Current Facts About Detroit Mercy

Founded in 1877 by the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits), University of Detroit Mercy 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.

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

Leadership
Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D., serves as president of the University. Detroit Mercy is governed by a board of 36 lay and religious trustees.

“U.S. News & World Report's 'Best Colleges' Ranking’”
For the 18th consecutive year, University of Detroit Mercy is listed in the top tier of Midwest Best Regional Universities in the 2019 edition of “U.S. News & World Report's 'Best Colleges.'” Detroit Mercy is ranked #25 and is one of only two in Michigan to be ranked in the top 25 in the Midwest Best Regional Universities.

In addition to the University’s #25 in the magazine’s annual list of regional best universities, Detroit Mercy also earned #17 rank for Best Colleges for Veterans in the Midwest, #35 nationally for Best Value Schools and #20 for Best Undergraduate Business Management Programs.

2019 "U.S. News” Best Graduate School lists programs:
Graduate Business Management Program - #23
Best Nursing Schools: Master's - #105
Best Nursing Schools: Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) - #121 (tie)
Nursing-Anesthesia - #10
Physician Assistant - #81
Clinical Psychology - #177

Academic Programs
• Detroit Mercy offers more than 100 academic degrees and programs of study in seven colleges and schools: School of Architecture, 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 Liberal Arts & Education.

• Detroit Mercy’s cooperative education programs, 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, religious leaders, attorneys, healthcare providers, architects, government officials, engineers, entrepreneurs and scientists. Detroit Mercy alumni also include Michigan Supreme Court justices, a U.S. senator, a member of congress, 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, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, Ford Motor Company, Masco Corporation, Mazda North America, Yahoo, Bank of America, ThysenKrupp, JohnsonControls, Absopure Water Company, Beaumont Hospitals and Wendy’s.

Athletics
The University sponsors 17 NCAA Division I-level varsity sports for men and women; 13 of the Titan teams compete in the Horizon League; men's lacrosse competes in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference; women's lacrosse is in the Southern Conference; men's and women's fencing are in the Midwest Fencing Conference.

Library Holdings
The Detroit Mercy libraries have a total collection of more than 825,000 volumes, 243,800 print and electronic journals, 190,800 e-books, 10,700 audiovisual items and 73,000 government documents.

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 20,000 hours of legal assistance to residents of Detroit and surrounding communities through 12 clinics.

• Detroit Mercy Dental Clinics: Through two clinics, a mobile dental clinic and the school-based dental sealant program, Detroit Mercy offers dental health services and education throughout Michigan. In 2017-18, Dentistry completed 77,334 appointments.

• Detroit Mercy’s McAuley Health Center is located on the lower east side of Detroit and provided health services to more than 1,120 underserved individuals of all ages, resulting in 3,279 patient visits in fiscal year 2016-17.

• Detroit Mercy's Counseling Clinic serves approximately 300 individuals each year, providing no-cost counseling to Detroit residents who otherwise would not have access to mental health services. The Psychology Clinic offers assessment, testing and psychotherapy for adults, adolescents and children.

• For more than 20 years, the Detroit Collaborative Design Center has provided design services to approximately 100 nonprofit and civic organizations.

• Through the Institute for Leadership and Service, approximately 1,500 students each year provide community service, coordinated with classroom study.

• The Center for Social Entrepreneurship provides workshops and conferences for new business ventures that strengthen society.

Tuition
Tuition for full-time undergraduate students for the 2018-19 school year is approximately $28,000. This lower rate is the result of a tuition reset that was implemented in Fall 2018.

Financial Assistance
For fiscal year 2018, Detroit Mercy designated $68.3 million of institutional aid for student scholarships and grants, which represented 35.6 percent of the $191 million of student tuition and fees revenue in fiscal year 2018.

Campus Facilities
• One campus in northwest Detroit and two campuses in or near downtown Detroit.

• 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 & field.
Detroit Mercy Highlights

Wall Street Journal — The Wall Street Journal has ranked University of Detroit Mercy at No. 193 in its 2019 rankings list of the top 1,000 colleges and universities in the United States.

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 year’s list demonstrates the University’s strong commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students.

College of Engineering & Science
ReBUILD program grows — As of Fall 2018, 70 REBUILD scholars are enrolled at Detroit Mercy’s College of Engineering & Science. The students are participating in REBUILDetroit — Research Enhancement for Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity — a program to encourage more undergraduate students from underrepresented or economically disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue careers in biomedical research. Begun in 2014, University of Detroit Mercy is the lead institution in this collaborative program with Wayne State and other schools, and is funded by a $21.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

In partnership with Automation Alley and sponsored by Ford Motor Company, the College is spearheading a two-year research project on Industry 4.0 and advanced manufacturing technologies. The 2018 “Technology In Industry Report” (automationalley.com/techreport) with Detroit Mercy as a primary organizer/sponsor was released at an event at the Detroit Institute of Arts in April 2018. The project continues into 2019 with additional academic partners and industry partners.

The College of Engineering & Science’s Robotics Talent Consortium was one of nine awardees for the State of Michigan’s Marshall Plan for Workforce Development. The College and consortium partners received $653,000 to develop the Innovating Detroit’s Robotics Agile Workforce (iDRAW) program. This program will provide career pathways into high-demand professions in information technology, engineering, computer science, manufacturing and skilled trades for students from underrepresented groups. Consortium partners include the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation, Wayne RESA, Cesar Chavez High School in Detroit, Melvindale High School, General Motors, FANUC, Detroit Labs, LTE, the Ideal Group and Henry Ford College.

Henry Luce Foundation Clare Boothe Luce Professorship is funded by a five-year $476,750 grant to increase participation of women in STEM fields. The professor of Mechanical Engineering serves as a role model and mentor for women.

Assistive Technology — For the past several years, Detroit Mercy engineering and nursing students have collaborated with students from other colleges and veterans to create unique engineering innovations that improve the lives of veterans.

A new Center for Innovation & Collaboration and new Assistive Technologies lab will provide ideation spaces for students and faculty to engage in projects and develop assistive technology initiatives. These new innovative spaces include movable furniture, collaboration spaces, glass boards and technology that supports collaboration.

SEA-PHAGES Laboratory is a laboratory course sponsored by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Science Education Alliance. The lab gives students a unique mentored research experience in their freshman year.

College of Business Administration

The College of Business Association (CBA) is among the top 5 percent of business schools in the world accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). In addition, pass rates for Detroit Mercy students on the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) have been higher than such institutions as Penn, Harvard and the University of Chicago for the past two years. The College also offers Business Leaders’ Accelerated Start (BLAST), which comprises tuition-free, credit-bearing college courses with our faculty. BLAST is open to qualified high school students and includes academic advising, access to business executives and conditional admission to our nationally-ranked BS/MBA degree program. The CBA also conducts the Executives-in-Residence program that connects major corporate executives with business students to obtain internships, industry mentors and initial career positions. The College is also home to several centers of excellence, such as the Center for Social Entrepreneurship. In 2019, the College launched the Center for Practice & Research in Management & Ethics (PRIME). PRIME will comprise a national speaker series, a student-run research journal, experiential learning opportunities and professional research by several endowed faculty chairs, including the new Arnold Jarboe Chair of Business Administration.

College of Liberal Arts & Education

• The Varsity News, Detroit Mercy’s student newspaper, celebrated its centennial in 2018. The award-winning publication played an important part in the early careers of many local and national journalists.

• Undergraduate Cybersecurity Program was among the first in Michigan to align its curriculum with the first of its kind curriculum standards established by the Joint Taskforce on Cybersecurity Education, a national taskforce comprised of business and academic leadership.

• Counseling Department received a four-year Health and Human Services (HRSA) grant in 2018, totaling $931,358. The grant will allow the Counseling program to implement the Counseling Underserved Populations (CUSP) Project, which offers specialized, enhanced training to master’s-level counseling students with an emphasis on integrated health, trauma, poverty and court involvement.

• Theatre Company’s 47th season reached an audience of more than 1,900 people with productions that were at the crossroads of social justice and faith.

• The Fullbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad (GPA) Program in the U.S. Department of Education awarded $93,252 to Detroit Mercy through its Language & Cultural Training Department to facilitate a curriculum enhancement project for faculty and Detroit K-12 teachers of arts and social sciences.

Celebration of Scholarly Achievement — More than 300 members of the University community participated in research-focused events and activities during the annual Celebration of Scholarly Achievement, sponsored by Delta Dental of Michigan in April 2018. These events highlight the diverse scholarship of faculty, undergraduate and graduate students and spotlight the impact of Detroit Mercy in industry, design, education, health care and other fields. The event showcased six books, 30 book chapters, 69 journal articles, 10 conference proceedings and 110 posters.

Service Learning Classes — Approximately 87 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 1,500 Detroit Mercy student volunteers provide about 12,000 hours of service in conjunction with more than 100 community service agencies.

Alternative Break Programs — During the 2017-18 school year, 47 Detroit Mercy students and employees traveled to seven locations including David Darst Center in Chicago; Misericondia in Chicago; Nazareth Farm in W. Va.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Detroit, Mich.; Wheeling, W.Va.; and with Crispran in El Salvador. The goals of these trips are to immerse students and faculty in various cultures, and assist those who are vulnerable; building and rebuilding; and establishing a better understanding of the issues of hunger, homelessness, food justice, immigration, racism and urban and rural poverty.

Student-Athlete Achievements

• In 2018, the women’s lacrosse team won its first regular season title, sharing the Southern Conference crown, while the men’s lacrosse team advanced to the MAAC Championships game for the third time in school history.

• Ben Kendel, the 2018 Horizon League Cross Country Athlete of the Year, continues to build upon his already impressive athletic and academic career. In 2018, he was named the Horizon League Fall Scholar-Athlete of the Season for the third time in his career in Cross Country, and the fifth time overall after earning the distinction twice in track and field.

• For the 14th consecutive year, Detroit Mercy student-athletes earned recognition for academic success in the latest Graduation Success Rate (GSR) and Federal Graduation Rate (FGR) released by the NCAA. Detroit Mercy ranked among the top five in the state and second overall for the 14th consecutive year. Titan athletes have an FSR of 90 percent, the second straight year they reached this mark.

• The softball team demonstrated their academic excellence throughout the 2017-18 academic year by earning the ninth highest team GPA in NCAA Division I softball with a 3.571. The National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) recognizes the top 10 academic teams (by overall GPA) each Fall through the Easton/NFCA Top 10 Academic Team Program.

Detroit Mercy’s Faculty Excellence Award — Karen McDonald Henning, professor of Law, received the Faculty Excellence Award for 2018 as selected by her peers in recognition of her outstanding teaching and scholarly endeavors.

University of Detroit Mercy Mission: University of Detroit Mercy, a Catholic university in the Jesuit and Mercy traditions, exists to provide excellent student-centered undergraduate and graduate education in an urban context. A Detroit Mercy education seeks to integrate the intellectual, spiritual, ethical and social development of our students.

Vision: University of Detroit Mercy will be recognized as a premier private university in the Great Lakes region, distinguished by graduates who lead and serve in their communities.