



Samford is one of the country's leading Christian universities and 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. Founded in 1841, Samford is the 87th-oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. Samford fields 17 athletic teams competing in the tradition-rich Southern Conference.

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS, 2023-2024

Samford enrolled the largest freshman class in its history with 1,080 first-year students. The total enrollment of 5,791 includes 3,832 undergraduates and 1,959 graduate students. The students represent 49 states, Puerto Rico, and 16 countries.

Samford is investing in important capital projects to enhance the student experience. More than \$300 million is being invested in new construction on campus. A new Campus Recreation, Wellness, and Athletic Complex encompassing four buildings with 165,000 square feet will open in Fall 2024. Last winter construction began on a new 513-bed residence hall for first-year students, two smaller residence halls totaling 140 beds for upper-division students in Greek letter societies, and an addition to the north parking facility with more than 500 new stalls.

Samford introduced David Cimborra as its next provost and vice president for academic affairs. Cimborra came from George Fox University in Newburg, Oregon, where he served as executive dean of the university's Wellness Enterprise. He oversaw all behavioral and health science academic disciplines including 13 programs: four undergraduate, five master's, and four doctoral, eight of which have national accreditation. Cimborra earned his PhD in Child Clinical Psychology from the University of Denver.

Samford academic programs are successful in attracting external funding. Over the past two academic years, a total of \$18.6 million in external funding was authorized to Samford faculty from federal, state, private industry, foundations, and nonprofit funding sources in support of education, research and scholarly activities

The Department of Biblical and Religions Studies completed a nationwide search for a new department chair. Adam Winn, PhD, is a distinguished New Testament and Greek scholar who comes to Samford after serving as a professor at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Texas for eight years. Before that, he taught New Testament at Azusa Pacific University for two years and as an adjunct at Fuller, Asbury, and George W. Truett Seminaries.

The Ministry Training Institute recorded 2,185 enrollments from 45 extension locations. Five online programs had 306 enrollments. New extension sites were started in Kenai, Alaska; Harriman, Tennessee; Ashville, North Carolina; and locations in Alabama in Baldwin County and Alexander City. Courses are now being offered in three correctional facilities: two in Alabama in Aliceville and in Bibb and at the Southcentral Facility in Wayne County, Tennessee.

Samford Athletics teams won six Southern Conference championships in 2023-24 to bring the school's total to 80 since joining the league in 2008. Samford's teams also posted a Graduation Success Rate of 98, the second-highest score in the nation. This ranking placed Samford among some of the top-ranked schools in the country, including Duke, Notre Dame, Northwestern and Princeton. In addition to the national standings, Samford had the highest graduation score among all schools in Alabama and the highest in the Southern Conference.