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 ethical and intellectual traditions.

Samford Core Curriculum

Communication Arts

Cultural Perspectives

Biblical Perspectives

Concepts of Fitness and Health

Majors and Concentrations

- Advertising
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Broadcast and Electronic Journalism
- Chemistry
- Classics
- Communication Studies
- Computer Science
- Congregational Studies
- Creative Writing
- Dual-degree Engineering
- Engineering Physics
- English
- Environmental Science
- Film Studies
- French
- Geography
- German
- Global Studies*
- Greek
- History
- International Relations*
- Journalism and Mass Communication
- Language and World Trade*
- Latin
- Latin American Studies*
- Law, Politics and Society
- Legal Studies
- Marine Science
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Philosophy and Religion
- Physics
- Political Science
- Print Journalism
- Psychology
- Public Administration*
- Public Relations
- Religion
- Science and Religion
- Sociology
- Spanish
- World Language and Literature

Minors

- Asian Studies*
- Bioinformatics*
- Biology
- Certificate in Geographic Information Science
- Chemistry
- Communication Studies
- Computer Science
- Classics
- Creative Writing
- English
- Environmental Science
- Film Production
- French
- Geography
- German
- Greek
- History
- Journalism and Mass Communication
- Latin
- Latin American Studies
- Marine Science
- Mathematics
- Medical Ethics
- Ministry and Missions
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Portuguese
- Psychology
- Religion
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Sports Media
- World Languages and Cultures
- Writing

Graduate Program

- Environmental Management
- Fifth-year Certification Program in Secondary Education

*Interdisciplinary program
89% of faculty members have earned the highest degree in their field

5th national junior varsity debate competition (2016)

Samford’s faculty members are outstanding scholars and mentors who will guide you from your first day of class through internships, graduation and career. Classes at Samford are intentionally kept small (average size is 19) because professors want to know you, invest in you and advocate for you.

100% of our classes are taught by faculty members, not graduate assistants

12:1 student-to-faculty ratio

Other Graduate Programs
Undergraduate course work at Samford launches you straight into our graduate schools. You can start your graduate degree as early as your traditional junior undergraduate year.

- Cumberland School of Law 3/3 (3 years undergraduate, 3 years graduate)
- McWhorter School of Pharmacy 2/4 (2 years undergraduate, 4 years graduate)
- Brock School of Business 5th-year M.B.A. (1 year graduate)
- Orlean Beeson School of Education 5th-Year Alternative Graduate Program in Early Childhood/Elementary or Secondary Education (1 year graduate)
- Master of Social Work (3 years undergraduate, 2 years graduate)
- Master of Public Health (3 years undergraduate, 2 years graduate)

Professional Programs
Howard College of Arts and Sciences will help you develop the knowledge, attitudes and experiences professional programs want to see in their applicants. Samford’s five preprofessional programs include premedicine, prelaw, predentistry, pre-optometry and preveterinary medicine. As a student in these programs, you will work with a faculty adviser to prepare for the professional school of your choice.
Heighten your Experience

Howard College offers many unique programs outside the classroom to help you advance in your chosen discipline.

Undergraduate Research
As a Howard College student, you’ll have an opportunity to participate in faculty-mentored research, including our summer ASPIRE program. Whether you’re uncovering ancient civilizations, conducting medical research or preserving our shared history, you’ll have an edge when applying for jobs or graduate school.

Scholars Programs
Samford’s esteemed and highly selective scholars programs help students make connections within and across disciplines.
• Clark Scholars
• Latin American Scholars
• John Howard Scholars
• University Fellows

Samford Debate
Samford’s celebrated debate program is one of the university’s oldest academic traditions. Its expert leaders help students sharpen skills of research, critical thinking and public speaking.

Model United Nations (M.U.N.)
Samford’s Model United Nations is an authentic simulation of the U.N. General Assembly and provides realistic diplomatic perspective and experience. Our M.U.N. team routinely takes honors at national and international competitions.

Study Abroad
Samford extends as far outside the classroom as your imagination allows. You might visit the birthplace of Western civilization, explore the depths of oceans and jungles, or immerse yourself in cultures ancient and modern. These experiences provide a global perspective and distinguish you in a working world no longer bound by four walls.

Lecture Series
Howard College of Arts and Sciences hosts public lecture series that connect students to the most influential thinkers and important issues of our time. Topics have included traumatic brain injury in sports, the future of journalism, the Civil Rights Movement, genetic research, Islam and immigration. Students meet and talk with professionals who are shaping our world.