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., has been president of the University since June 2011. Detroit Mercy is governed by a board of 36 lay and religious trustees.

**U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges" Ranking**
For the past two years, *U.S. News & World Report*'s 'Best Colleges' edition has ranked Detroit Mercy among the top 200 institutions in the nation. The University ranked 187 for 2021 in the Best National Universities category. In addition, Detroit Mercy is the highest ranked private university in the state and ranked among the top 200 in the nation.

Detroit Mercy also earned the following ranks in the National Universities category:
- Best Value Schools, National Universities - No. 34
- Best School for Veterans, National Universities - No. 136
- Best Graduate Master’s in Nursing - No. 115
- Best Doctor of Nursing Practice - No. 124
- A+ Schools for B Students (these are not ranked)
- Best Nurse Anesthesia Program - No. 10.
- Top performers on social mobility - No. 129

**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 in the country, is available to all students and is required in Architecture, Engineering and the five-year Business program (BSBA/MBA).

**Notable Alumni**
Graduates 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, and corporate executives at such companies as General Motors, Stellantis (formerly 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 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 Mid-American Conference; and men's and women's fencing are in the Midwest Fencing Conference.

**Library Holdings**
The University's three libraries hold a combined collection of more than 1.5 million items including print and electronic books and journals, films on DVD and in streaming format, government documents, databases and archival materials.

**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 30,000 hours of legal assistance to residents of Detroit and surrounding communities through 11 clinics.
- Through its two clinics, a mobile clinic and the school-based sealant program, last year Detroit Mercy's School of Dentistry completed 59,730 patient visits that included $732,303 in uncompensated care. This care was provided through Medicaid rates and made possible via an institutional and state-funded subsidy of $5,464,436. The School partners with 14 community sites statewide and provided more than 8,390 patient visits 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.
- **The McAuley Health Center (MHC)** is located on the lower east side of Detroit. Despite COVID-19, the center continues providing health services to underserved individuals of all ages, which resulted in more than 2,000 patient visits during 2019-20.
- **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 that provides professional design services to nonprofit community and civic organizations throughout Detroit and the world at large.
- Through the **Institute for Leadership and Service**, approximately 1,500 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 undergraduate students for the 2020-21 school year is approximately $29,562.

**Financial Assistance**
For fiscal year 2020-21, Detroit Mercy designated $41,637,000 of institutional aid for student scholarships and grants, which represented 25% of the $166,326,000 of student tuition and fees revenue.

**Campus Facilities**
- There is one campus in northwest Detroit, two campuses in or near downtown Detroit and one in Novi.
- 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 the McNichols Campus—one Catholic 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 offers one multi-faith prayer space.
Detroit Mercy Highlights

Wall Street Journal — The Wall Street Journal ranked University of Detroit Mercy at No. 172 in its 2020 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 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 successfully migrated the Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia program to the Doctor of Nursing Practice. The McAuley School of Nursing BSN graduate data indicates that 96% of graduates were successful on the NCLEX-RN exam and employed within one year of graduation.

College of Engineering & Science ReBuild program grows — As of fall 2020, 152 scholars have participated in the Research Enhancement for Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (ReBUILD) program. ReBUILD encourages undergraduate students from underrepresented or economically disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue careers in biomedical research. 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 program is one of the 10 sites funded by a $21.1 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The College’s high school STEM pathways program titled Innovating Detroit's Robotic Agile Workforce (iDRAW) began its second year of operation in 2020 under a $653,000 grant from the state of Michigan’s Marshall Plan for Talent. For fall 2020, more than 140 iDRAW students are enrolled in dual enrollment courses with Detroit Mercy, including a new Mechatronics course. Each student in the Mechatronics course received a kit comprised of electronics, sensors, motors and Arduino microcontroller to take home to facilitate their remote learning.

Jacob Kagey, associate professor of Biology, received a National Science Foundation Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (NSF-IUSE) grant for $299,983 to support a multi-institutional project for implementing course-based undergraduate research experience (CURE).

SEA-PHAGES and SEA-GENES are laboratory courses sponsored by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Science Education Alliance that gives students a unique mentored research experience beginning in their freshman year.

For its social, professional, and outreach efforts, the Chemistry Club (American Chemical Society Student members) annual report for the 2019-20 academic year was judged to be outstanding for the 16th straight year. The award places the Club in the top 5% of groups nationwide.

The College of Business Administration is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). AACSB accreditation places the College among the top 5% of business schools in the world. 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, and 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 comparable programs. Finance students manage the MAJESTIC Fund, a real portfolio of financial assets, and have placed among the world’s top 25 student investors in international competitions. The newest academic program is Social Entrepreneurship, designed for students interested in starting their own businesses, and the Center for Social Entrepreneurship prepares community residents to launch new ventures. The Center for Practice & Research in Management & Ethics (PRIME) supports a national speaker series, a business ethics essay contest for high school students, experiential learning opportunities, and professional research by several endowed faculty chairs. Qualified high school students can take selected college courses for free and may receive conditional admission to graduate school directly from high school through the 5-year MBA program.

The College of Liberal Arts & Education (CLAE) launched two new programs: the Master of Science in Applied Data Analytics and the 5-year bachelor’s to master’s accelerated Industrial/Organizational Psychology program.

The Dudley Randall Poetry Prize reached a 50-year milestone encouraging poetry from Detroit Mercy undergraduate students. The Department of English also launched the inaugural Dudley Randall High School Poetry Prize.

A collaboration between Detroit Mercy’s Department of Admissions and Department of English created the Dudley Randall Writing Scholarship to provide a $2,000 scholarship for incoming English majors.

The Department of Philosophy co-sponsored “Philosophy of the City” – a global conference that examines cities through a variety of philosophical themes.

Detroit Mercy’s Center for Cybersecurity & Intelligence Studies supported the Michigan CyberPatriot Program with 182 teams from 52 cities across Michigan and hosted the third annual conference and award ceremony that attracted a virtual audience of more than 1,000 middle and high school students.

The Center also debuted the Detroit Mercy Cybersecurity 313 Podcast as a public service for people in search of cybersecurity information for everyday life.

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 49th season production of “Silent Sky” received high praise, which led to a performance at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Region III event in Wisconsin.

Celebration of Scholarly Achievement — Each year, Detroit Mercy celebrates the research, publications and achievements of more than 300 faculty, staff and students during the University’s annual Celebration of Scholarly Achievement. However, due to the pandemic restrictions, Detroit Mercy will celebrate the 2020 and 2021 achievements of faculty, staff and students at an event later this year.

Service Learning Classes — Approximately 77 courses across the University incorporated service learning, 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. In addition, through the Institute for Leadership and Service, 1,500 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

Women’slacrosse is now in the Mid-American Conference (MAC).

Track and field junior Constantina Sinani was part of a group of three Detroit Mercy students whose academic research paper was published in the European Journal of Medicine and Natural Sciences.

Men’s soccer senior Garrett Weaver earned the highest honor you can receive from the Horizon League when he won the 2020 Cecil N. Coleman Medal of Honor, the second consecutive year a Titan male student-athlete was selected and the seventh overall in school history.

Men’s lacrosse senior Alex Akins earned one of the highest academic awards when he was named to the USILA/Warren-Newport Beach Division I Scholar All-American Team, just the fourth Titan to ever earn the academic distinction.

Junior Antoine Davis finished his junior season having already scored 2,040 career points, third in school history and ninth in Horizon League history, while his 316, 3-pointers is second in both record books. As a freshman, Davis broke the NCAA record for freshman 3-pointers, held by current NBA superstar Stephen Curry, by hitting 132 on the year.

The women’s cross country and fencing teams received NCAA Public Recognition Awards when both programs ranked in the top 10% of their sports in the most recent Academic Progress Rate results. They were also two of just 23 Division I programs in the state of Michigan to receive the honor for the 2018-19 academic year.

The Detroit Mercy Department of Athletics was again praised for its work in the classroom for several programs well above the national standard when the NCAA released its latest Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR). The Titans had 16 programs register multi-year scores above the 930 NCAA qualifying mark with nine exceeding the national 983 standard and two posting perfect scores. All 17 University of Detroit Mercy athletic programs exceeded a 3.0 GPA during the 2020 spring semester as the Titans combined for a 3.51 GPA during the 2019-20 school year. It was the highest semester GPA for the athletic department in school history.

Detroit Mercy’s Faculty Excellence Award — This past year, three faculty earned recognition for their excellence in teaching, research and service. Professor Rosanne Bursion of the College of Health Professions received the Faculty Excellence Award, Professor Erin Archerd of the School of Law and Professor Evan Peterson of the College of Business Administration received the Faculty Achievement Award. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a celebratory dinner to honor these faculty members will take place later in 2021.

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.