

# About St. Mary's University

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## Mission Statement

**St. Mary's University, as a Catholic Marianist University, fosters the formation of people in faith and educates leaders for the common good through community, integrated liberal arts and professional education, and academic excellence.**

Our mission statement is a reflection of the Characteristics of Marianist Universities. There are five elements that characterize the Marianist approach to education: educate for formation in faith, provide an integral quality education, educate in the family spirit, educate for service, justice and peace, and educate for adaptation and change. The three Marianist universities have published a book called Characteristics of Marianist Universities (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/characteristics-of-marianist-universities.pdf>) to fully describe the Marianist approach to education at the university level.

## Who We Are

St. Mary's University, founded in 1852 by Marianist brothers and priests, is the first institution of higher learning in San Antonio and the oldest Catholic university in Texas and the Southwest. Personal attention and powerful academic programs have made St. Mary's a nationally recognized liberal arts institution.

The University provides a Catholic education experience that evokes academic excellence while integrating liberal studies, professional preparation and ethical commitment. St. Mary's full-time faculty members, 93 percent of whom hold doctoral or terminal degrees in their fields, are committed to student success in and out of the classroom. St. Mary's offers more than 75 programs, including two doctoral and two law programs. With a diverse student population of about 3,800 of all faiths and backgrounds, the student/faculty ratio of 12-to-1 permits small classes and promotes active learning.

The Marianists who came to San Antonio in 1852 responded to the call of their superiors to establish an educational institution to regenerate the people of the city. Through their work and the work of those who followed them, St. Mary's University has maintained its reputation as "a noble institution destined to be a great education center of the Southwest."

In Compliance with Title IX, St. Mary's University does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the education programs or activities it operates. Question regarding Title IX may be referred to the St. Mary's University Title IX Officer or to the Office of Civil Rights.

## Academic Accreditation

Accreditation is a status awarded to an educational institution or a program that has been found to meet or exceed stated standards of excellence and quality in educational practices. St. Mary's University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award B.A., B.B.A., B.S., L.L.M., M.A., M.B.A., M.P.A., M.S., J.D., and Ph.D. degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of St. Mary's University.

Contact the Commission on Colleges to file a public complaint against the University.

## Specialized Accreditation

### Business Administration

**Greehey School of Business:** AACSB International – Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

**Master of Business Administration (MBA):** AACSB – International Association of Management Education

### Counseling

**Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.A.):** CACREP – Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

**Marriage and Family Therapy (M.A.):** COAMFTE – Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education

**Counselor Education and Supervision (Ph.D.):** CACREP – Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

**Marriage and Family Therapy (Ph.D.):** COAMFTE – Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education

### Education

**Catholic School Leadership (M.A.):** Approved by The Texas State Board for Educator Certification

**Education (M.A.):** Approved by The Texas State Board for Educator Certification

**Educational Leadership (M.A.):** Approved by The Texas State Board for Educator Certification

**Reading (M.A.):** Approved by The Texas State Board for Educator Certification

**Teacher Education Program:** Approved by the Texas State Board for Educator Certification

**B.A. Degree Program:** Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music

## Engineering

**Computer Engineering (B.S.):** Accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <http://www.abet.org>

**Electrical Engineering (B.S.):** Accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <http://www.abet.org>

**Industrial Engineering (B.S.):** Accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <http://www.abet.org>

**Mechanical Engineering (B.S.):** Accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <http://www.abet.org>

## Law

**Juris Doctorate (J.D.):** Approved by The American Bar Association

## Institutional Memberships

The American Association of Higher Education  
The American Association of University Women  
The American Council on Education  
The American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education  
The American Bar Association  
The American Schools of Oriental Research  
The National Association of Schools of Music  
The Association of American Colleges and Universities  
The Association of American Law Schools  
The Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities  
The Association of Texas Colleges and Universities  
The Association of Texas Graduate Schools  
The Conference of Southern Graduate Schools  
The Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences  
The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities  
The International Association of Counseling Services  
The Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas  
The National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities  
The National Catholic Educational Association  
The Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities  
The National Collegiate Honors Council  
The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
The Texas Humanities Alliance  
Council of Undergraduate Research