UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY

FAST FACTS 2023-24

AT A GLANCE

Students (Fall 2023)	
Total Enrollment	5,528
Undergraduate	3,352
Graduate	959
Professional	1,217
Average Age	23
Full-time	70%
Part-time	30%
Women	56%
Men	44%
White	42%
Communities of Color (African American, Alaskan, Asian, Hispanic or Latino, Indigenous/American Indian, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander)	26%
International	25%
Chose not to report	7%
Statistics (Non-Professional Level)	
Commuters	87%
Residents	13%
Undergraduates Receiving Financial Aid (full-time)	97%
Permanent Residence	
Michigan	69%
Metro Detroit	90%
Out-of-State	6%
International	25%
Faculty	
Full-time	214
Part-time	182
Professional Programs	
Full-time	105
Part-time	128
Full-time Faculty with Ph.D. or terminal degree in field	93%
Student-Faculty Ratio	11/1
Average Class Size	19

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Alumni	
Degrees awarded	114,718
Living in Metro Detroit	60%
Living in Michigan	70%
Living Alumni	89,465
Alumni Composite:	
• Architecture & Community Development	2%
• Business Administration	16%
• Dental	8%
• Engineering & Science	16%
• Health Professions	18%
• Law	11%
• Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences	25%
• Other graduate degrees	5%

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Founded in 1877 by the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits), University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) is Michigan's largest and most comprehensive Catholic university. In 1990, University of Detroit consolidated with Mercy College of Detroit, which was founded in 1941 by the Religious Sisters of Mercy, to form University of Detroit Mercy. Detroit Mercy exists to provide excellent student-centered undergraduate and graduate education in an urban context and integrates the intellectual, spiritual, ethical and social development of all students.

SPONSORSHIP

Detroit Mercy is sponsored by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.

LEADERSHIP

Donald B. Taylor, Ph.D., serves as president of the University. Detroit Mercy is governed by a board of 26 lay and religious trustees.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL/COLLEGE PULSE RANKINGS

In 2024, *The Wall Street Journal*/College Pulse ranked UDM No. 52 in the nation, which made the university Michigan's second highest-ranked university. UDM is also

- Fourth among Catholic universities nationally, behind only Georgetown University, Boston College and University of Notre Dame.
- Third-highest ranked Jesuit university and only Mercy institution ranked.

NATIONAL STUDY RANKS UDM AMONG TOP 10% IN U.S. FOR RETURN-ON-INVESTMENT

Georgetown University's 2022 study *A First Look at ROI: Ranking 4,500 Colleges* ranked UDM in the top 10% of all colleges and universities for return-on-investment. According to the study, UDM graduates can expect to earn more than $1.2 million in salary over a 40-year career compared with those who forgo a college education. In addition, UDM ranked in the top 10.5% of all colleges for the 10-year salary rank, which means younger graduates can expect to earn higher salaries than their counterparts who do not attend college.

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT 2024 RANKINGS

UDM ranked among the top national universities by *U.S. News & World Report* for a fifth year in a row, earning a No. 185 rank in the National Universities category of the publication's "Best Colleges" 2024 edition. The University ranked fourth in the state and received favorable recognition in several categories, including: Best Value Schools, National Universities (No. 31); Best Undergraduate Business Programs, Management (No. 22); Entrepreneurship (No. 31); Finance (No. 50); and Best Undergraduate Nursing Programs (No. 183).

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- Detroit Mercy offers degrees in 105 programs, including five-year master's and certificate programs. At the graduate level, the University offers 44 master's degree programs, one specialist program and eight doctoral/professional-level programs, including law and dentistry. Additionally, the University awards graduate certificates in 22 programs. These programs of study are provided by seven colleges and schools: School of Architecture & Community Development, College of Business Administration, School of Dentistry, College of Engineering & Science, College of Health Professions/McAuley School of Nursing, School of Law and College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences.
- Detroit Mercy's cooperative education program, the third oldest continuous program in the nation, is available to all students and is required in Architecture, Engineering and the five-year Business program (BSBA/MBA).

NOTABLE ALUMNI

Graduates serve in all professions. They are teachers, dentists, religious leaders, attorneys, healthcare providers, architects, government officials, engineers, entrepreneurs, scientists and former NBA, NFL and MLB players. Detroit Mercy alumni also include Michigan Supreme Court justices, U.S. senators, members of congress, a county executive, a city councilwoman, Catholic bishops, college and university presidents, radio and TV personalities, noted authors, screenplay writers, actors and actresses, corporate executives at such companies as General Motors, Stellantis, Ford Motor Company, Masco Corporation, Mazda North America, Yahoo, Bank of America, ThyssenKrupp, JohnsonControls, Absopure Water Company, Beaumont Hospitals, Wendy's, and Rock Central.

ATHLETICS

The University sponsors 17 NCAA Division I varsity sports for men and women; 13 of the Titan teams compete in the Horizon League; men's lacrosse competes in the Atlantic Sun Conference; women's lacrosse is in the Mid-American Conference; and men's and women's fencing are the Central Collegiate Fencing Conference.

LIBRARY HOLDINGS

The University's libraries hold a combined collection of nearly 2 million items, which include print and electronic books and journals, films on DVD and in streaming format, government documents, databases and archival materials. The McNichols Campus Library has been designated the Dudley Randall Literary Landmark by the American Library Association. The Archives Research Center (ARC) is home to several special collections, including the Black Abolitionist Archive, the Padre Guadalupe Carney Latin American Solidarity Archive, and the Fr. Edward J. Dowling, S.J., Marine Historical Collection. Library Professor Jill Turner earned recognition by Wayne State's School of Information Sciences with its 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH SERVICES

Benefiting both students and community, Detroit Mercy offers a variety of professional practice and community outreach services.

- **The School of Law** provides more than 35,000 hours annually of legal services to residents of Detroit and surrounding communities through clincis and externships.
- **Detroit Mercy's Institute for Advanced Continuing Dental Education** offers more than 90 continuing education courses annually for oral health professionals across the globe, including free continuing education courses to support practitioners in managing stress and mental health. From July 1, 2022, through October 31, 2023, the Detroit Mercy Dental Center completed 99,321 patient visits, which included $871,386 in uncompensated care. Additional underreimbursed care was provided through Medicaid rates made possible via institutional support of $6,625,596, state support of $1.33 million, and federal cost-based reimbursement of $62,803. Moreover, students engaged in various outreach initiatives throughout the year, which is vital to broadening access to care for those who need it most. There are 11 clinical service-learning programs that reach a diverse range of patients. Through these programs, students facilitated 14,320 patient visits, addressing the healthcare needs of 8,541 unique patients.
- **The College of Health Professions (CHP)** and **McAuley School of Nursing (MSON)** partner with health systems

and medical centers throughout Michigan to provide clinical placements and internships to more than 900 students in undergraduate Nursing, Executive Leadership, Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Anesthesia, doctor of Nursing Practice, Physician Assistant, Healthcare Operations Management and Health Information Management programs. The MSON successfully launched two new programs: the Master's Entry Advanced Generalist Nursing (MEAGN) and Emergency Nurse Practitioner (ENP) programs.

- **The Counseling Clinic** serves approximately 250 individuals each year, providing no-cost counseling to Detroit and greater Wayne County residents. **The Psychology Clinic** offers assessment, testing and psychotherapy for adults, adolescents and children and Detroit Mercy students.
- The **Detroit Collaborative Design Center (DCDC)** is an award-winning program of the School of Architecture & Community Development that provides professional, community-engaged design services to nonprofit community and civic organizations throughout Detroit.
- Through the **Institute for Leadership and Service**, approximately 1,600 students provide community service coordinated with classroom study each year.
- The **Center for Social Entrepreneurship** provides workshops and conferences for new business ventures that strengthen society.
- A team of Biology student volunteers from the **College of Engineering & Science** participated in Science Exploration days at multiple elementary schools in Detroit, Dearborn, Canton and Oak Park, among others. Students successfully facilitated engaging and interactive science activities, fostering hands-on learning experiences for more than 200 students. In addition, the College offered many summer camps this year including a Science and Engineering Equity Camp (SEEC), a Junior ROTC camp focused on cybersecurity, and a Teacher Boot Camp for culturally informed teaching through hands-on engineering design challenges that explore and connect engineering and computer science concepts to curriculum, from math and science to social sciences and art.
- A group of freshmen Civil Engineering students conducted an infrastructure audit of the Detroit Underground Railroad Museum. They worked to provide alternatives to improve the facility's heating/cooling, drainage and lighting systems.
- The College's annual Faces on Design project pairs seniors from the College of Engineering & Science and higher-level Nursing students from the College of Health Professions & McAuley School of Nursing with a disabled member of the community. The goal is to improve the lives of the disabled community member by designing a one-of-a-kind assistive device to combat the lack of solutions within the disabled community.

TUITION

Tuition for full-time undergraduate students for the 2023-24 school year is approximately $32,300.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

For fiscal year 2023-24, Detroit Mercy designated $56.1 million of institutional aid for student scholarships and grants, which represented 26.3% of the $179.2 million of student tuition and fees revenue.

CAMPUS FACILITIES

- There is one campus in northwest Detroit, one campus in Corktown, one on the riverfront, and one in Novi. Additionally, Aquinas College offers our nursing program to students in West Michigan.
- There are six residence halls, 10 academic facilities and three libraries.
- Athletic facilities include Calihan Hall (multi-sports facility), Student Fitness Center, indoor track, tennis, racquetball, volleyball and basketball courts, softball and soccer fields and a multipurpose track and field.
- Multi-faith spaces include: McNichols campus – St. Ignatius Chapel with Catholic Mass daily and on Sunday, an Islamic Prayer Room, a Holy Spirit Chapel and two multi-faith spaces in the library and Shiple Hall. At the Dental campus, there is one Christian and one Muslim prayer space. The School of Law's Riverfront Campus in downtown Detroit neighbors Ss. Peter & Paul Jesuit Church and has one multi-faith prayer space.

DETROIT MERCY HIGHLIGHTS

Recognized as a Gold-certified Michigan Veteran-Friendly School — Detroit Mercy has again been designated a Gold-certified Michigan Veteran-Friendly School by the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency. The Michigan Veteran-Friendly School program is designed to formally recognize academic institutions of higher learning committed to supporting the needs of student veterans and dependents.

Designated a Military-Friendly School by Military Friendly Schools®— Inclusion in this yearly list demonstrates the University's strong commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students.

The **College of Health Professions (CHP)** & **McAuley School of Nursing's (MSON)** online Graduate Nursing Program was ranked No. 62 nationally in *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Online Programs for 2024, marking the fourth-straight year the University was included in the rankings.

The **College of Engineering & Science** continues to be a leader in workforce development for the region, offering re-skilling and upskilling through the availability of graduate certificates and degrees developed in partnership with industry and government input and support. These certificates and degrees include programs in Vehicle Cyber Engineering, Advanced Electric Vehicles, Systems Engineering, Data Science, Smart and Autonomous Vehicles, Technical Management and Product Development. A $1.2-million award from the Department of Defense continues to support curriculum and scholarships for students to pursue Vehicle Cybersecurity.

This year, the College also partnered with Hubbel, Roth & Clark, Inc. (HRC), a professional firm that works to address today's engineering challenges, to provide a scholarship/co-op opportunity to students. In addition, Engineering & Science partnered with Ghafari, a global architecture, engineering, and consulting firm, to establish a scholarship/co-op opportunity focused on civil engineering and sustainability.

The College's annual research symposium in October provides an opportunity for students to showcase the research and design projects they've been working on over the past year. The College invites more than 200 high school students from selective, high yielding high schools to assist with judging and to participate in various workshops presented by faculty/student ambassadors.

Established in fall 2020, the CES Ambassador Program enhances College STEM outreach and recruitment. Over the past three years, there have been 12-15 ambassadors per year. Student Ambassadors included freshmen through seniors with majors in CES, many of whom were paid through federal financial aid work study. Ambassadors represented high schools from which the College recruits, including Macomb Math and Science Technical Center, Fitzgerald, Stevenson, Utica, Grand Blanc, Northville, Canton/Plymouth, Romeo, Bloomfield Hills, Melvindale, Cass Technical High School, Detroit Catholic Central, University of Detroit Jesuit High School, Detroit Cristo Rey, and out of state high schools (Goodwin HS in Virginia, Valley High School in Sacramento, California, Woodward HS in Toledo, Ohio, Deerfield Beach IB High School in Florida, Massey HS in Windsor, Ontario). The College engaged more than 275 prospective students through this pre-college outreach effort.

The College also provides accessible pathways for the next generation of STEM professionals with pre-college programming and high school dual-enrollment programs that attract a diverse group of students to successfully pursue technical, research and health-oriented careers. A $1-million award from the National Science Foundation (NSF) supports the College's Science and Engineering Equity Development (SEED) program, along with a National Science Foundation S-STEM grant that supports the Innovating Detroit's Robotic Agile Workforce (iDRAW) program. These programs leverage the successful programming and support developed through a $21.2-million award from the National Institutes of Health for the College's ReBUILDetroit Program. ReBUILDetroit provided support for students, faculty and institutional change to improve outcomes for underrepresented and financially disadvantaged students pursuing research careers in biomedical sciences.

The College received a $497,080 award from the U.S. Dept. of Defense (DoD) to sustain its work in establishing the Metro Detroit Regional Vehicle Cybersecurity Institute, a regional cybersecurity consortium. This follows a $1.12-million award from the DoD in 2020 that the University used to establish the Metro Detroit Regional Virtual Vehicle Cybersecurity Institute. In addition, through the Clare Luce Boothe program, the College received a $300,000 grant to support six Clare Boothe Luce Undergraduate Scholars.

Engineering & Science's commitment to high-impact practices such as undergraduate research, co-operative work experiences and hands-on projects throughout the undergraduate curriculum significantly contributes to the College's exceptionally high retention rates. In addition, the College's high retention rates exceed the national average acceptance rates to professional programs, which helps UDM yield graduates who are sought by companies and

graduate programs throughout the country and world.

The College of Business Administration (CBA) is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), which places the College among the top 5% of business schools in the world. In addition, *U.S. News & World Report's* 'Best Colleges' edition ranked the undergraduate business program in Management No. 22 in the nation; the undergraduate business program in Entrepreneurship No. 31; and the undergraduate program in Finance No. 50. *U.S. News & World Report* also ranked the CBA No. 13 nationally in the Best Online General Management MBA Programs category. The pass rate of Detroit Mercy's first-time test-takers on the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) exam has been among the highest in the nation. Through the **Charlton Center for Responsible Investing**, Finance students manage a real portfolio of financial assets (the Majestic Fund), publish an investment newsletter, attend presentations by leading practitioners, and earn industry credentials. The Social Entrepreneurship program prepares students to start their own businesses, and the **Center for Social Entrepreneurship** prepares community residents to launch new ventures and apply for seed money. The **Center for Practice & Research in Management & Ethics** (PRIME) supports a national speaker series, contests for high school and college students, experiential learning opportunities, and professional research by faculty. Qualified high school students can take selected college courses for free through the **Business Leaders Accelerated Start** (BLAST) program and may receive conditional admission to graduate school directly from high school through the 5-year MBA program. The 3+3 program allows Business Law majors to earn the undergraduate and law degrees in 6 years. A new **Master of Science in Ethical Leadership** program promotes sustainability and diversity. All graduates of the business school are eligible to audit courses for free at 17 Jesuit business schools around the nation through the **Jesuit Promise for Lifelong Learning**.

The College of Liberal Arts & Education (CLAE) will be renamed the College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences (CHASS) in fall 2024. This change signals the College's transformative approach to teaching and learning that meets students where they are and takes them to where they want to be in a rapidly changing world.

The University continued designation as a Center for Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD) awarded to regionally accredited academic institutions offering cybersecurity degrees and/or certificates at the associate, bachelor's and graduate levels.

The Department of Counseling and Addiction Studies was awarded a grant of $862,000 from the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) for specialized training that will address the complex needs of the region's most vulnerable adolescents and young adults.

Detroit Mercy Theatre Company's 52nd season included three main stage productions - the Michigan Premiere of "Airness," "Pride and Prejudice," which won three Wilde awards, and the world premiere of "Unheard Voices: Afro-Brazilian Diaspora," which raised $5,000 for a Brazilian Quilombo community.

The Department of Philosophy hosted the 20th Ethics Bowl competition.

The Department of History led a student immersion experience to India.

The Department of English located a new Creative Arts kiosk on the McNichols Campus to showcase student work.

Michigan Poet Laureate Nandi Comer, in conversation with Detroit poet Brittany Rogers, headlined a poetry reading hosted by the Department of English, which also awards the Dudley Randall Poetry Prize and the Dudley Randall High School Poetry Prize annually for up-and-coming poets.

The College is now home to Healing Wall Panel 5, a commissioned artwork by Carole Morisseau and inspired by a Fulbright-Hayes Group Project Abroad to Brazil. Healing Wall Panel 5 reflects the College's commitment to diversity by responding to the call to heal systemic racial injustice.

[Sic], Detroit Mercy's arts and literary magazine, is in its 30th year of publication.

The Detroit Mercy Writing Center served 553 students through 1,504 appointments, which included 512 online appointments and 267 English Language Learner appointments.

The Language & Cultural Training program received its fourth Fulbright-Hayes Group Project Abroad to Brazil. The program delivered foreign language and cultural awareness training for companies and high schools, including Doing Business in China, Doing Business in Austria/Germany, and Doing Business in Mexico. Several private language training programs were offered in various contexts in Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, Korean and Portuguese.

Celebration of Scholarly Achievement — More than 300 members of the University community participate in research-focused events and activities during the annual Celebration of Scholarly Achievement each spring.

Community-Engaged Learning Classes — Approximately 79 courses across the University incorporate service learning in classes, resulting in course-related, direct services to the poor and marginalized in our community. Throughout the school year, approximately 1,600 Detroit Mercy student volunteers provide about 16,000 hours of service in conjunction with more than 100 community service agencies. The Institute also operates the Emerging Leaders Program and the Leadership Minor. Each program involves over 600 students engaged in experiential leadership learning experiences.

University Ministry — Inspired by God's unconditional love and rooted in our Catholic, Ignatian, and Mercy traditions, University Ministry accompanies the Detroit Mercy community as we learn to know, love and serve God and one another. University Ministry provides Catholic, ecumenical and Interfaith programs to engage students in experiences of community, prayer, action, social justice and reflection. This includes programs such as weekly faith sharing, retreats, liturgies, student leadership formation, local service opportunities, advocacy experiences, and service immersion trips.

Service Immersion Experiences — University Ministry offers one-day and week-long service immersion experiences based on social justice themes each month and experiences during winter, spring or summer breaks. Experiences provide students with opportunities to work for the common good, encounter new realities and reflect in the context of a diverse community. Immersions are key experiences of a transformative Jesuit and Mercy education rooted in social justice.

Service in the City engages students in the urban context of Detroit through weekly opportunities and social justice initiatives.

More than 25 faculty representing a variety of disciplines have received prestigious **Fulbright Fellowships**, appointments and other awards.

The Office for Sponsored Programs and Research Activities (OSPRA) supports research and other scholarly activities of faculty, students and staff. This past year, OSPRA helped secure $15 million in grant funding through 21 awarded projects.

Student-Athlete Achievements

Willie Green '02, former Horizon League Player of the Year and NBA player, is now in his third year as head coach of the NBA's New Orleans Pelicans.

Graduate senior Allison Sherman earned her fourth career All-Horizon League honor, taking seventh place in a career-best 21:28 for First Team accolades at the Horizon League Championships. She is just the third person in school history to net four All-HL honors, while her time was the third-best in school history and the fastest since 2002.

Antoine Davis '22 ended his collegiate career with three more NCAA records: 144 games in double figures, 144 consecutive games in double figures and 588 career 3-pointers to go with his 132 triples as a rookie for the NCAA freshman record. He finished his college career with 3,664 career points, second in NCAA history, just three shy of Pete Maravich's NCAA mark of 3,667.

Alums John Kailunas III '20 and Greg Marzec '17, as well as freshman Lucas Goeller, took part in the 2023 World Lacrosse Championships. Kailunas was part of the Latvia National Team for the second time, while Marzec suited up for Team Poland and Goeller for Team France.

Former track and field and cross country standout Ben Kendell '18, '19 earned a bid to the U.S. Olympic Trials in the marathon in Orlando, Fla.

UDM reigning Valedictorian and President Award winner Kara Wolfbauer '23, a nominee for 2023 NCAA Women of the Year, was hired by the Detroit Red Wings as an in-arena host for the 2023-24 season.

The women's lacrosse program was honored for its work in the classroom with a spot on the IWLCA Academic Honor Squads, recording a 3.50 team GPA and earning the academic distinction for the 13th time (out of 15 years) in school history.

The Department of Athletics and its student-athletes had another successful year hitting the books when the NCAA released its latest Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR). Detroit Mercy saw all programs post multi-year scores above the 930 NCAA qualifying mark, with eight tying or exceeding the national 984 standard, and five recording perfect scores for the current period of the 2019-20 academic year through the 2022-23 academic year.

Detroit Mercy's Faculty Excellence Award — This past year, two faculty earned recognition for their excellence in teaching, research and service. Cara Cunningham Warren at the School of Law received the 2023 Faculty Excellence Award. Megan Conrad of the College of Engineering & Science received the 2023 Faculty Achievement Award. A celebration to honor these faculty members took place in the fall of 2023.

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