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# Samford University

- Among all national colleges and universities, *The Wall Street Journal* ranked Samford #2 in the nation for the quality of character development of its students (2025).
- *The Wall Street Journal* ranks Samford #8 of all colleges and universities in the United States for the quality of career preparation provided to its students (2025).
- Samford ranked #10 in the nation for the most highly recommended by students and recent alumni by *The Wall Street Journal* (2025).
- Samford ranked #1 in Student Engagement in the 2022 rankings published by *The Wall Street Journal* and *Times Higher Education* (2022)
- 97% of undergraduate alumni are working or in further study within six months of graduation (2024).
- Samford is ranked 34th in the nation among private universities and 115th among all public, private and liberal arts colleges and universities analyzed for *Kiplinger's Personal Finance's* Best College Values list (2019).
- Samford's athletics teams earned a 98% Graduation Success Rate by the NCAA. The score ranked Samford highest in the SoCon, highest in Alabama and ranked with the second highest percentage in the nation among all Division I universities and tied with more than a dozen others in an impressive group of peer institutions at that level.
- Samford is ranked 1st in Alabama and 32nd nationally by LendEdu in its list of best colleges for financial aid (2020).
- Over the past three academic years, a total of \$18.4 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 (2022-24).
- 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).
- Samford enrolls undergraduate and graduate students from 45 states, Puerto Rico and 16 countries (fall 2024). 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.

<b>President</b>	Beck A. Taylor, PhD
<b>Established</b>	1841, 87th-oldest university in the U.S.
<b>Accreditation</b>	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC)
<b>Faculty (Fall 2024)</b>	370 full-time teaching faculty (86% with terminal degree)
<b>Enrollment (Fall 2024)</b>	6,101 (4,210 undergraduate; 1,891 graduate/professional)
<b>Entering freshman class (Fall 2024)</b>	1,087
<b>Freshman retention rate</b>	93%
<b>Entering freshman from out of state</b>	77%
<b>Student-to-faculty ratio</b>	14:1
<b>Alumni</b>	57,663 worldwide
<b>Campus size</b>	247 acres
<b>Endowment (June 2024)</b>	\$453.6 million
<b>Geographic diversity of student body (Fall 2024)</b>	45 states, Puerto Rico and 16 countries
<b>Geographic diversity of alumni</b>	58 countries
<b>Athletics</b>	17 NCAA Division I varsity sports
<b>Average undergraduate average class size</b>	19
<b>Undergraduate tuition and fees (2024-25)</b>	\$40,150
<b>Degree programs</b>	9 undergraduate; 31 graduate (22 distinct and 9 professional/doctoral)
<b>Undergraduate majors, minors and concentrations</b>	178
<b>Graduate majors, minors and concentrations</b>	65
<b>Student life</b>	57 student activities organized events 152 spiritual life events 151 undergraduate and graduate student organizations 31 residence halls 18 Greek-letter organizations 2,342 (56%) undergraduate students are involved in Greek life 17 club sports 24 intramural sports 74 annual arts events 6 main-stage theatre and opera events 91 cadres for spiritual growth
<b>Undergraduate students living on campus</b>	2,655
<b>Samford Global</b>	students and programs in or from 19 different countries on 6 continents (Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America)
<b>Samford's annual fiscal and economic impact on Alabama (2021-22)</b>	\$453.3 million
<b>Total number of full-time employees (September 2024)</b>	987

# 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
- 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 the launch of its next comprehensive strategic plan, "Fidelitas: Faith and Future." The plan was unanimously adopted by the Samford Board of Trustees in December 2023.

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

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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

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

## Academic Centers and Institutes

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Center for Congregational Resources  
Center for Children, Law and Ethics  
Center for Science and Religion  
Center for Sports Analytics  
Center for Women in Ministry  
Center for Worship and the Arts  
EDiscovery Institute and Review Center  
Experiential Learning and Simulation Center  
Frances Marlin Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership  
Healthcare Ethics and Law Institute  
The Institute of Anglican Studies  
Pharmaceutical Sciences Research Institute  
The Robert Smith Jr. Preaching Institute

# Samford University

## 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 87th-oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. Samford enrolls 6,101 students from 45 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 fields 17 athletic teams that compete in the tradition-rich Southern Conference and ranks with the second highest score in the nation for its 98% Graduation Success Rate among all NCAA Division I schools.

### Long Version

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Among Samford's 57,633 alumni have included more than 60 members of the U.S. Congress, eight state governors, two U.S. Supreme Court justices, one Secretary of State, four Rhodes Scholars, multiple Emmy and Grammy award-winning artists, two national championship football coaches, and recipients of the Pulitzer and Nobel Peace prizes.

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### Institutional Profile

Samford University is a leading nationally ranked Christian university. Founded in 1841, Samford is the 87th-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 6,101 students from 45 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 next 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 approved by Samford's board of trustees in December 2023. The plan addresses infrastructure needs for the entire campus, increases energy efficiency, practices campus-wide conservation, and refreshes and renews every facility—all steps in the process of creating a sustainable future for generations of Samford students. The Campus Recreation, Wellness and Athletics Complex opened in September 2024, followed by four residential halls coming on line in the Fall of 2025.

Samford maintains a strong endowment with investments totaling \$453.6 million (June 2024), which helps support scholarships, study abroad opportunities, general operations and other programs. In addition to the main campus in Homewood, the university owns a house in Marion, Alabama, used for cultural study and service, and the Daniel House, a study center located in the heart of London, England, near Kensington Park.

Samford has 57,633 alumni living in all 50 states and 58 foreign countries. The university's alumni have included more than 60 members of the U.S. Congress, eight state governors, two U.S. Supreme Court justices, one U.S. Secretary of State, four Rhodes Scholars, multiple Emmy and Grammy award-winning artists, two national championship football coaches, and recipients of the Pulitzer and Nobel Peace prizes.

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 80 conference championships since joining the Southern Conference in 2008. Samford's athletic teams were ranked with the second-highest score in the nation by the NCAA, earning a 98% Graduation Success Rate (GSR) among all Division I universities nationwide. 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 183-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 nearly 180 degrees (Established Leader persona)
- Continuing studies/virtual learning
- 21 online degrees and 8 online certificates
- Division I Athletics - 17 number of sports
- 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 involvement
- Facilities like the UC/Caf, upcoming 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:**

- Ranked #1 in the nation in student engagement by WSJ (2022)
- Ranked #8 in the nation for career preparation by WSJ (2025)
- 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 #2 in the nation for character development of students by WSJ (2025)

# School of the Arts

**Dean:** Lance Beaumont, DMA

**Established:** 1915

**Enrollment (Fall 2024):** 580

**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.

## School of the Arts Overview

The School of the Arts is comprised of:

- Department of Art & Design with programs in studio art, graphic design, and game design.
- Department of Architecture & Interior Design with a degree in interior design and a five-year accelerated Master of Architecture degree.
- Department of Theatre and Dance with degrees in musical theatre, theatre, production design and technology, theatre for youth, and dance. Each year, students participate in 6-8 mainstage performances.
- Division of Music with degrees in commercial music, composition, music education, music and worship, and performance. It hosts more than 150 student, faculty and guest artist events annually.
- Department of Christian Ministry with a major and two minors for students committed to ministry and disciple-making.

## Recent Highlights

- At the 2023 state chapter of the International Interior Design Association Design Award celebration, several Samford alumni faculty and students received awards. This included special recognition to Jim Griffo, adjunct professor in Architecture & Interior Design. Griffo was recognized for being among 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. Initiatives have 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. With a score of 95 points out of 100, they won first place among 13 choirs. They also won two other significant awards: the "Audience Award" and "Best Conductor" for professor Philip Copeland, who has led the A Cappella Choir since 2010.
- The world premiere of the opera, Dragon's Breath, was nationally recognized as the 2024 American Prize in Composition in the opera/theater/film/dance professional division by The American Prize National Nonprofit Competitions in Performing Arts.

## Student Highlights

- The School of the Arts' building, Buchanan Hall, completed a transformative 18-month renovation in Spring 2022, including the addition of a brand-new recording studio. The studio has given students the opportunity to mix and create music from scratch.
- Several students in the commercial music program will be releasing singles and EPs completely recorded in the new studio! The first student to release her song was sophomore, Kacie Bell.
- Shannon Boutwell, a double major in violin and piano, was awarded a fellowship by the Becker Family Foundation.
- Recent graduate of interior design, Joe Turner, collaborated with Crate & Barrel to be one of their featured artists. Turner has also had his work featured in the Architectural Digest Iconic Home, which was a virtual show home in 2021 sponsored by the publication.

## School of the Arts Extension Programs

- 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 Department of Christian Ministry is home to the Ministry Training Institute, which serves over 1,500 individuals in the ministerial community annually and included 44 extension locations.

## 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 2024):** 1,016

## 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

- Biblical and Religious Studies Professor Josh Reeves received a grant from the Templeton Religion Trust to research and address skepticism towards science within Christian communities. (2023)
- Bill and Janie Roland established the endowed Bill and Janie Roland Scholarship to benefit first-generation Howard College students, supporting their legacy of faith, integrity and commitment to Christian values. (2023)
- Environmental Science alumna Madelyn Thompson was selected for a graduate research position in Auburn University's Bee Lab where she will focus on best management practices for growing wildflowers to support native pollinators. (2023)
- Geography alumna Meghan McCollum founded the Magic City Mural Festival and owns Blank Space Bham, using public art to strengthen communities and advocate for inclusive urban development. (2024)
- Howard College's new Student PR/Ad Agency course is preparing students for the workforce by providing real-world experience through client-based public relations campaigns. (2024)
- Communication and media students in print, multimedia, broadcast and audio won 17 awards at the Southeastern Journalism conference at Troy University. (2024)
- History professor S. Jonathan Bass's new book, *From Every Stormy Wind That Blows*, explores the founding and development of Howard College, now Samford University, revealing new insights into its origins and mission. (2024).
- Adam Winn, PhD, was appointed chair of Samford University's Biblical and Religious Studies Department and S. Louis and Ann W. Armstrong Professor of Religion. (2024)

- Anthony Overton, chair of Biological and Environmental Sciences, was elected president of the American Fisheries Society Southern Division, beginning a four-year term to advance sustainable fishing practices. (2024)
- Psychology professor Mandy Howard was awarded a grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship to help create more sensory inclusive worship environments for individuals with sensory processing sensitivity. (2024)
- TJ Riggs, a law, politics and society major, became the fifth Samford student to be named a Truman Scholar, receiving this prestigious award for his dedication to public service and leadership. (2024)
- Associate Professor Dale Wilger received an Organic Syntheses Grant to fund a chemistry research project investigating new indenone compounds, providing valuable research experience for undergraduate student Jaren Lobb. (2024)
- Samford's debate team achieved its highest ranking in program history, finishing third in the nation, with the junior varsity team winning multiple tournaments and securing first place overall. (2024)
- Ana Carballal was selected as the new chair of the Department of World Languages and Cultures. (2024)
- Geography and Sociology received national recognition with an honorable mention for the 2024 AAG Award for Bachelor's Program Excellence, highlighting its innovative interdisciplinary work and commitment to community engagement. (2024)
- The Carolyn and Don Drennen Endowment for American History, Civics and the Constitution was established to support education in American history, civic engagement and the U.S. Constitution through faculty recruitment, student research opportunities and programming. (2024)

## 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:** Charles M. Carson (Chad), PhD

**Established:** 1965

**Enrollment (Fall 2024):** 1,170

**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.)

## Distinctions

- Largest academic school on campus based on fall 2024 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, the sports marketing program in Brock School of Business was the first of its kind in the Southeast. The program offers business students the opportunity to add sports marketing as a concentration to any major. In 2020, a sports business concentration was added to the Master of Business Administration curriculum.
- 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 provides a home for sports marketing and analytics students who have completed data analysis and marketing research projects for international brands such as Coca-Cola, Nike, the LA Dodgers Foundation, the Atlanta Braves, and many more.

## Mission

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

- 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 been ranked as one of the top 40 medium-sized programs by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) for first-time pass rate on the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) exam.
- 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.

## 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)

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



# Beeson Divinity School

**Dean:** Douglas A. Sweeney, PhD

**Established:** 1988

**Enrollment (Fall 2024):** 131

**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

- More than 15 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 1:7. 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 Alexander Kirk (*Agur's Wisdom and the Coherence of Proverbs 30*), Robert Smith Jr. (*ESV Audio Bible*), Chip Hardy (*Going Deeper with Biblical Hebrew; The State of Old Testament Studies*), Douglas Webster (*More than a Sermon: The Purpose and Practice of Christian Preaching*), Osvaldo Padilla (*The New Testament in Color: A Multiethnic Bible Commentary*).
- The divinity school offers three certificates to those MDiv students who complete the requirements: Anglican studies, missions and Wesleyan studies.
- 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.
- The Thriving Pastors Initiative at Beeson Divinity School aims to help pastors thrive in congregational leadership by improving the quality of relationships pastors have with one another. It is funded by a \$1 million grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc.
- 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.

## Degrees

MDiv  
MACC  
MATS  
ThM  
PhD

## Joint Degrees

MDiv/MBA (Brock School of Business)  
MATS/JD (Cumberland School of Law)  
MDiv/JD (Cumberland School of Law)  
MATS/MSW (School of Public Health)  
MDiv/MSW (School of Public Health)

# Orlean Beeson School of Education

**Dean:** Anna McEwan, PhD

**Established:** 1915

**Enrollment (Fall 2024):** 531

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

## 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 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.
- The Department of Human Development and Family Science has had six recipients of the Outstanding Undergraduate Paper Award by the National Council on Family Relations (2005 (2), 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015).
- 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.
- Mandy Jayne Stanley '14 was named National Student Teacher of the Year by the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education and the Association of Teacher Education (2014).
- 100% of degree programs incorporate character, ethics and virtues education.
- The school has received recognition from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the National Council of Teachers of English, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the National Council for the Social Studies, the National Association for Sport & Physical Education, the Educational Leadership Constituent Council/National Educational Leadership Preparation.
- Clara Gerhardt, professor of human development and family science, received the 2013 Certified Family Life Educator Award from the National Council on Family Relations

## Degrees

BA, human development and family science

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\*\*

EdS, instructional leadership

EdD, educational and organizational leadership\*

## Concentration (available for elementary education majors)

Christian education and missions

## Mission

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

(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: 16+ 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.
- Jonathan Davis, professor of human development and family science, received the 2012 Meritorious Service Award from the National Council on Family Relations.
- 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.

## 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

\*components online or entirely online

\*\*Hybrid delivery

# School of Health Professions

**Dean:** Alan P. Jung, PhD, FACSM

**Established:** 2013

**Enrollment (Fall 2024):** 786

**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 30 on the 2024 *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.
  - 95% 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 exercise physiology and human performance labs contain the latest, state-of-the-art equipment for students to apply physiological principles in practice settings.
  - 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.
  - 100% of speech-pathology students passed the licensure exam in 2023-24.
  - 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%.

## 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)

## Minor

Communication sciences and disorders

Strength and conditioning

## 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 2024):** 470

**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 6th in the nation for trial advocacy by *U.S. News & World Report* (2024).
- The law school ranked 6th in the nation for best quality of life and 9th in the nation for best resources for women by the Princeton Review (2024).
- Cumberland School of Law's National Trial Team is ranked 3rd in the nation in the Trial Competition Performance Rankings overall since 2016 and 2nd in the national Gavel Rankings overall since 2019.
- In 2024, the American Bar Association ranked Cumberland School of Law 8th in the nation for Top Competition Champions in ADR and Moot Court.
- Cumberland School of Law awards over \$2.8 million in first-year scholarships each academic year, with an average merit-based award of \$18,175 for first-year students.
- Most of the eight joint degree programs can be completed in as little as three years.
- 35+ student organizations
- 92% employment rate (Class of 2023, 10 months after graduation, who are not pursuing a graduate degree)

## Recent Regional and National Competition Results

Year after year, Cumberland School of Law advocacy competition teams travel to regional and national legal skills competitions where they have a history of performing at the highest level. Cumberland School of Law is among the most decorated law schools in the nation.

## 2023-24 Advocacy Competition Results

### TRIAL

- National Trial Competition Regional Champions, two team sweep, advanced to nationals
- American Association of Justice Regional Champions, two team sweep and one team advanced to national elite 8
- Online National Championship, three teams in top 13 and one team in the semifinals
- Trials and Tribulations Trial Competition, quarterfinalists and semifinalists
- The Verdict Trial Competition, 3rd place
- National Civil Trial Competition, national runner-up
- Participation in the Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition

### MOOT COURT

- American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Regional, won all three oral arguments

### ADR

- American Bar Association Negotiation Competition, advanced to nationals

### HOSTED:

2024 American Association of Justice's Student Trial Advocacy Competition Regional  
2024 National Trial Competition Region 8  
2024 American Bar Association Mediation Regional Competition  
2024 American Bar Association Negotiation Regional Competition

## Degrees

JD

LLM (for lawyers)\*

MSL (for non-lawyers)\*

\*online programs

## Joint Degrees

JD/MAcc (Brock School of Business)

JD/MBA (Brock School of Business)

JD/MDiv (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/MATS (Beeson Divinity School)

JD/LLM

## Clinics

Capital Defense Clinic

Criminal Appeals Clinic

Cooney Contracts and Risk Management Clinic

Cumberland Innocence Clinic

Cumberland Parole Clinic

Cumberland Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic

## International Programs

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

## Concentrations for LLM and MSL

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

# Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing

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

**Established:** 1922

**Enrollment (Fall 2024):** 733

**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 2022 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 boasts a 0.6% attrition over the past 5 years, 100% of alumni state they would choose Samford again, and 100% of employers state they would hire another program graduate (3-year average).
- Certification pass rate for family nurse practitioner program was 91.5% (2023).
- 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 91.8% (5-year average).

## Degrees

BSN, traditional

BSN, second-degree

BSN, transfer

BSN

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

ARNP certificates (family nurse practitioner\*, emergency nurse practitioner\*, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner\*)

## Pathways to Graduate Degrees

BSN to DNP

MSN to DNP

\*online programs

# McWhorter School of Pharmacy

**Dean:** Michael A. Crouch, PharmD, FASHP

**Established:** 1927

**Enrollment (Fall 2024):** 324

**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 ranked 1st among private pharmacy schools 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.
- 94% of graduates are employed in pharmacy, including residencies, within six months of graduation (six-year average).
- 93% of graduates complete the program of study in four years (10-year average graduation rate).
- Graduates have a 90% average first-time pass rate on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX; 15-year average).
- Graduates have a 94% average first-time pass rate on the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE; 15-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 14 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

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

**Established:** 2013

**Enrollment (Fall 2024):** 209

**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.

- 100% placement rate for nutrition and dietetics majors in dietetic internships (2022)
- The school offers numerous joint degree programs within the school and in partnership with Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Beeson Divinity School, the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine and Brock School of Business.
- The Master of Social Work program offers significant practice experience through internship programs in more than 150 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

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 at University of Alabama at Birmingham

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:** 388

**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:** 83 championships since joining the league in 2008

**NCAA Division I Graduation Success Rate (GSR):** Samford's athletic teams ranked with the second highest score in the nation by earning a 98% Graduation Success Rate by the NCAA, among all Division I universities in the nation, along with 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 2023-24:** 157

**Student-athletes on the Southern Conference Honor Roll:** 287

**Student-athletes Earned Southern Conference Commissioner's Medal (3.8 GPA or higher) for 2023-24:** 71

**MLB Draft Picks:** 31 (in SoCon era)

**Former Samford Players Currently in the NFL:** 3

**Former Samford Players 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 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

\*later vacated