FAST FACTS 2021-2022

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 24 lay and religious trustees.

▸ U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT’S “BEST COLLEGES” RANKING
For the past several years, Detroit Mercy has ranked with the top national universities in the U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Colleges” edition. The University ranked No. 187 for 2022 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 - No. 35
- Best Undergraduate Business Programs, Finance - No. 42
- Best Undergraduate Accounting Programs, Management - No. 27
- Best Undergraduate Nursing Programs - No. 148
- Best School for Veterans - No. 121
- Best Online Masters in Nursing - No. 103
- Best Graduate Masters in Nursing - No. 104
- Best Doctor of Nursing Practice - No. 94
- Best MBA Specialties in Management - No. 25
- A+ Schools for B Students (these are not ranked)
- Top performers on social mobility - No. 120

▸ ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
- Detroit Mercy offers bachelor’s degrees in 109 programs, including five-year master’s and certificate programs. At the graduate level, the University offers 48 master’s degree programs, one specialist program and 11 doctoral/professional-level programs, including law and dentistry. Additionally, the University awards graduate certificates in 21 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

- 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, a county executive, a city councillor, 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, ThysenKrupp, 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 ASUN Athletic Conference; women’s lacrosse is in the Mid-American Conference; and men’s and women’s fencing are independent.

▸ 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.

▸ 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 35,000 hours of legal assistance to residents of Detroit and surrounding communities through externships and 12 clinics.
- Detroit Mercy’s Institute for Advanced Continuing Dental Education offers more than 80 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. Through the School of Dentistry’s two clinics, a mobile clinic and the school-based sealant program, Dentistry completed 101,281 patient visits from July 2020-October 2021, which included $1,209,507 in uncompensated care. This care was provided through Medicaid rates and made possible via institutional support of $5,503,671, state support of $1 million annually and federal cost-based reimbursement of $98,167. Additionally, Dental students participate in outreach activities throughout the year to help those in need.
- The College of Health Professions (CHP) and McAuley School of Nursing (MSN) 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, health services administration and health information management programs. The MSN successfully launched two new programs: the Master’s Entry Advanced Generalist Nursing (MEAGN) and Emergency Nurse Practitioner (ENP) programs.
- 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.
- 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 1,040 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.

▸ TUITION
Tuition for full-time undergraduate students for the 2021-2022 school year is approximately $30,154.

▸ FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
For fiscal year 2021-22, Detroit Mercy designated $50,394,000 of institutional aid for student scholarships and grants, which represented 29.3% of the $171,916,000 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—one Catholic prayer space, one Muslim prayer space. The Law campus is connected to a multi-faith chapel with daily and Sunday masses, and several multi-faith prayer spaces. At the Dental campus, there is one Christian and one Muslim prayer space. The Law campus is connected to a Catholic church and has one multi-faith prayer space.

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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.

College of Health Professions (CHP) and McAuley School of Nursing (MSN) obtained initial approval to offer the Master’s Entry Advanced Generalist Nursing (MEAGN) program at the Novi campus.

College of Engineering & Science ReBUILD program grows — As of Fall 2021, 168 scholars have participated in the Research Enhancement for Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (ReBUILD) program. This year’s seventh cohort includes 19 scholars. ReBUILD encourages undergraduate students from underrepresented or economically disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue careers in biomedical research. By supporting students with mentorship and professional development training, students have presented their research in 35 national and international conferences. Established in 2014, Detroit Mercy is the lead institution in this collaborative program with Wayne State University and Henry Ford College. Program funding was renewed in 2019 and the Detroit Mercy-led program is one of the 10 sites funded by a $21 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The College of Engineering & Science (CES) received a $1.2 million award from the Department of Defense to lead a Regional Vehicle Cybersecurity Institute. The institute will expand and enhance the vehicle cybersecurity engineering workforce through an applied curriculum developed in consultation with industry partners. The program will provide hands-on programming to support upskilling and reskilling for a vehicle cybersecurity workforce, prioritizing military personnel, veterans and underrepre-

presented populations.

Professor of Mechanical Engineering Richard Hill and a team including Jocelyn Bennett-Garraway, associate professor of Counseling, and researchers from Michigan State University received a $1 million, three-year grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) under the CSforAll program.

Detroit Mercy serves as the lead organization in this effort, which focuses on increasing interest and access of local underserved high school students to high-quality computer science education.

Megan Conrad, the Clare Booth Luce associate professor of Mechanical Engineering, recently received a three-year, $500,000 grant from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Conrad will lead a team of external researchers and Detroit Mercy students to identify the potential impact of differences in the design of user interfaces on generic drug delivery devices. Her team will also develop a methodology for characterizing and testing the safety of drug-device systems.

Professors Alexa Ribana Abdallah of the Environmental Engineering program and Katherine Lanigan of the Chemistry program were awarded a 2021 Summer Jesuit Stipend for their proposed project to include the theme of environmental justice in four different Engineering and Science courses. The goal is to amplify the integration of mission for students within the College of Engineering & Science and enhance courses offered as part of the core curriculum.

The College of Engineering & Science has received a $50,000 grant from Ford Motor Company to support three summer programs that promote the entry of local, underserved high school students into careers in engineering and science. The programs included the Science & Engineering Exploration Camp, which provided high school students exposure to cutting-edge skills and projects in STEM; the Engineering & Technology Teacher Bootcamp, which provided training to local high school teachers on how to integrate technology and engineering applications into their courses; and a pilot Summer Bridge program that helped incoming engineering and computer science students at Detroit Mercy in their transition to college.

The College of Business Administration (CBA) is accredited by the Association to Advance Col-

giate Schools of Business (AACSB), which places the College among the top 5% of business schools in the world. U.S. News & World Report consistently ranks both the Master of Business Administration (MBA) and the undergraduate Management program among the nation’s top 30 programs, and the College is rated the #1 Value in Michigan for Business, Management, and Marketing by College Factual. The pass rate of Detroit Mercy’s first-time test-takers on the Certified Public Accountant (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 is designed for students interested in starting 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, a business ethics essay contest for high school students, experimental learning opportunities and professional research by several endowed faculty chairs. Qualified high school students can take selected college courses for free through the Business Leader-

ners 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 six years. 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) launched a new Master of Science in Cybercrime that combines criminal justice studies with focused aspects of cybersecurity to address the growing demand for trained professionals, and the University of Detroit Mercy Mercy Center for Justice Studies at the Novi Campus to provide continuing education to law enforcement professionals.

The Department of Cybersecurity & Information Systems promoted and supported the ISACA® Detroit Chapter 8th Annual Cybersecurity Scholarship Case Competition. Faculty from the department also supported seven students to compete in the National Cyber League Competition. The Detroit Mercy team placed 135 out of 927 teams.

The Dudley Randall Poetry Prize, inaugurated in 1970, and the Dudley Randall High School Poetry Prize, inaugurated in 2020, are awarded annually to up-and-coming poets by the Department of English. The Dudley Randall Writing Scholarship provides a four-year, $2,000 scholarship for incoming English majors. A new scholarship to honor the late John C. Freeman, a 30-year English professor, was also established. (Sic, Detroit Mercy’s arts and literary magazine, is in its 28th year of publication.

The Language & Cultural Training Program held foreign language programs (Chinese, French, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and others) and cultural awareness seminars at several companies and high schools in metro Detroit.

Detroit Mercy Theatre Company’s 50th season commissioned and produced the world premiere of “Hitchcocked: An Audio Serial,” a five-part mini-series audio drama written by award-winning playwright Joseph Landry.

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. In 2021, the University hosted a virtual celebration of scholarly achievement that highlighted student and faculty research.

Service Learning Classes — Approximately 69 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 1,040 Detroit Mercy student volunteers provide about 10,900 hours of service in conjunction with more than 100 community service agencies. In addition, through the Institute for Leadership & Service, 1,040 students each year provide community service, coordinated with classroom study. 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 — University Ministry provides Catholic, Ecumenical and Interfaith programs to support the awareness and growth of students in their faith journey to find God in all things and live out a faith that does justice.

Service Immersion Trips — University Ministry offers trips based on social justice themes during winter, spring and summer breaks. Trips provide students with opportunities to work for the common good, encounter new realities and reflect on their experiences 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 20 faculty representing a variety of disciplines have received prestigious Fulbright Fellowships, appointments and other awards.

Student-Athlete Achievements

Wille Green ’02, former Horizon League Player of the Year and NBA player, is now head coach of the NBA’s New Orleans Pelicans.

Men’s lacrosse now competes in the ASUN Conference. The Titans earned recognition by the Women’s Golf Coaches Association’s All-Scholar Team GPA Award as one of the top 25 GPAs for Division I programs in the country, tying for 21st after posting a team GPA of 3.840.

Former Titan great and All-American guard Dave DeBusschere ’62 was selected to the NBA’s 75th Anniversary Team. DeBusschere was a three-time consensus All-American under coach Bob Calihan and won NBA titles with the New York Knicks in 1970 and 1973. He was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1983.

Senior men’s basketball player Antoine Davis has scored 2,430 career points and broke the school record for points. In addition, his 385 career three-points during the 2021-22 season broke the career Horizon League record.

Both the men’s and women’s soccer programs earned the United Soccer Coaches’ Team Academic Award for the 2020-21 season. Detroit Mercy is one of only 90 schools in the country that saw both teams earn the prestigious award.

Detroit Mercy men’s lacrosse graduate senior Alex Akins earned selection as a Third Team CoSIDA All-Large Academic All-America®. He is only the second lacrosse player to earn this distinction and just the 19th Titan in school history to earn Academic All-America from CoSIDA.

Detroit Mercy registered a 91% in the GSR and 73% in the FGE, which gives graduation information about the most recent six-year graduating class of students and student-athletes who entered as freshmen in 2013-14. This was the 16th-straight year Detroit Mercy ranked among the top-five in the state — second overall — in the GSR.

Detroit Mercy’s Faculty Excellence Award — This past year, two faculty earned recognition for their excellence in teaching, research and service. Professor Mary White of the College of Health Professions received the Faculty Excellence Award. Associate Professor of English Sigrid Streit received the Faculty Achievement Award. A celebratory dinner to honor these faculty members will take place in 2022.

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.