



In its 181st year, Samford is a globally engaged teaching and research university rooted firmly in its vibrant Christian mission. Samford offers undergraduate programs grounded in the liberal arts with an array of nationally recognized graduate and professional programs through 10 academic schools: arts, arts and sciences, business, divinity, education, health professions, law, nursing, pharmacy, and public health.

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS, 2022-2023

Samford enrolled the largest freshman class in its history with 972 enrolled first-year students. The total enrollment, which includes undergraduate and graduate students, is 5,683 students, with 3,672 undergraduate students and 2,011 graduate students. The students represent 47 states, Puerto Rico, Guam and 19 countries.

Samford's faculty members continue to receive national and global recognition for their outstanding accomplishments and acts of service. For example, Dr. Valerie Prince, a professor in Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy, was appointed president of the American Pharmacists Association, which is the nation's oldest and largest pharmacy organization. Dr. Timothy George, a distinguished professor in Beeson School of Divinity, was named this year's president of the Evangelical Theological Society, which is made up of more than 4,000 scholars, teachers, pastors, and students dedicated to theological research and teaching.

Samford also continues to garner attention for the quality of its academic programs. *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Samford's Cumberland School of Law 4th in the nation for Trial Advocacy in its Best Law Schools ranking. Samford's a cappella choir, under the direction of Dr. Philip Copeland, won first place at the CantaRode International Choir Festival in the Netherlands.

The Board of Trustees unanimously adopted Samford's new strategic plan, called *Fidelitas: Faith and Future*. This bold and aspirational plan calls for Samford to be nothing less than the premier school of choice among national, comprehensive, Christ-centered universities. These priorities will animate all that we do at Samford in the coming years and set an exciting course for our growing and vibrant campus community.

Samford is investing in important capital projects to enhance the student experience. A beautiful and transformational renovation of Buchanan Hall, home to Samford's music division, was completed. Future academic renovations are being planned for Davis Library, Dwight Beeson Hall, Brooks Hall, the law school building, and the law library. The main dining hall – a beloved space where so many Samford people have shared fellowship and food – is undergoing complete renovation. Construction is progressing on the new Campus Recreation, Wellness and Athletic complex that will be complete in the Fall of 2024.

Samford's Ministry Training Institute celebrated its 75th year of academic programs. This was the most prolific year in program history with a dramatic increase in enrollments with 2,056 registrations received through MTI extension sites, most of which are hosted by Alabama Baptist churches and associations.

Samford's Beeson Divinity School announced a new Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Theology for the Church. The school also launched the new Master of Theology (Th.M.) program, as well as a new Master of Christian Counseling (M.A.C.C.). Beeson also celebrated a successful reaccreditation visit from the Association of Theological Schools.

Samford Athletics teams won a school-record 11 conference championships. Samford's teams also posted a Graduation Success Rate that ranks first among Division 1 schools in Alabama, first in the Southern Conference, and tied for sixth among all 351 Division I schools nationally.