty percent of the total annual cost of operating our university is dependent on philanthropy. Simply put, one in every $5 needed to operate Samford and deliver our mission comes from faithful supporters like you.

President	Beck A. Taylor, PhD
Established	1841, 93rd-oldest university in the U.S.
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC)
Faculty (Fall 2025)	450 full-time teaching faculty (86% with terminal degree)
Enrollment (Fall 2025)	6,324 (4,370 undergraduate: 1,954 graduate/professional)
Entering freshman class (Fall 2025)	1,156
Freshman retention rate	92.2%
Entering freshman from out of state	75%
Student-to-faculty ratio	14:1
Alumni	59,257 worldwide
Campus size	247 acres
Endowment (June 2025)	$500.9 million
Geographic diversity of student body (Fall 2025)	44 states, Puerto Rico and 16 countries
Geographic diversity of alumni	56 countries
Athletics	17 NCAA Division I varsity sports
Average undergraduate class size	19
Undergraduate tuition and fees (2025-26)	$41,910
Degree programs	9 undergraduate; 31 graduate (22 distinct and 9 professional/doctoral)
Undergraduate majors, minors and concentrations	186
Graduate majors, minors and concentrations	65
Student life	57 student activities organized events 177 spiritual life events 216 undergraduate and graduate student organizations 35 residence halls 18 Greek-letter organizations 2,604 (60%) undergraduate students are involved in Greek life 18 club sports 24 intramural sports 130 cadres for spiritual growth
Undergraduate students living on campus	2,938
Samford Global	students and programs in or from 19 different countries on 6 continents (Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America)
Samford's annual fiscal and economic impact on Alabama (2021-22)	$453.3 million
Total number of full-time employees (September 2025)	1,021

Samford University

Mission
Samford University nurtures persons in their development of intellect, creativity, faith and personhood. As a Christian university, the community fosters academic, career and ethical competency while encouraging social and civic responsibility, and service to others.

Core Values
The Samford community values lifelong:
- belief in God, the Creator of the heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit
- engagement with the life and teachings of Jesus
- learning and responsible freedom of inquiry
- personal empowerment, accountability and responsibility
- vocational success and civic engagement
- spiritual growth and cultivation of physical well-being
- integrity, honesty and justice
- appreciation for diverse cultures and convictions
- stewardship of all resources
- service to God, to family, to one another and to the community

Vision
Anchored in Christian understanding, Samford University will be a diverse community, stressing vigorous learning and personal faith, in the Baptist tradition. Within that commonality, the community will be innovative in teaching, learning and research; sensitive to global issues; aggressive in self-assessment and continuous improvement. Faithful to its mission, Samford will be known and acknowledged worldwide by holding to its core values. The world will be better for it.

Honor Pledge
I believe that the members of the Samford community possess dignity and are worthy of honor. I understand that honoring others fosters academic achievement, personal growth and spiritual development. I commit to hold myself and my peers to the standards of conduct and academic integrity maintained by the university. To this, I pledge my sacred honor.

Strategic Plan
Samford is casting its eyes to the future with its comprehensive strategic plan, "*Fidelitas: Faith and Future.*" The plan was unanimously adopted by the Samford Board of Trustees in December 2022.

The strategic plan is aligned along eight themes:
- Academic Distinction
- Student Engagement
- Employee Elevation
- Faith Formation
- Community Celebration
- Athletic Success
- Financial Stewardship
- Global Influence

Schools

School of the Arts
Howard College of Arts and Sciences
Brock School of Business
Beeson Divinity School
Orlean Beeson School of Education
School of Health Professions
Cumberland School of Law
Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing
McWhorter School of Pharmacy
School of Public Health

Nondegree Programs

Academy of the Arts
Lay Academy of Theology
Ministry Training Institute
Pharmacy Technician Training Program

Academic Centers and Institutes

Andrews-White-Cooney Center for Sports Analytics
Center for Congregational Resources
Center for Children, Law and Ethics
Center for Science and Religion
Center for Women in Ministry
Center for Worship and the Arts
Experiential Learning and Simulation Center
Frances Marlin Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership
Healthcare Ethics and Law Institute
The Institute of Anglican Studies
Land Use & Natural Resources Law Center
Mann Institute for Christian Faith and Learning
Pharmaceutical Sciences Research Institute
The Robert Smith Jr. Preaching Institute

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Narratives

Short Version

Samford is one of the country's leading Christian universities and offers undergraduate programs grounded in the liberal arts as well as programs designed for career advancement through graduate studies, professional certifications and continuing education—offered in person or online.

Medium Version

Samford is a leading Christian university offering undergraduate programs grounded in the liberal arts with an array of nationally recognized graduate and professional schools. Founded in 1841, Samford is the 93rd-oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. Samford enrolls 6,324 students from 44 states, Puerto Rico and 16 countries in its 10 academic schools: arts, arts and sciences, business, divinity, education, health professions, law, nursing, pharmacy and public health. Samford is recognized as one of the most beautiful college campuses in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*, featuring rolling hills, meticulously maintained grounds and Georgian- Colonial architecture. Samford fields 17 athletic teams—eight men's and nine women's—that compete in the tradition-rich Southern Conference and ranks among the highest scores for all Division I universities in the nation by earning a 97% Graduation Success Rate by the NCAA, alongside an impressive group of peer institutions.

Long Version

Samford is a leading Christian university offering undergraduate programs grounded in the liberal arts with an array of nationally recognized graduate and professional schools. Founded in 1841, Samford is the 93rd-oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. Samford enrolls 6,324 students from 44 states, Puerto Rico and 16 countries in its 10 academic schools: arts, arts and sciences, business, divinity, education, health professions, law, nursing, pharmacy and public health. Samford is recognized as one of the most beautiful college campuses in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*, featuring rolling hills, meticulously maintained grounds and Georgian-Colonial architecture.

Samford's 59,257 alumni have included eight state governors, two U.S. Supreme Court justices, one Secretary of State, one Judge Advocate General, four Rhodes Scholars, multiple Emmy and Grammy award-winning artists, two national championship football coaches, and recipients of the Pulitzer and Nobel Peace Prizes. According to the U.S. House of Representatives Archives and the Biographical Directory of the U.S. Congress, 103 alumni have gone on to serve in the U.S. Congress.

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Institutional Profile

Samford University is a leading nationally ranked Christian university. Founded in 1841, Samford is the 93rd-oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. Located in the Birmingham, Alabama, suburb of Homewood, the university's campus covers approximately 247 acres and is renowned for its beauty and Georgian-Colonial style architecture. The university currently enrolls 6,324 students from 44 states, Puerto Rico and 16 countries. Samford is regularly recognized as one of the best Christian universities in the United States, receiving high marks for academic quality and value.

Samford offers undergraduate programs grounded in the liberal arts and a distinct blend of graduate and professional schools through 10 academic schools: arts, arts and sciences, business, divinity, education, health professions, law, nursing, pharmacy, and public health. The university has one of three accredited law schools and one of only two accredited pharmacy schools in Alabama. The university is classified by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education as a doctoral/professional institution and the student-to-faculty ratio is 14:1.

Samford's mission to nurture student development intellectually, ethically and spiritually is fostered through an array of opportunities, including 170 student organizations, global engagement in more than 19 different countries and dozens of courses that incorporate community service. Additionally, undergraduate students complete Samford's core curriculum, providing a well-rounded foundation in the liberal arts. The result is a highly-tailored educational experience that results in 97% of undergraduate alumni employed or in further study within six months of graduation.

Samford launched its comprehensive strategic plan in December 2022. The plan, "*Fidelitas: Faith and Future*," is aligned along eight themes: academic distinction, student engagement, employee elevation, faith formation, community celebration, athletic success, financial stewardship and global influence.

Based on the university's strategic plan, *Fidelitas*, the first phase of the campus master plan, Samford Horizons: A Blueprint for Tomorrow, was completed in the fall of 2025. The phase addressed the infrastructure needs for the entire campus, increased energy efficiency and campus-wide conservation. Phase one included the completion of a modernized dining hall in the University Center, the new Campus Recreation, Wellness and Athletics Complex, four new residence halls and a 550-space parking deck, which all came online in fall 2025. Samford is recognized as one of the most beautiful college campuses in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*, featuring rolling hills, meticulously maintained grounds and Georgian-Colonial architecture.

Samford maintains a strong endowment with investments totaling $539.7 million (December 2025), which helps support scholarships, study abroad opportunities, general operations and other programs. In addition to the main campus in Homewood, the university owns the Daniel House, a study center located in the heart of London, England near Kensington Park, as well as Finca de Samford, an international study center located in Costa Rica, for a unique work-and-serve cultural opportunity.

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The university fields 17 intercollegiate sports—eight men's and nine women's—that participate at the NCAA Division I level. The Samford Bulldogs have won 87 conference championships since joining the Southern Conference in 2008. Samford's athletic teams were ranked among the highest scores for all Division I universities in the nation by earning a 97% Graduation Success Rate by the NCAA, alongside an impressive group of peer institutions. Samford has a long history of performing among the nation's elite universities for its combination of excellence in academic and athletic performance and has consistently earned an overall GSR above 90% since 2012.

Samford Personas and Core Four Messaging Guide

ESTABLISHED LEADER

Powerful and assertive, driven by growth and being an industry leader.

Samford's character is rooted in strength and leadership.
Samford's 184-year history is one of academic excellence and leadership. As a private, Christian institution, we remain firmly rooted in our identity and mission while continually expanding educational opportunities and experiences for our students. Samford increases its influence by graduating students capable of addressing the profound challenges facing today's society. Samford's strong character positions us as a place of hope and as a guiding light for future generations of thoughtful leaders.

CLASSIC INSPIRER

Beautiful and refined, driven by experience, sophistication and beauty in all forms.

Samford's distinctive beauty inspires excellence.
At Samford, the beauty of God's creation that surrounds us inspires us to be our best selves. Beauty is found on our nationally recognized campus. It's in the architecture of our traditional brick buildings and our modern learning spaces. It's in the lush greenery of our 247-acre campus of rolling, tree-covered hills. Most importantly, beauty is found, and nurtured, within the hearts and minds of our students. Our learning environment enriches the spiritual, intellectual and social development of our community members. We manifest the beauty found at Samford by restoring hope to a broken world.

LOYAL SHEPHERD

Supportive and selfless, driven by compassion, warmth and the desire to care for others.

Samford builds strong, lasting relationships.
Samford is a welcoming and caring community. Christ's love and selfless example compel our culture of service and compassion. Community service, campus fellowship and classroom learning encourage us to focus our gifts on a world in need. Relationships develop and strengthen through research opportunities and scholarly collaboration between Samford faculty and students, and between Samford faculty and their colleagues around the world.

Core Four Key Messages

Robust Opportunity:

Samford is big enough for students to discover their full potential through a robust variety of opportunities for undergraduate and graduate degree options.

Evidence:
- 10 academic schools with 178 undergraduate and 65 graduate majors, minors and concentrations
- Online degrees and certifications
- 17 Division I athletic teams
- On-campus resident and Greek life experiences
- Spiritual growth
- Internships/career development

Intentional Connection:

Samford is small enough for personal interactions between students and professors that foster long-lasting relationships and interconnected community rooted in support and friendship.

Evidence:
- Small class size ratio (14:1)
- Professors know student's names and stories
- Alumni network
- Community engagement
- Facilities like the UC/Caf, and the Campus Recreation, Wellness and Athletics Complex that facilitate gatherings and connections

Renowned Excellence:

Excellence is at the heart of everything Samford offers, whether on or off campus. Whether it is in the classroom, on the playing field, studying abroad or enrolled in an online program, our commitment to excellence is reflected in everything we do.

Evidence:
- Nationally ranked by *The Wall Street Journal* and *U.S. News & World Report*
- 97% undergraduate alumni employed or pursuing graduate education within six months
- Campus life, athletics, academic quality

Foundational Faith:

Our Christian faith is at the core of who we are, our mission and our vision. Our Christian faith is unapologetically intertwined in every aspect of Samford University. From distinguished classroom curriculum to our competitive athletic programs, Christ is at the center of our mission: to develop our students faith, as much as their intellect and creativity.

Evidence:
- Convocation and other campus-led worship opportunities,
- Cadres and small groups
- Ranked 2nd in the nation for character development of students by WSJ (2025)

School of the Arts

Dean: Lance Beaumont, DMA

Established: 1915

Enrollment (Fall 2025): 628

Specialized Accreditation: National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) and National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST)

Mission

The School of the Arts prepares today's artist to shape tomorrow's world by inspiring artistry, promoting scholarship and realizing professionalism as we serve the community in the spirit of Christ.

Distinctions

- The Department of Art & Design offers programs in studio art, graphic design and game design.
- The Department of Architecture & Interior Design provides a degree in interior design and a five-year accelerated Master of Architecture degree.
- The Department of Theatre and Dance offers degrees in musical theatre, theatre, production design and technology, theatre for youth and dance, and students participate in six to eight mainstage performances each year.
- The Division of Music offers degrees in commercial music, composition, music education, music and worship and performance, and it hosts more than 150 student, faculty and guest artist events annually.
- The Department of Christian Ministry provides a major and two minors for students committed to ministry and disciple-making.
- At the 2023 state chapter of the International Interior Design Association Design Award celebration, Samford alumni, faculty and students received multiple awards, including special recognition to adjunct professor Jim Griffo, who was named to IIDA International's first Emeritus Class, a designation awarded to 19 of the institute's 15,000 members.
- Samford University and Miles College developed the MISA Collaborative as a cultural partnership, which has included a joint play, a mural project and an urban redevelopment plan.
- The Samford University A Cappella Choir swept the top awards at the CantaRode International Choir Festival in the Netherlands, winning first place among 13 choirs with a score of 95 out of 100, as well as the Audience Award and Best Conductor recognition for professor Philip Copeland.
- The world premiere of the opera *Dragon's Breath* was nationally recognized with the 2024 American Prize in Composition in the professional opera/theater/film/dance division.
- The School of the Arts' building, Buchanan Hall, completed a transformative 18-month renovation in spring 2022, including the addition of a new recording studio that allows students to mix and create music from scratch.
- Several students in the commercial music program have released singles and EPs recorded in the new studio, including sophomore Kacie Bell, who was the first to debut her song.
- Shannon Boutwell, a double major in violin and piano, was awarded a fellowship by the Becker Family Foundation.
- Joe Turner, a recent interior design graduate, collaborated with Crate & Barrel as one of their featured artists and had his work showcased in the *Architectural Digest Iconic Home,* a virtual show home in 2021.
- The Academy of the Arts enrolls approximately 1,200 Birmingham-area residents of all ages annually in arts enrichment programs and serves as a teaching lab for Samford students.
- The Ministry Training Institute, housed in the Department of Christian Ministry, serves more than 1,500 individuals in the ministerial community each year through 44 extension locations.
- Samford alumnus Bradyn Debysingh, '21, double-majoring in musical theatre and classics and a University Fellow, made his West End debut in *The Phantom of the Opera* at His Majesty's Theatre in London in 2025, performing the role of Ubaldo Piangi.

Degrees

BA, Christian ministry

BA, studio art

BA, commercial music (business, music production, performance and songwriting)

BA, dance

BA, music

BA, theatre

BA, theatre: concentration in acting and directing

BA, theatre: concentration in production design and technology

BA, worship leadership

BFA, graphic design

BFA, interior design

BFA, musical theatre

BFA, studio art

BFA, theatre for youth

BFA, musical theatre

BS, music (premedicine)

BM, composition

BM, performance (instrumental, organ, piano, piano with pedagogy, voice)

BM, music and worship

BME, music education (instrumental, vocal/choral)

BS, architecture

MArch, architecture

BS, game design

MM, (church music, piano, piano performance and pedagogy, instrumental performance and vocal performance)

MME, music education (traditional program, fifth-year nontraditional program, National Board Cohort program)

Minors

art, church and culture, commercial music, dance, film production, intercultural engagement, music, theatre, worship leadership

Howard College of Arts and Sciences

Dean: Dawn McCormack, PhD
Established: 1841
Enrollment (Fall 2025): 977

Mission
As the heart of Samford University, Howard College of Arts and Sciences inspires students to a lifetime of inquiry and service through engaged learning, faculty research and vocational discovery within the liberal arts and the Christian and intellectual traditions.

Distinctions

- Journalism and mass communication alumna Haley Sue Evans '22 gained Olympic experience working with NBC Sports at the 2024 Paris Olympics, continuing her career that began with NBC during the USFL's return to Birmingham. (2024)
- International relations alumna Mary Parker '24 was selected as a Fulbright Scholar for 2025 and is serving as a full-time English professor in Timor-Leste. (2024)
- Howard College announced the establishment of the Core Texts Abroad Endowed Scholarship to support student participation in the Core Texts London Program, an immersive summer experience for rising sophomores. (2025)
- Amanda Howard, associate professor of psychology, received the 2025 Outstanding Faculty Award, the college's longest-standing honor recognizing excellence in teaching, dedication to students and contributions to the academic community. (2025)
- Julianne Sandberg, associate professor of English, was named director of the J. Roderick Davis Lecture Series. (2025)
- Samford alumnus TJ Riggs '25 was honored by Amnesty International USA with the prestigious Death Penalty Abolition Award for his leadership in the fight to end capital punishment. (2025)
- Emily Hynds, associate dean of Howard College, was appointed executive director for faculty success to lead university-wide initiatives supporting and empowering faculty. (2025)
- The Birmingham Area Debate League, an outreach initiative of Howard College, celebrated its 30th anniversary with more than 200 students participating in monthly competitions. (2025)
- Samford University's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) earned its 12th consecutive Star Chapter Award from PRSSA National. (2025)
- Alumnus Bradyn Debysingh '21 made his West End debut as Ubaldo Piangi in The Phantom of the Opera in London. (2025)

Undergraduate Majors

Biblical Studies
Biochemistry
Biology
Chemistry
Christian and religious studies (ministry leadership)
Classics
Communication studies
Computer science
Engineering physics
English
Environmental science
French
Geography
Geography with GIS certificate
German
Global and cultural studies
Greek
History
International relations
Journalism and mass communication
Language and world trade
Latin
Latin American studies
Law and history
Law, politics and society
Marine science
Mathematics
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Philosophy and religion
Physics, BA
Physics, BS
Political science
Psychology, BA
Psychology, BS
Public administration
Science and religion
Sociology
Spanish
World languages and literature

Undergraduate Minors

Asian studies
Biblical studies
Bioinformatics
Biology
Chemistry
Classics
Communication studies
Computer science
English
Environmental studies
Film and video studies
Film production
French
Geography
German
Greek
History
Latin
Marine science
Mathematics
Medical ethics
Ministry and missions
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Physics
Political science
Psychology
Religion
Science and religion
Sociology
Spanish
Theology and ethics
World languages and literatures
Writing

Concentrations

Advertising
Broadcasting and electronic journalism
Creative writing
Film studies
Ministry leadership
Print journalism
Public relations

Certificates

Geographic information science

Graduate Programs

Master of Science in Environmental Health, Policy and Management*
Graduate Certificate in Environmental Studies*
Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems*

Joint Degrees

MSEM / JD (Cumberland School of Law)
MSEM / MBA (Brock School of Business)

*Offered online

See page 16 for the full list of accelerated pathways to graduate school available with our majors.

Brock School of Business

Dean: Marci S. Johns, JD (Interim)

Established: 1965

Enrollment (Fall 2025): 1,264

Specialized Accreditation: Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International (Less than 5% of the more than 15,000 business schools in the world have earned AACSB accreditation.)

Mission

Brock School of Business delivers lifelong education to its constituents through quality teaching, meaningful scholarship and servant relationships, imbued by its Christian commitment.

Distinctions

- Largest academic school on campus based on fall 2025 enrollment data.
- More than 90% of May undergraduate alumni are employed, attending graduate school or in a post-graduation internship within six months of graduation.
- Launched in 2012 as the first of its kind in the Southeast, the sports industry program in Brock School of Business allows students to add a sports marketing concentration to any major. It expanded in 2020 with an MBA concentration in sports business and in 2024 introduced the Fast Track in Sports Business, enabling students to earn both a BSBA and MBA in five years.
- The Center for Sports Analytics promotes the ethically centered, rational inquiry into issues at the intersection of big data, analytics and sports. The center provides a forum for students and industry professionals to learn about the increasing role of analytics in the global sports industry. The center mission encompasses all areas where analytics impacts sports including fan engagement, sponsorship, player tracking, sports medicine, sports media and operations.
- The M. Chad Trull/Krowten Capital Data and Sports Analytics Lab houses the Center for Sports Analytics, which allows students and industry professionals to explore the growing role of data in the global sports industry. Its mission spans all areas where analytics impacts sports, including fan engagement, sponsorship, player tracking, sports medicine, sports media and operations.
- The Bulldog Investment Fund is a portfolio valued at approximately $4 million that is managed exclusively by current business students. It is the largest student-managed fund in Alabama and is among the largest in the Southeast.
- Over the last decade, Samford's accounting program has ranked among the top 5% of programs nationwide by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) for first-time CPA exam pass rate.
- Sales Education Foundation (SEF) recognizes the professional sales concentration as a Top University Sales Program.
- The Samford Startup student business incubator is designed to offer a professional atmosphere for all Samford students who want to launch a new business.
- The Alfa Risk Management and Insurance Lab, provides a space for students to take a deep dive into real-world risk management and insurance data. The lab is a compliment to the risk management and insurance concentration for business majors.
- The Fairway Commercial Real Estate Lab is dedicated to students concentrating in real estate and provides a space for hands-on collaboration while they work on industry-related research projects.
- The Brock Scholars Program is the honors track of Samford's Brock School of Business for high-achieving students. Through mentorship, research, service and cultural experiences, the program fosters curiosity, equips students to create meaningful change and builds the skills to lead with purpose.
- The Brock Impact Investment Fund (BIIF) is a student-managed, donor-advised fund that empowers Samford business students to make venture capital-style investments in mission-driven enterprises worldwide, blending academic learning with real-world impact investing experience. In partnership with the Impact Foundation, the BIIF channels donor assets into Kingdom-focused businesses in underserved regions, creating lasting social, spiritual and economic transformation while preparing students for careers in private equity, venture capital and social enterprise.

Degrees

BA, economics

BSBA, (accounting, Brock Scholars, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, management, marketing)

MAcc, (accountancy)

MBA, (business administration, business administration with a concentration in data analytics, finance, sports business)

Concentrations (available for all business majors)

Data analytics, entrepreneurship and corporate innovation, professional sales, real estate, risk management and insurance, social entrepreneurship, sports marketing

Minors (available for nonbusiness majors)

Accounting, business, data analytics, economics, entrepreneurship, marketing, social entrepreneurship and nonprofit management

Joint Degrees

MAcc/JD (Cumberland School of Law)

MBA/MAcc

MBA/MDiv (Beeson Divinity School)

MBA/JD (Cumberland School of Law)

MBA/PharmD (McWhorter School of Pharmacy)

MBA/MSEM (Howard College of Arts and Sciences)

MBA/MHA (School of Public Health)

Fast Track

Professional Accountancy (MAcc and BSBA, accounting)

Sports Business (MBA and BSBA)

Academic Internship Program

Approximately 97% of all business undergraduate students complete at least one internship for academic credit. Students have been placed worldwide, including organizations such as the following:

Alabama Power
Alabama Sports Hall of Fame
Barfield, Murphy, Shank & Smith LLC (BMSS)
BBVA USA
Bham Now
Big Communications
Birmingham Christian Family Publications
Birmingham Legion FC
Bruno Event Team
Carr Riggs & Ingram LLC
Chick-fil-A
Children's Hospital Foundation
Christian Service Mission
Compassion International
Deloitte
Dent Moses
Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP
Ernst & Young
ESPN
Fireseeds
Forge
Founders Advisors
IMG Sports Marketing
Innovation Depot
Markstein Consulting
Merrill Lynch
Neverthirst
Pearce, Bevill, Leesburg, Moore PC
PricewaterhouseCoopers
Protective Life Corporation
Regions Financial Corporation
REVELXP
RSM
ServisFirst Bank
Shannon Waltchack Real Estate
Slappey Communications
Sony Music
State Farm
UBS Financial Services
United Way
Uptick Marketing
Warren Averett

Beeson Divinity School

Dean: Douglas A. Sweeney, PhD

Established: 1988

Enrollment (Fall 2025): 167

Specialized Accreditation: Association of Theological Schools (ATS)

Mission

The mission of Beeson Divinity School is to prepare God-called persons to serve as ministers in the church of Jesus Christ. We accomplish this by providing face-to-face, classical graduate theological education, worshiping the triune God and encouraging the practices of Christian spirituality in covenanted community.

Distinctions

- Nineteen Protestant denominations are represented among the faculty, staff and students.
- Divinity faculty believe theological education happens best face to face, and the student body is kept small (under 200 students) by design. The faculty-to-student ratio is 1:8. Every student takes part in a weekly faculty-led mentor group. Students, faculty and staff worship together every Tuesday and then share a common meal.
- The Global Center allows divinity students to participate in global Christianity by sending equipped students into every part of the world and by hosting speakers from around the world. Every MDiv student is required to participate in a cross-cultural ministry experience.
- 100% of full-time master's degree students receive scholarship assistance.
- The divinity school hosts four annual lectures: Biblical Studies Lectures, William E. Conger Lectures on Biblical Preaching, the Reformation Heritage Lectures and the Reformation Anglicanism Lecture, in addition to an annual preaching conference.
- Numerous divinity school faculty members published books recently, including Frank Thielman *(Paul, Apostle of Grace)*, Mark Gignilliat *(Reading the Old Testament as Christian Scripture,* co-author with Heath Thomas), Jonathan Linebaugh *(The Well That Washes What It Shows).*
- The divinity school offers three certificates to those MDiv students who complete the requirements: Anglican studies, missions and Wesleyan studies. Beeson also offers a concentration in apologetics for MDiv and MATS students.
- The divinity school's Andrew Gerow Hodges Chapel was consecrated as a hallowed place of worship in 1995 and is dedicated to the glory of the living Triune God for the service of His church and the furtherance of His kingdom. This chapel is spoken of as "A Sermon in Stone" for its Gospel witness through sacred art and architecture to the Samford community, the greater Birmingham community and the far-reaching places of the world.
- The Institute of Anglican Studies at Beeson Divinity School builds the Anglican Communion by helping educate students and the public in the riches of the Anglican tradition.
- The Robert Smith Jr. Preaching Institute at Beeson Divinity School exists to serve and strengthen the whole person in relation to God, the church, other preachers and the world for faithful proclamation of God's Word. It seeks to do this by increasing knowledge and understanding as a preacher, deepening formation as a Christian and preacher, and strengthening competence and skill in the practice of preaching. The Lilly Endowment Inc. awarded Samford a $1.2 million grant for The Spirit and Power Preaching Project, which is coordinated by the Robert Smith Jr. Preaching Institute. The project offers opportunities for both divinity students and undergraduate students to improve their preaching, as well as offering opportunities to sharpen those who are already preaching.
- Beeson's Lay Academy of Theology provides continuing education for ministers and laity taught by Beeson faculty.
- The Center for Women in Ministry at Beeson exists to encourage and equip women called to Christian ministry and to serve as a resource for the church of Jesus Christ for the edification of the church and for the thriving of women in ministry.
- Beeson recently received a generous donation from an anonymous donor allowing the school to award several full-tuition scholarships to new students, beginning in the 2025-26 academic year.

Degrees	Joint Degrees
MDiv	MDiv/MBA (Brock School of Business)
MACC	MATS/JD (Cumberland School of Law)
MATS	MDiv/JD (Cumberland School of Law)
ThM	MATS/MSW (School of Public Health)
PhD	MDiv/MSW (School of Public Health)

Orlean Beeson School of Education

Dean: Anna McEwan, PhD

Established: 1915

Enrollment (Fall 2025): 637

Specialized Accreditation: Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)

Mission

Orlean Beeson School of Education enriches the community and empowers its students to educate, lead and serve.

Distinctions

- The Human Development and Family Science undergraduate program is an NCFR CFLE-approved program offering course work covering the content required for the Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) designation. Graduates of NCFR CFLE-approved programs qualify to apply for the CFLE designation via the CFLE-approved program process.
- The Department of Teacher Education offers the only undergraduate major in Alabama with four different teaching certifications within the program. Graduates are certified in early childhood education, early childhood special education, elementary education and elementary collaborative special education.
- 100% of May 2024 teacher education and human development and family science graduates were employed or enrolled in graduate study within six months of graduation.
- 100% of human development and family science students conduct original research projects.
- Teacher education students have the opportunity to gain 1,000+ hours of field experience and 600+ hours of internship experience.
- 100% of degree programs incorporate character, ethics and virtues education.
- Clara Gerhardt, professor of human development and family science, received the 2013 Certified Family Life Educator Award from the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR). She has authored two textbooks and currently serves in the endowed position of Distinguished Beeson Professor in Orlean Beeson School of Education.
- Among our alumni: 19+ superintendents, 70+ assistant superintendents and district leaders, 80+ principals, three Milken Educator Award winners.
- The majority of Alabama's school superintendents with doctoral degrees earned them from Orlean Beeson School of Education.
- Human Development and Family Science students have the opportunity to gain 50 hours of service learning experience, 80 hours of community service and 125 hours of practicum.
- The teacher education program is the first undergraduate program in the United States to earn affiliation with the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC).
- The school's undergraduate and graduate teacher preparation programs have been recognized by the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) as among the best in the nation in their new report, Teacher Prep Review: Strengthening Elementary Reading Instruction. Samford is one of only two schools in the United States to have earned an A+ distinction for preparing aspiring teachers in the most effective methods for teaching reading.
- 100% of Instructional Leadership candidates are assigned professional mentors during completion of their master's degree.
- In March 2024, the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) released a Clinical Practice Framework, grounded in research and perspectives from the field of education, which details six focus areas that contribute to a strong clinical experience for future teachers. Samford's School of Education was featured twice in the NCTQ action guide, recognized for its excellence in offering clinical internships and hands-on teacher training opportunities. The school was specifically highlighted for its early field experiences and for embedding fieldwork in local schools, a key component of effective teacher preparation.
- Recognized by the Association of Teacher Educators with the Billy G. Dixon Distinguished Program in Teacher Education award (2025).
- Earned top marks from the National Council on Teacher Quality for clinical internships and hands-on teacher preparation (2024) and for exemplary reading-instruction training (2023).
- Formally affiliated with the International Multi-Sensory Structured Language Education Council (2023).
- Received national recognition from the International Literacy Association for preparing literacy professionals (2025).
- The teacher education programs are all nationally recognized by the Specialized Professional Associations (SPA) or approved by the Alabama State Department of Education, Continuous Improvement in Educator Preparation.

Degrees

BA, human development and family science (traditional day program and online)

BSE, early childhood, special education, elementary, elementary collaborative (P-6th grade)

BSE, elementary education with a concentration in Christian education and missions (K-6th grade)

BSE, secondary education (6th–12th grade)

MSE, instructional leadership

18-hour certification, instructional leadership*

MSE, elementary education, alternative class A**

MSE, K-12 collaborative special education, alternative class A **

MSE, secondary education, alternative class A**

MSOL, organizational leadership (this is an online program)

EdS, instructional leadership

EdD, educational and organizational leadership*

*components online or entirely online
**Hybrid delivery

Concentration (available for elementary education majors)

Christian education and missions

Degree areas (available for human development and family science majors)

Child development education, child life, gerontology.

Accelerated programs (available for human development and family sciences majors)

3+3 law program

Divinity fast track

Public health fast track

Social work fast track

Minor (available for all majors)

Human development and family science

School of Health Professions

Interim Dean: John Petrella, PhD

Established: 2013

Enrollment (Fall 2025): 827

Specialized Accreditation: Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) for the Speech-language Pathology program.

Accreditation: Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA)

Mission
The School of Health Professions prepares leaders in a Christian environment who promote health, wellness and quality of life through excellence in professionalism, scholarship and service.

Distinctions

- The School of Health Professions offers an array of baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degrees that make up a major portion of the health care workforce.
- The school provides a number of prehealth profession majors to prepare students for graduate and professional programs, including medicine, physician assistant, occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech pathology, most of which are listed in the top 25 on the 2025 *U.S. News & World Report* list of 100 Best Jobs in the United States.
- Interprofessional education is an integral component of the curriculum for all majors within the school.
- 98% of health professions graduates are employed or in graduate programs within 6 months of graduation (most recent survey).
- 100% of graduate students participate in service learning projects locally, nationally and around the world.
- Students have traveled to 15 different countries since 2016 to participate in service-related course work.
- The school's human performance labs contain state-of-the-art equipment that allows students to apply health and performance principles in practice settings such as the SamFit Community Testing Program.
- Research performed at the undergraduate level has resulted in more than 140 project presentations being presented at state, regional, national and international conferences. Seventeen student projects were published in peer-reviewed journals.
- The school offers a fast-track Doctor of Physical Therapy program and a fast-track Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program.
- The school offers three highly competitive graduate programs: Doctor of Physical Therapy, Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies, Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology, Master of Science in Performace and Applied Sport Science.
- 100% of speech-pathology students passed the licensure exam in 2024-25.
- Over the past two years, the ultimate pass rate on the licensure exam for Doctor of Physical Therapy students was 100%.
- Over the past two years, the first-time pass rate on the licensure exam for PA students was 97%.
- The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders launced the Listening and Spoken Language Focused Study Initiative, or LSL-FSI, made possible by a generous gift from the Hill family.
- The Office of Faith and Health orients students to the purpose and calling behind their chosen profession by intentionally incorporating faith into their education.

Degrees

BS, communication sciences and disorders

BS, exercise science

BS, health sciences

BS, sport administration

BS, sports medicine

MSPAS (physician assistant studies)

MSSLP (speech-language pathology)

DPT (physical therapy)

MSPASS (performance & applied sport science)

Minors

Communication sciences and disorders

Strength and conditioning

Disability, health and physical activity

Fast Track

DPT and BS, exercise science

MSSLP and BS, communication sciences and disorders

Cumberland School of Law

Dean: Blake Hudson, JD

Established: 1847

Enrollment (Fall 2025): 501

Specialized Accreditation: American Bar Association and Association of American Law Schools (AALS). The health law and compliance program is accredited by the Compliance Certification Board (CCB).

Member: Association of American Law Schools

Mission
Cumberland School of Law educates a diverse community of students with knowledge and practical skills, equipping them to become highly competent, ethical lawyers committed to professionalism and public service.

Distinctions

- Cumberland School of Law celebrated its 175th anniversary in 2022, making it one of the nation's oldest law schools.
- Cumberland School of Law is ranked 4th in the nation for trial advocacy by *U.S. News & World Report* (2025).
- The law school ranked 5th in the nation for best quality of life and 9th in the nation for best resources for women by the Princeton Review (2025).
- Cumberland School of Law's National Trial Team is ranked 4th in the nation in the Trial Competition Performance Rankings overall since 2016 and 2nd in the national Gavel Rankings overall since 2019.
- In 2025, the American Bar Association ranked Cumberland School of Law 6th in the nation for Top Competition Champions in ADR and Moot Court.
- 35+ student organizations
- 95% employment rate (Class of 2024, 10 months after graduation, who are not pursuing a graduate degree)
- In 2024-25, Cumberland students served 281 clients through legal clinics.
- The Cumberland Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic has provided free legal assistance to nearly 900 veteran clients since the clinic launched in 2020.
- In 2025, Cumberland School of Law launched the Land Use & Natural Resources Law Center which will focus on preparing students to navigate the legal and policy challenges that come with balancing conservation, land development, environmental protection and economic growth.
- In 2025, Cumberland School of Law launched its Cumberland Connection Program, an immersive introduction to law school and the legal profession. The weeklong program gives undergraduate college students who may be interested in law, but unfamiliar with the legal profession, early access to the tools, resources and relationships that support success in legal education.
- Cumberland's online Master of Studies in Law (MSL) for nonlawyers is listed by the Princeton Review in their 2025 list of Best Online Master of Studies in Law Programs.
- Cumberland School of Law holds 3+3 partnerships with undergraduate prelaw programs at Samford University, Austin Peay State University, Oakwood University, Troy University, Tuskegee University and the University of Montevallo. These partnerships provide aspiring lawyers the opportunity to accelerate their undergraduate and law degree tracks, allowing them to earn their bachelor's and Juris Doctor in six years rather than the traditional seven.

Degrees

JD

LLM (for lawyers)*

MSL (for non-lawyers)*

*online programs

Concentrations for LLM and MSL

Financial services regulatory compliance, health law and compliance, higher education law and compliance, and legal operations

Joint Degrees*

JD/MAcc (Brock School of Business)

JD/MBA (Brock School of Business)

JD/MDiv (Beeson Divinity School)

JD/MATS (Beeson Divinity School)

JD/MPA (School of Social and Behavioral Sciences at University of Alabama at Birmingham)

JD/MPH (School of Public Health at University of Alabama at Birmingham)

JD/MSEM (Howard College of Arts and Sciences)

JD/LLM

*Most can be completed in as little as three years.

Civil Clinics

Cooney Contracts and Risk Management Clinic

Cumberland Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic

Medical Legal Partnership Clinic

Criminal Clinics

Capital Defense Clinic

Criminal Appeals Clinic

Cumberland Innocence Clinic

Cumberland Parole Clinic

International Programs

- Summer Study Abroad Programs in Cambridge, England, Edinburgh, Scotland, and Reykjavik, Iceland
- Exchange Program with the Norwich Law School at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, England

Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing

Ralph W. Beeson Dean and Professor: Melondie R. Carter, PhD, RN

Established: 1922

Enrollment (Fall 2025): 685

Specialized Accreditation: Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA)

Mission

Our mission is to prepare caring, competent and compassionate graduates with a commitment to service, scholarship, lifelong learning and professional practice by providing a quality nursing education in a nurturing Christian environment.

Distinctions

- The nursing school is a designated a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education for creating environments that promote the pedagogical expertise of faculty by the National League for Nursing (2017, 2021).
- National certification pass rates for all graduate programs consistently exceed national averages.
- Ranked 48th Best College for Nursing in America by Niche (2023).
- The nursing school was the first program in Alabama to achieve national accreditation and has remained fully accredited throughout its existence.
- 96% of May 2024 BSN graduates achieved employment at graduation.
- Since 2003, Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing has utilized more than $25 million in grant funding from HRSA (the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration) to prepare more than 700 nurse educators.
- From high fidelity simulations to inpatient acute care, students participate in extensive clinical experiences in more than 1,320 sites in 37 states.
- Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing launched the school's first residency program in 2020 utilizing a $3.5 million Advanced Nursing Education—Nurse Practitioner Residency Grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration. In 2023, the school received an additional $2.6 million in grant funding to further enhance the program.
- The nurse anesthesia program has recorded a 1.37% attrition rate over the past five years. All alumni say they would choose Samford again, and 100% of employers report they would hire another program graduate, based on a five-year average.
- 100% pass rates for its Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) national certification exam for 2024 graduates
- Certification pass rate for psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner program was 100% (2022).
- Certification pass rate for the nurse anesthesia program for first-time test takers is 91.5% (5-year average).
- The Baccalaureate Degree Program in Nursing, Master's Degree Program in Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program and Post-Graduate APRN Certificate Program at Samford University's Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education *(https://www.ccneaccreditation.org)* and has received a 10-year accreditation — the maximum term awarded by CCNE.
- Samford's Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing was named one of The Princeton Review's 2025 Best Online Nursing Master's Programs.
- 100% NCLEX National Licensure Exam (2024 BSN Graduates)
- Since 2005, the nurse anesthesia program's cohort size has grown by 41% to prepare more certified registered nurse anesthetists to serve our communities.

Degrees

BSN, traditional

BSN, second-degree

BSN, transfer

Rn to BSN online

DNP (nurse leader*, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner*, family nurse practitioner*, nurse anesthesia)

ARPN certificates (family nurse practitioner*, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner*)

Pathways to Graduate Degrees

BSN to DNP

MSN to DNP

ADN/ASN to MSN

*online programs

McWhorter School of Pharmacy

Interim Dean: Mike Kendrach, PharmD, FASHP

Established: 1927

Enrollment (Fall 2025): 308

Specialized Accreditation: Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education

Mission

McWhorter School of Pharmacy's mission is to prepare students in a nurturing, Christian environment to be exemplary pharmacists and improve health worldwide through innovative pharmacy practice, scholarship and service.

Distinctions

- McWhorter School of Pharmacy is the top-ranked private pharmacy school in the South and 60th in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report* (2024).
- The pharmacy school received accreditation when first available in 1941 and has remained fully accredited since that time.
- 92% of graduates are employed in pharmacy, including residencies, within six months of graduation (six-year average).
- 92% of graduates complete the program of study in four years (10-year average graduation rate).
- Graduates have a 91% average first-time pass rate on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX; 20-year average).
- Graduates have a 94% average first-time pass rate on the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE; 20-year average).
- Fifty-seven graduates from the school matched with an ASHP-accredited pharmacy residency in 2024 (top 25% of pharmacy schools in the United States).
- The school has a 10:1 student-to-faculty ratio.
- McWhorter School of Pharmacy has three residency programs—a postgraduate year one (PGY1) community-based pharmacy residency, (PGY1) managed care pharmacy residency and a postgraduate year two (PGY2) pediatric care pharmacy residency.
- At McWhorter School of Pharmacy, students can personalize their PharmD through global engagement, joint degrees, elective courses, certificates and research opportunities.
- The school has formal international affiliations with institutions across five continents with countries including: China, Great Britain, Japan, Macau (special administrative regions China), Paraguay, South Korea, Spain, Thailand and Zambia.
- McWhorter School of Pharmacy has 13 pharmacy-specific student organizations, many of which have been recognized nationally.
- The school is home to the Pharmaceutical Sciences Research Institute (PSRI), providing an alternative to traditional contract research organizations.
- The school offers a pharmacy technician education program that prepares participants to sit for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) examination.

Degree

PharmD

Joint Degrees

PharmD/MBA (Brock School of Business)

PharmD/MHA (School of Public Health)

PharmD/MPH (School of Public Health)

PharmD/MSHIA (School of Public Health)

PharmD/MSL health law and compliance concentration (Cumberland School of Law)

PharmD/MS, nutrition (School of Public Health)

Prepharmacy

The prepharmacy curriculum allows students to complete the required prerequisites within two years before entering pharmacy school. If admitted to McWhorter School of Pharmacy 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

Dean: Suresh Mathews, PhD, MPhil, MSc, FACN, FICS

Established: 2013

Enrollment (Fall 2025): 208

Specialized Accreditation: Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) and Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

Mission

The mission of the School of Public Health is to prepare servant leaders who demonstrate God's love by promoting health and well-being in individuals and communities.

Distinctions

- The School of Public Health houses disciplines focused on the prevention of disease and the promotion of improved health among entire communities and populations.
- Samford's School of Public Health is the only Christian public health school in the Southeast.
- All graduate degrees are offered online.
- Online BS in Public Health is offered through Professional Studies to accommodate non-traditional students.
- Degree programs in the School of Public Health prepare graduates for some of the fastest growing industries in the United States and worldwide.
- The school offers fast-track, or accelerated, options for Master of Public Health, Master of Healthcare Administration, Master of Social Work and Master of Science in Nutrition.
- The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics offers hands-on experiences through its state-of-the-art food production labs, nutrition research lab and food science lab.
- The Master of Social Work program offers significant practice experience through internship programs in more than 200 organizations, locally, nationally and globally.
- Health informatics and analytics courses utilize state-of-the-art electronic health record and virtual lab applications.
- Students in the School of Public Health are actively engaged in community service and participate in research with faculty.
- Samford's School of Public Health recently launched a new graduate program in nutrition and dietetics, designed to prepare future registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs).
- Samford University's social work graduates achieved a 100% pass rate on the Association of Social Work Boards clinical licensure exam in 2023, far surpassing the state's 64% average.

Degrees

BS, culinary and wellness nutrition management
BS, healthcare administration
BS, nutrition and dietetics
BS, public health
MHA*
MSHIA*
MPH*
MS, nutrition* (dietetics)
MSW*
DrPH* (health management and policy, population health analytics and decision making)

Minors

Health informatics and analytics, healthcare administration, nutrition and public health

Joint Degrees

JD/MPH (Cumberland School of Law)
PharmD/MHA (McWhorter School of Pharmacy)
PharmD/MSHIA (McWhorter School of Pharmacy)
PharmD/MPH (McWhorter School of Pharmacy)
PharmD/MS, nutrition (McWhorter School of Pharmacy)
MATS/MSW (Beeson Divinity School)
MDiv/MSW (Beeson Divinity School)
MPH/DO (Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine)
MSW/MPH
MHA/MBA (Brock School of Business)

*online programs

College of Health Sciences

Established: 2013

The College of Health Sciences is comprised of four schools—School of Health Professions, Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing, McWhorter School of Pharmacy and School of Public Health. It is also home to the Experiential Learning and Simulation Center.

Mission

The mission of the college is to prepare graduates in an interprofessional, Christ-centered learning community to promote and improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities. The college emphasizes healing the body, nurturing the mind and inspiring the spirit through rigorous academics, local and global service, and innovative scholarship.

Distinctions

- The College of Health Sciences prepares graduates for four of the top 10 best jobs in the U.S. by *U.S. News & World Report* (2023).
- Spanning more than 223,000 square feet, the College of Health Sciences facilities are designed to foster interprofessional education and cutting-edge experiential learning.
- The Experiential Learning and Simulation Center offers discipline-specific and interdisciplinary learning opportunities across the simulation continuum. The center is one of only two accredited simulation centers in Alabama.
- Graduates are prepared to practice collaboratively, safely and effectively in the ever-evolving health care environment.

FAST TRACKS, OR ACCELERATED PROGRAMS, AT SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Fast-track MArch (five years)

BS, architecture

BROCK SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Fast-track MAcc (five years)

BSBA, accounting

Fifth-year MBA

BA or BS offered by Howard College of Arts and Sciences, with a general business minor

BA offered by the Orlean Beeson School of Education for students majoring in human development and family science and minoring in general business

BEESON DIVINITY SCHOOL

Fast-track MDiv (six years)

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

Fast-track DPT (six years)

BS, exercise science

Fast-track MSSLP (five years)

BS, communication sciences and disorders

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW

JD, 3+3 Program (six years)

Available with all majors, pending adviser approval

MCWHORTER SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Fast-track PharmD (six years)

Prepharmacy curriculum

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Fast-track MSW (five years)

BS, culinary and wellness nutrition management

BS, public health

BS, global studies (Howard College of Arts and Sciences)

BS/BA, psychology (Howard College of Arts and Sciences)

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)

BA, sociology (Howard College of Arts and Sciences)

BS, human development and family science (Orlean Beeson School of Education)

BS, health sciences (School of Health Professions)

Fast-track MHA (five years)

BS, healthcare administration

Fast-track MPH (five years)

BS, public health

BA, psychology (Howard College of Arts and Sciences)

BA, sociology (Howard College of Arts and Sciences)

BS, human development and family science (Orlean Beeson School of Education)

BS, health sciences (School of Health Professions)

Fast-track MS in Nutrition (five years)

BS, nutrition and dietetics

JOINT DEGREES AT SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

JD/LLM

JD/MAcc

JD/MBA

JD/MATS

JD/MDiv

JD/MPA at University of Alabama at Birmingham

JD/MPH

JD/MSEM

MAcc/MBA

MATS/MSW

MDiv/MBA

MDiv/MSW

MHA/MBA

MPH/DO at Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine

MSEM/MBA

MSW/MPH

PharmD/MBA

PharmD/MHA

PharmD/MPH

PharmD/MSHIA

PharmD/MSL, health law and policy

PharmD/MHA

PharmD/nutrition

Samford Athletics

Director of Athletics: Martin Newton

Student-athletes: 349

Number of sports: 17 NCAA Division I varsity sports (8 men's, 9 women's)

Colors: Red and Navy Blue (PMS 200 Red, PMS 289 Navy Blue)

Affiliation: NCAA Division I

Conference: Southern Conference

Number of championships: 92 championships since joining the league in 2008

NCAA Division I Graduation Success Rate (GSR): Samford's athletic teams ranked among the highest scores for all Division I universities in the nation by earning a 97% Graduation Success Rate by the NCAA, alongside an impressive group of peer institutions.

Men's Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Tennis, Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field

Women's Sports: Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field, Volleyball

Number of Events: Samford Athletics hosts approximately 150 on-campus events with an approximate annual attendance of 76,000. Samford Athletics also hosts 6,500 youth for summer camps.

Academic All-Conference members for 2024-25: 138

Student-athletes on the Southern Conference Honor Roll: 287

Student-athletes Earned Southern Conference Commissioner's Medal (3.8 GPA or higher) for 2024-25: 86

MLB Draft Picks: 31 (in SoCon era)

Former Samford Players Who Have Played in the NFL: 20

SoCon Championships

2008 Volleyball North Division Regular Season
2009 Women's Cross Country
2009 Volleyball North Division Regular Season
2010 Women's Cross Country
2011 Women's Basketball Tournament
2011 Men's Tennis Tournament
2011 Women's Soccer Regular Season
2011 Women's Soccer Tournament
2011 Volleyball North Division Regular Season
2011 Volleyball Tournament
2012 Women's Basketball Tournament
2012 Men's Tennis Regular Season*
2012 Baseball Tournament*
2012 Volleyball North Division Regular Season
2013 Men's Tennis Tournament
2013 Football*
2014 Men's Outdoor Track and Field
2014 Women's Outdoor Track and Field
2014 Women's Soccer Regular Season
2014 Volleyball Tournament
2015 Men's Outdoor Track and Field
2015 Women's Tennis Regular Season
2015 Women's Tennis Tournament
2015 Women's Soccer Regular Season
2016 Women's Indoor Track and Field
2016 Softball Regular Season
2016 Softball Tournament
2016 Women's Soccer Regular Season
2016 Women's Soccer Tournament
2016 Volleyball Tournament
2017 Women's Indoor Track and Field
2017 Women's Outdoor Track and Field
2017 Women's Soccer Regular Season
2018 Women's Indoor Track and Field
2018 Baseball Tournament
2018 Women's Soccer Regular Season
2018 Volleyball Tournament
2019 Women's Indoor Track and Field
2019 Women's Outdoor Track and Field
2019 Baseball Regular Season
2019 Soccer Regular Season
2019 Soccer Tournament
2019 Volleyball Regular Season
2019 Volleyball Tournament
2020 Women's Indoor Track and Field
2020 Men's Indoor Track and Field
2020 Women's Basketball Regular season
2020 Women's Basketball Tournament
2021 Women's Basketball Regular Season
2021 Indoor Women's Track and Field
2021 Indoor Men's Track and Field
2021 Spring Volleyball Regular Season
2021 Spring Volleyball Tournament
2021 Spring Soccer Regular Season
2021 Outdoor Women's Track and Field
2021 Outdoor Men's Track and Field
2021 Baseball Tournament
2021 Soccer Regular Season
2021 Soccer Tournament
2022 Men's Indoor Track and Field
2022 Women's Indoor Track and Field
2022 Men's Outdoor Track and Field
2022 Women's Outdoor Track and Field
2022 Women's Soccer Regular Season
2022 Women's Soccer Tournament
2022 Football Regular Season
2022 Volleyball Tournament
2023 Men's Basketball Regular Season
2023 Women's Indoor Track and Field
2023 Men's Indoor Track and Field
2023 Women's Outdoor Track and Field
2023 Men's Outdoor Track and Field
2023 Baseball Regular Season
2023 Baseball Tournament
2024 Men's Basketball Regular Season
2024 Men's Basketball Tournament
2024 Women's Indoor Track and Field
2024 Men's Indoor Track and Field
2024 Women's Outdoor Track and Field
2024 Men's Outdoor Track and Field
2024 Women's Soccer Tournament
2025 Women's Indoor Track and Field
2025 Men's Indoor Track and Field
2025 Men's Tennis Regular Season
2025 Men's Tennis Tournament
2025 Women's Outdoor Track and Field
2025 Men's Outdoor Track and Field
2025 Soccer Regular Season
2025 Soccer Tournament
2026 Men's Indoor Track and Field
2026 Women's Indoor Track and Field
2026 Women's Basketball Tournament

*later vacated

Samford Online

Director: Cameron Barnes, Academic Affairs

Mission

Samford Online offers degrees that prepare students with the skills and knowledge to propel their careers to the next level. Students enrolled in Samford programs benefit from our national recognition, commitment to excellence and educational experiences anchored in Christian understanding.

Distinctions

- **10:1 Student-Faculty Ratio:** Our small class sizes foster long-lasting relationships and an interconnected community rooted in our Christian faith.
- **Flexible Scheduling:** Flexible course schedules allow students to balance work, family and study responsibilities while deciding when and where they complete weekly assignments.
- **World-Class Faculty:** Our faculty is dedicated to providing high-quality, intentional education with a commitment to excellence in online content and delivery.
- **Accelerated Terms:** Some programs offer 8-week terms, allowing students to complete their degree at an accelerated rate.
- **Personalized Advising:** All Samford Online students receive access to one-on-one advising to help guide them through their education.
- **Industry-Informed Curriculum:** Program curricula are designed in collaboration with industry experts to ensure that they reflect the latest professional insights and emerging trends.
- **Competitively Priced Tuition:** Samford is committed to the education of our online learners and offers competitive tuition rates.
- **Military Friendly:** With the flexibility of online learning, Samford is proud to support members of our military in their educational journey.

Bachelor's Degrees

- Human Development and Family Science (BA)
- Interdisciplinary Studies (BA)
- Organizational Leadership (BA)
- Public Health (BS)
- Nursing (RN to BSN)

Master's Degrees

- Business Administration (MBA)
- Environmental Management (MSEM)
- Healthcare Administration (MHA)
- Health Informatics and Analytics (MSHIA)
- Instructional Leadership (MSE)
- Master of Laws (LLM)
- Nutrition (MS)
- Organizational Leadership (MS)
- Public Health (MPH)
- Social Work (MSW)
- Studies in Law (MSL)

Specialist & Doctoral Degrees

- Educational and Organizational Leadership (EdD)
- Emergency Nurse Practitioner (DNP)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (DNP)
- Instructional Leadership (EdS)
- Nurse Leader (DNP)
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (DNP)
- Public Health (DrPH)

Undergraduate Certificates

- Project Management
- Social Media Management

Graduate Certificates

- Emergency Nurse Practitioner
- Environmental Management
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Financial Services Regulatory Compliance
- Geographic Information Systems
- Health Law and Compliance
- Higher Education Law and Compliance
- Legal Operations
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Lifelong Learning Certificates

- Caring for Adolescents and Young Adults with Special Needs
- Caring for Children with Special Needs
- Parenting in the 21st Century

Samford Global

Director: Lauren Doss

Mission

The Samford Global office promotes international education and intercultural understanding, enriching the academic and cultural environment of Samford University by facilitating the exchange of people and ideas and collaborating with faculty and staff to make international opportunities accessible for all Samford students.

Distinctions

- International Students & Scholars Services provides critical student support services to international students at Samford through advising on federal regulations, providing programming to help with cultural adjustment, and advocating for intercultural understanding on campus.
- Samford Abroad offers Samford students the opportunity to develop and expand their academic, professional and personal goals by studying abroad. Each year, approximately 280 Samford students participate in more than 50 international study programs in cities like Rome, Italy; San Jose, Costa Rica; Paris, France; Hong Kong; and Jerusalem, Israel.
- The flagship study center of Samford Abroad is the Daniel House, a five-story home in central London, roughly a mile from Kensington Palace. Home to both short-term and semester-long programs, the house offers a culturally immersive experience led by Samford faculty and staff.
- Finca de Samford is an international study center near San Jose, Costa Rica, purchased by the university in 2025. The 10,000-square-foot home on 14 acres of mountainous countryside will provide students with a hospitable environment for learning Spanish, going to market, attending church and participating in local life.