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 18 consecutive years, Detroit Mercy has achieved top tier rankings for Midwest Best Regional Universities in the U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Colleges” edition. This year, Detroit Mercy is now ranked with the top national universities. The University ranked No. 179 for 2020 in the Best National Universities category and is one of four universities in Michigan ranked among the top 200 in the nation.

In addition, Detroit Mercy also earned the following ranks in the National Universities category:
- Best Value Schools, National Universities - #45
- Best School for Veterans, National Universities - #133
- Best Overall Undergraduate Business Programs - #292
- Best Online Master’s in Nursing Program - #130
- A+ Schools for B Students (these are not ranked)
- Best Nurse Anesthesia Program - #10.

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 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, 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, 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.

Library Holdings
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.
- Through its two clinics, a mobile clinic and the school-based sealant program, Detroit Mercy’s School of Dentistry completed 77,137 patient visits last year that included $801,544.03 in uncompensated care. This care was provided through Medicaid rates and made possible via an institutional and state funded subsidy of $6,823,214. The school partners with 12 community sites statewide to provide dental care in areas where it is difficult for patients to access care. Students participate in outreach activities throughout the year, and provide care to student-run/faculty-supervised free clinics.
- Detroit Mercy’s McAuley Health Center is located on the lower east side of Detroit and provides health services to more than 1,120 underserved individuals of all ages, resulting in 3,279 patient visits in fiscal year 2018-19.
- Detroit Mercy’s Counseling Clinic serves approximately 250 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 and Detroit Mercy students.
- For more than 25 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 2019-20 school year is approximately $28,840.

Financial Assistance
For fiscal year 2019, Detroit Mercy designated $42.2 million of institutional aid for student scholarships and grants, which represented 25.3% of the $166.6 million of student tuition and fees revenue.

Campus Facilities
- There is 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 and field.
- Multi-faith spaces include: McNichols Campus—one Catholic chapel with daily and Sunday masses, a mosque and several multi-faith prayer spaces. Dental—one Christian and one Muslim prayer space. Law—connected to a Catholic church and one multi-faith prayer space.
Detroit Mercy Highlights

“Wall Street Journal” — The "Wall Street Journal" ranked University of Detroit Mercy at No. 193 in its 2019 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 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** Physician Assistant Program received 10-year full accreditation through the Accreditation Review Commission for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA).

**College of Engineering & Science ReBUILD program grows** — As of Fall 2019, 135 scholars are in the ReBUILDetroit program—Research Enhancement for Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity. This program is designed to encourage more undergraduate students from underrepresented or economically disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue careers in biomedical research. Began in 2014, University of Detroit Mercy is the lead institution in this collaborative program with Wayne State and Henry Ford College which was renewed in 2019 and is one of the 10 sites funded by a $21 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

In partnership with Automation Alley and sponsored by Ford Motor Company, the College of Engineering & Science 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 continued into 2019 with additional academic partners and industry partners.

The College of Engineering & Science’s Robotics Talent Consortium was one of nine first round 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 underserved groups. Consortium partners include the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation, Wayne RESA, Cesar Chavez Academy High School in Detroit, Melvindale High School, General Motors, FANUC, DTE Energy, the Ideal Group and Henry Ford College.

The **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 Clare Luce Booth Professor is in the Mechanical Engineering department and serves as a role model and mentor for female engineering students.

**Assistive Technology** — For 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 **Technologies Lab** will provide ideation spaces for students and faculty to engage in projects and develop assistive technology initiatives. These innovative spaces include movable furniture, collaboration space, 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 that gives students a unique mentored research experience.

**Detroit Mercy Highlights**

**Student-Athlete Achievements**

In 2019, the women's softball team captured its fifth conference championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history. Also in 2019, the women's lacrosse team won a share of the Southern Conference regular-season title for the second-straight season.

In 2018-19, the Titans had three student-athletes named Google Cloud Academic All-Americans, the most ever in a single season in school history. Softball senior Jordan Mano earned Second Team selection and teammate Ashley Mauzer was named the Third Team. In addition, men's lacrosse senior Matthew Vangelen was named to the Division I Men's At-Large Third Team, the first-ever men's lacrosse player to be named an Academic All-American.

For the 15th 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. Titan athletes have an FSR of 90 percent, the third straight year they reached this mark.

Ben Kendall earned the Horizon League's Cecil N. Coleman Medal of Honor, the highest individual honor presented annually to the league's top student-athletes who best exemplify the dignity and high purpose of the league and its membership, and who demonstrate outstanding achievement in academics, athletics and extracurricular activities. In cross country, Kendall won the Horizon League title and was tabbed the HL Athlete of the Year. He would go on to take second at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional Championship — the highest place in a regional run by a Titan in school history and the best HL finish since 2008. In track and field, he was the Horizon League Male Outdoor Athlete of the Year and qualified for the NCAA East Preliminary Championships in the 10,000m for the second-straight season.

Detroit Mercy freshman Antoine Davis broke the NCAA record for freshman 3-pointers, held by current NBA superstar Stephen Curry, by hitting 132 on the year. He ended his rookie season third in scoring the nation and led the Horizon League in offense at 26.1 points per game, just the fifth Titan to lead the league in scoring and the first freshman in conference history to accomplish that feat.

**Detroit Mercy’s Faculty Excellence Award** — This past year, the university leadership, with approximately 200 faculty, staff and guests, celebrated the two recipients of the Faculty Recognition Awards. The dinner, hosted by the Office of Academic Affairs, was an opportunity to highlight the contributions of Terry Howard, lecturer in Decision & Information Sciences in the College of Business Administration, as recipient of the Faculty Achievement Award and Nancy Calleja, professor and chair in the Department of Counseling & Addiction Studies in the College of Liberal Arts & Education, as recipient of the Faculty Excellence Award. Candidates for this award are nominated by a peer with the final evaluation and selection coordinated by the Faculty Recognition Awards Selection Committee.

**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.

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