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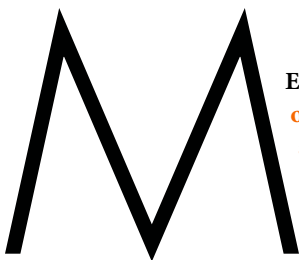
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MERCER UNIVERSITY is one of America's oldest and most distinctive institutions of higher learning, offering rigorous programs

that span the undergraduate liberal arts and sciences to doctoral-level degrees. Founded by early 19th century Baptists, Mercer — while no longer formally denominationally affiliated — remains committed to an educational environment that embraces the



historic Baptist principles of **intellectual and religious freedom**.

With more than 9,100 students enrolled in 12 schools and colleges, on major campuses in Macon and Atlanta; medical school campuses in Macon, Savannah and Columbus; and at regional academic centers in Henry and Douglas counties, Mercer is ranked among the top tier and best values of national research universities by *U.S. News & World Report*. More than 90,000 alumni are **making important contributions to their professions and communities throughout Georgia, the Southeast and the world**.

While offering a breadth of programs found at much larger universities, Mercer maintains an intimate, student-focused culture more characteristic of smaller liberal arts colleges. Mercer's uniqueness is found in the way the University integrates five defining components of its mission: **Liberal Learning, Professional Knowledge, Discovery, Service to Humankind and Community**.



■ About Mercer

PRESIDENT — William D. Underwood

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- School of Law
- Mercer Health Sciences Center
 - School of Medicine
 - College of Pharmacy
 - College of Nursing
 - College of Health Professions
- School of Engineering
- School of Business
- College of Education
- School of Theology
- College of Professional Advancement
- School of Music

PRIMARY TEACHING HOSPITALS

- Atrium Health Navicent The Medical Center, Macon
- Piedmont Macon Medical Center, Macon
- Memorial Health University Medical Center, Savannah
- Piedmont Columbus Regional Hospital, Columbus
- St. Francis-Emory Healthcare, Columbus

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

- Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins

ENROLLMENT

- 9,164 undergraduate, graduate and professional students
- Students represent 49 states and 38 countries
- 87% of students are residents of Georgia

FACULTY AND STAFF – 2,056

CAMPUSES

MACON — Mercer's Macon campus is home to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, School of Medicine, School of Engineering, School of Business, College of Education and School of Music, along with programs of the College of Professional Advancement and the College of Health Professions. The School of Law is located one mile away on Coleman Hill overlooking downtown. Macon-Bibb County is home to more than 150,000 residents and serves as the educational, medical, cultural and commercial hub of Central Georgia.

ATLANTA — Mercer's Cecil B. Day Graduate and Professional Campus is home to the College of Pharmacy, College of Health Professions, School of Theology, College of Nursing and College of Professional Advancement, along with programs of the School of Business and College of Education.

SAVANNAH — Savannah is home to a campus of Mercer’s four-year M.D. program in the School of Medicine.

COLUMBUS — Columbus is home to a campus of Mercer’s four-year M.D. program in the School of Medicine.

REGIONAL ACADEMIC CENTERS — Mercer offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs for adults at centers in Douglas County and Henry County.



■ Degrees Awarded 2022-23

<i>Degree</i>	<i>Atlanta</i>	<i>Macon</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bachelor’s Degree	248	726	174	1,148
Master’s Degree	744	122	119	985
EDS	16		13	29
Ph.D. (Education)	11			11
Ph.D. (Nursing)	2			2
Ph.D. (Pharmacy)	9			9
Ph.D. (CoPA)	7			7
Ph.D. (Medicine)		3		3
D.P.H.	114			114
D.P.T.	37			37
J.D.		123		123
M.D.		131		131
Psy.D.	14			14
D.Min.	12			12
D.N.P.	19			19
TOTAL	1,233	1,105	306	2,644

■ College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

MACON — The oldest and largest of the University's academic units, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is Mercer's academic cornerstone. The College offers baccalaureate programs in the humanities, fine arts, natural sciences, social sciences, mathematics and computer science, along with a variety of interdisciplinary options. Offering a multitude of pre-professional programs in health, law and theology, the College also provides students a strong liberal arts foundation. The core curriculum blends practical skills, such as critical thinking, clear writing and effective communication, along with a deep engagement with the diversity and richness of the peoples, faiths, cultures and natural processes in the world. The College's Great Books Program, which provides students the opportunity for focused study of classic writers and thinkers of the Western world, is recognized among the 25 Best Great Books Programs by Best College Reviews. The Integrative Program combines traditional disciplinary course requirements with three multidisciplinary integrative courses, which require students to wrestle with challenging questions from multiple perspectives and prepare them to make meaningful contributions in a complicated and deeply interconnected world. Students in the College take advantage of a variety of study abroad opportunities, both through faculty-led programs and those organized through the Mercer On Mission program. Mercer has been frequently recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* for "Best Undergraduate Teaching" and is listed among the "Best Undergraduate Computer Science Programs." In 2015, Mercer was awarded a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's most prestigious academic honor society.

DEGREES OFFERED — Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science in Health Science.



■ School of Law

MACON — In 2023, Mercer University School of Law celebrated 150 years of equipping legal professionals to practice with purpose. Founded in 1873, Mercer School of Law is one of the oldest law schools in the United States and the first in the state of Georgia accredited by the American Bar Association. Mercer Law School is committed to preparing students for high-quality, general practice in a supportive and professional learning environment. Mercer Law School is home of the 2023 National Champion Moot Court Advocacy Council and is a two-time recipient of the prestigious ABA Gambrell Professionalism Award for excellence and innovation in ethics and professionalism throughout the curriculum. With an enrollment of approximately 380 students, Mercer Law continues to be recognized for preparing students for practice through its award-winning programs in legal writing, advocacy, experiential education and emphasis on ethics and professionalism.

DEGREES OFFERED — Juris Doctor and Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration (joint degree).

■ School of Business

MACON, ATLANTA, HENRY COUNTY AND ONLINE — Established in 1984, Mercer's Stetson-Hatcher School of Business is named for Eugene W. Stetson, a 1901 Mercer graduate and business pioneer who leveraged the first major buyout in corporate history, and his grandson Robert F. (Bob) Hatcher, a Macon businessman, longtime supporter, Life Trustee and former board chair for the University. Over the past 80 years, Mercer has granted more than 12,000 business degrees, and many of its graduates hold senior leadership positions in companies around the world and are successful entrepreneurs. Mercer's business school delivers career-focused business education in order to develop innovative leaders who are responsible global citizens.

Stetson-Hatcher School of Business is an accredited member of AACSB International — The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business — which places it among the top 5% of business schools worldwide. Mercer's business school has been recognized as one of the "Best Business Schools" in the United States by both The Princeton Review and *U.S. News & World Report*. Mercer is listed as one of the "Best Undergraduate Business Programs" by *U.S. News & World Report*, and it has been recognized among "MBA Programs Where Grads Make More Money Than They Owe."

U.S. News & World Report has ranked the Evening MBA among the top 200 MBA programs in the country, and the Online MBA among the top 100 Online MBA programs nationwide — making it the highest ranked program in Georgia.

DEGREES OFFERED — Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Arts, Master of Business

Administration, Master of Accountancy, Master of Science in Business Analytics, and Master of Science in Integrative Business. Students may also combine the MBA with the School's Master of Accountancy or with the University's Doctor of Pharmacy, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Juris Doctor or Master of Divinity. The School also offers stackable graduate certificates in Business and Data Analytics; Compliance, Regulation, and Analytics in Fintech; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Management; Entrepreneurship and Innovation; Health Care Management and Analytics; Supply Chain Management and Women in Leadership.

■ School of Engineering

MACON AND ONLINE — Mercer's innovative and academically challenging engineering and engineering-related programs provide students with a comprehensive education, featuring a solid foundation in mathematics and sciences, a core engineering curriculum, a range of courses in engineering specialties and a strong emphasis on communication methodologies and technologies. The School of Engineering marked its 35th anniversary in 2020, and its undergraduate program is consistently ranked among the top programs in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. Known for its breadth of instruction in its undergraduate program and its 4 + 1 integrated bachelor's and master's degree program, Mercer combines technical education with hands-on laboratory experience, research and real-world problem-solving. The School has produced 12 Goldwater Scholars in the last eight years — including an unprecedented three recipients in three consecutive years for 2019, 2020 and 2021 — and 13 Department of Defense SMART Scholars in the last nine years.



DEGREES OFFERED — Bachelor of Science in Engineering with specialties in biomedical, civil, computer, electrical, environmental, industrial and mechanical engineering; Bachelor of Science with majors in industrial management and technical communication; Master of Science in Engineering with specialties in biomedical, civil, computer, electrical, engineering management, environmental, mechanical and software; Master of Science in cybersecurity, environmental systems, software systems, technical communication management and technical management.

■ College of Education

Mercer's Tift College of Education prepares more professional educators than any other private institution in Georgia. It offers undergraduate and graduate programs in teacher education and educational leadership, including initial teacher certification, advanced teacher education, P-12 educational leadership, independent school leadership and higher education leadership. The College's teacher certification programs are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. Guided by the conceptual framework of "The Transforming Educator," the College supports those who aspire to grow professionally throughout their careers, while also seeking to transform the lives of students. In addition to full-time, daytime baccalaureate programs for residential undergraduate students, the College of Education offers programs with flexible delivery formats for working professionals, including baccalaureate and graduate-level programs with a blended combination of online and on-campus coursework and fully online graduate-level programs.

DEGREES OFFERED — Bachelor of Science in Education, Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Education, Specialist in Education and Doctor of Philosophy. Post-baccalaureate non-degree teacher certification coursework and endorsement programs are also offered. The College also provides programs leading to teacher certification for students enrolled in the University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Townsend School of Music.

■ School of Theology

ATLANTA AND ONLINE — Established in 1996, Mercer's James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology brings Jesse Mercer's founding vision of providing students with a classical and theological education full circle as it prepares students for ministry in the church and beyond. The School of Theology shares Jesse Mercer's concern that churches have pastor-leaders who understand Scripture and can clearly articulate their Christian beliefs. Mercer University's School of Theology forms ministers and cultivates leaders who thrive spiritually, professionally, and academically in service with congregations, communities and classrooms. The School's vision is to inspire churches and communities

to imagine, discover and create God's loving and just world. The School offers master's and doctoral degrees, along with several ministry concentrations. The innovative, fully-integrated curriculum is taught by nationally recognized scholars who are committed Christians. Along with a network of partner churches, the School of Theology is affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

DEGREES OFFERED — Master of Arts in Christian Ministry, Master of Divinity, Master of Theological Studies and Doctor of Ministry; combined degrees: Master of Divinity/Master of Business Administration, Master of Divinity/Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Master of Divinity/Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (nonprofit), Master of Arts in Christian Ministry/Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (nonprofit), Master of Theological Studies/Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Master of Divinity/Master of Music in Church Music and Master of Theological Studies/Master of Music in Church Music.

■ College of Professional Advancement

MACON, ATLANTA, DOUGLAS COUNTY, HENRY COUNTY AND ONLINE — Mercer's College of Professional Advancement offers undergraduate, graduate and certificate



programs for adults who seek leadership roles in their community and beyond, professional transition and advancement and lives that have meaning and purpose. Educational programs support the needs of high-growth and high-demand employment sectors and provide students with a distinctive, multidisciplinary curriculum that integrates theory and practice. Students benefit from flexible program delivery formats including many fully online programs and many options for a blended combination of online and on-campus coursework. Areas of study include communication, counseling, health care, human resources, human services, humanities, leadership and administration, public safety, psychology, science, technology, informatics, data intelligence and machine learning, along with a variety of interdisciplinary and self-designed options. The College also offers pre-professional coursework, primarily in online format, that prepares students for nursing and pharmacy schools.

DEGREES OFFERED — Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy. Students may combine the M.S. degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling with the School of Theology's Master of Divinity or Master of Theological Studies. Students may combine the M.S. degree in Organizational Leadership with the School of Theology's Master of Arts in Christian Ministry or Master of Divinity. Students may combine the M.S. degree in Health Informatics with the Doctor of Pharmacy. The college offers an Accelerated Special Consideration Program for the B.A. in Liberal Studies and Master of Divinity, a graduate certificate in Health Informatics, undergraduate certificates in Database Design and Analytics and in Globalization and Engagement, as well as a non-credit certificate in Executive Leadership Development.

■ School of Music

MACON — Mercer's Townsend School of Music is nationally recognized for its Emmy award-winning artist faculty, internationally acclaimed students, wide range of performance ensembles and beautiful facilities. The School of Music offers a thorough and rigorous curriculum, providing a conservatory-quality music education within a university environment. Students benefit from small class sizes and individual instruction from faculty who regularly perform on campus and at major national and international venues. Specialized music programs include the Robert McDuffie Center for Strings and the Townsend-McAfee Institute for Graduate Studies in Church Music.

DEGREES OFFERED — Bachelor of Music in Performance, Bachelor of Music Education, Bachelor of Music with Elective Studies in an Outside Field, Bachelor of Arts in Music, Master of Music in Church Music, Master of Music in Conducting, Master of Music in Performance and Master of Music in Collaborative Piano (vocal or instrumental).

Mercer Health Sciences Center

The Mercer Health Sciences Center, a multi-campus academic health center, encompasses the School of Medicine, College of Pharmacy, College of Nursing and College of Health Professions. The Health Sciences Center enrolls



more than 2,000 students, employs 450 full-time faculty and staff and annually graduates more than 750 physicians, nurses and nurse educators, as well as family nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, physician assistants, pharmacists, physical therapists, family therapists, athletic trainers, clinical psychologists, public health professionals and biomedical scientists.

School of Medicine

MACON, SAVANNAH AND COLUMBUS — Mercer's School of Medicine was established in 1982 to educate physicians and health professionals to meet the primary care and health care needs of rural, medically underserved areas of Georgia through education, service, research and collaboration. Today, a majority of graduates practice in the state of Georgia, and Mercer is a leader in the nation for those who are practicing in rural or medically underserved areas. The School's educational environment was the nation's first to be founded on a patient-based learning philosophy that is case-driven and provides early patient care experiences. This innovative, hands-on approach results in better long-term retention of content and prepares students for a variety of clinical challenges. With locations in Macon, Savannah and Columbus, Mercer University School of Medicine offers a campus environment for every type of student. Macon is the School's administrative campus. The Savannah campus was established in 2008 and is located adjacent to Memorial Health University Medical Center. Columbus began as a clinical campus in 2012 and welcomed the first four-year M.D. class to a temporary space in the fall of 2021. Construction of a new facility was completed in late 2021 and opened in January 2022. All three campuses are closely integrated and function as one unit.

DEGREES OFFERED — Doctor of Medicine (Macon, Savannah and Columbus), Master of Family Therapy (Macon and Atlanta), Master of Science in Preclinical Sciences (Macon), Ph.D. in Rural Health Sciences (Macon) and Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences (Macon, Savannah and Columbus).

College of Pharmacy

ATLANTA — Founded in 1903, Mercer's College of Pharmacy has a long history of advancing health care through teaching, research, patient-centered care and service innovations. The College's motto, "A tradition of excellence, a legacy of caring," frames its philosophy of



providing excellent academic programs in an environment where every student matters and every person counts. The 400 enrolled students are encouraged to get involved in the College's many nationally recognized professional organizations. They also can take advantage of internships and other opportunities with Atlanta-based health care organizations and government agencies. Planned renovations of the Duvall Pharmacy Research Building are expected to increase the productivity of the College's renowned research efforts. Construction of the Moye Pharmacy and Health Sciences Center was completed in late 2023, and it opened to students in January 2024.

DEGREES OFFERED — Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Master of Science in Health Outcomes and Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences; combined degrees: PharmD/Ph.D., PharmD/Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences, PharmD/Master of Business Administration, PharmD/Master of Public Health and PharmD/Master of Science in Health Informatics.

College of Nursing

ATLANTA — Mercer's nationally recognized Georgia Baptist College of Nursing is the longest established nursing program in Georgia. With a rich history dating back to 1902 and more than 9,000 alumni, the College is grounded in the heritage of excellence in nursing education. The College advances the nursing workforce through multiple degree options, and faculty are dedicated to the development of professional nurses committed to scholarship, leadership, practice, research and service within a culture of academic excellence.

DEGREES OFFERED — Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Three tracks: traditional BSN track, second degree accelerated BSN track and RN-BSN completion track), Master of Science in Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, and Adult-Gerontology Primary

Care Nurse Practitioner), Doctor of Nursing Practice (BSN to DNP and Post-Master's DNP), and Doctor of Philosophy in nursing (BSN to Ph.D. and Post-Master's Ph.D.). There are also multiple certificate programs. Undergraduate students have the opportunity to complete general education and prerequisite requirements through Mercer's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences or College of Professional Advancement, as well as other accredited institutions.

College of Health Professions

ATLANTA, MACON AND ONLINE — The College of Health Professions is composed of six disciplines: physical therapy, physician assistant studies, public health, clinical psychology, athletic training and kinesiology. In addition to its degree offerings, the College offers post-professional residencies and fellowships and operates an on-site physical therapy clinic. With an overall enrollment of more than 750 students, the College seeks to improve the health and quality of life of individuals and society through excellence in teaching, research and service.

DEGREES OFFERED — Bachelor of Science in Public Health (Macon), Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology (Macon), Master of Athletic Training (Macon), Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant Studies (Atlanta), Master of Public Health (Atlanta, online), Doctor of Physical Therapy (Atlanta), Doctor of Psychology (Atlanta), and Doctor of Public Health (Atlanta, online); combined degrees in Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Public Health, Doctor of Physical Therapy/Master of Business Administration, Doctor of Physical Therapy/Master of Public Health, Master of Medical Science/Master of Public Health and Doctor of Psychology/Master of Public Health.



Mercer University Libraries

The Mercer University Libraries seek to embody a patron-driven philosophy by practicing excellent customer service, by making available learning-centered gateways of information resources, by offering robust collections in support of the academic mission of the Mercer community and by utilizing patron-driven materials acquisition models. The libraries provide a wide range of print materials

and cloud-based resources such as e-books, e-journals, streaming media, research guides and how-to videos.

In addition, the libraries participate in the campus academic enterprise through virtual reference services, group information literacy sessions, one-on-one reference tutorials and the availability of cloud-based reference tools designed for 24/7 access to online tutorials and electronic resources.

The various library facilities contain multiple learning environments designed for mixed study scenarios, including comfortable spaces for group gatherings, quiet areas for individual work and private group study rooms for collaborative projects. The Swilley and Tarver libraries offer Bear card-accessible 24/7 spaces.

THE MERCER UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES INCLUDE:

- Jack Tarver Library, Macon
- Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., Library, Atlanta
- Regional Academic Center Library Services supporting programs in Henry County and Douglas County

SPECIALIZED LIBRARIES AT MERCER

- Skelton Medical Library serving students on the Macon and Columbus campuses
- Skelton Library in Savannah serving the School of Medicine on the Savannah campus and Memorial University Medical Center
- Furman Smith Law Library in the School of Law, Macon

■ Tift College Scholars

Mercer has partnered with the Tift College Alumnae Association to preserve the legacy of Tift College — a Baptist women’s college in Forsyth that merged with Mercer in 1986 — through the Tift College Scholars Program. The program honors a select group of women at Mercer with scholarships and inclusion in one of the University’s most distinguished scholastic organizations. A committee of Tift College alumnae interviews and selects the scholars from applicants who meet the University’s high academic standards. A Tift Scholar is known for her intellect, leadership abilities, values, commitment and dedication to the service of others. A Tift Scholar is awarded a bronze medallion, signifying her selection and participation in the program. Tift Scholars are an important part of the enduring legacy that began at Tift College more than 170 years ago.

■ Office of Global Engagement

The Office of Global Engagement strives to engage, educate and inspire Mercerians through global experiences, both curricular and co-curricular, which transform their potential to change the world. The office endeavors to provide collaborative leaders, recognized for their commitment and spirit of excellence in collaboration with students, academic units, organizations and partners who seek to provide Mercerians with access to global education.

■ Mercer On Mission

Mercer On Mission offers transformational experiences for Mercer students through participation in high-impact, international service-learning opportunities. The five-week summer program, designed for undergraduate students, integrates two weeks of on-campus study with three weeks of service abroad. In 2024, Mercer On Mission teams will field development programs in 22 sites, including Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belize, the Dominican Republic, France, Greece, India, Jordan, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, the Republic of Georgia, Rwanda, South Africa, South Korea, Tanzania and Vietnam.

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MISSION 
Crossing cultures. Changing lives.



■ ROTC

The passage of the 1947 National Security Act established the Mercer University Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) battalion. The program quickly took hold on campus and numbered more than 100 cadets for most of the 1950s and early 1960s. Today, the program commissions officers into 17 U.S. Army branches for the active Army, the U.S. Army Reserve and the Army National Guard. The military science classes, associated activities and the ROTC basic courses are open to all students as electives without obligation. The courses can be taken as a minor for four years under most College of Liberal Arts and Sciences majors. The military science courses aim to develop leadership and managerial potential while understanding the requirements and organization for national security. Mercer's ROTC program, which moved into the newly dedicated Kicklighter Hall, continues to instill a strong sense of personal integrity and commitment to the nation.

■ Mercer Medicine

Mercer Medicine is a multi-specialty group of more than 30 primary care providers and specialists who work

to guide patients through their health journey and create strong, long-term relationships. A wide variety of outpatient services are

offered in Macon and at rural primary

MERCER *Medicine*



care clinics in multiple locations throughout Central and South Georgia, including Clay County, Harris County, Plains, Putnam County, Jekyll Island and Taylor County. As a subsidiary of Mercer University School of Medicine, Mercer Medicine is staffed by experienced health care providers who are leading the way in medical education, technology and research.

■ The Executive Forum

Established in 1979, The Executive Forum, presented by Truist, is Georgia’s premier business enrichment program. An outreach program of the Stetson-Hatcher School of Business and

the Office of



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Georgia's Premier Business Enrichment Program

University Advancement,

the Forum is a resource for working professionals in Macon and Atlanta. The Forum provides an opportunity for its membership of more than 200 businesses, corporations, professional organizations and individuals to hear from some of the country’s most sought-after speakers while networking with other business professionals. Past speakers include John Kasich, Ernie Johnson Jr., Tom Ridge, Nancy Grace, Mara Liasson, Frank Luntz, Charles Payne, Anderson Cooper, Amy Walter, George Tenet, Bob Woodward, Juan Williams, Newt Gingrich, Dick Vitale, George Bodenheimer and Steve Forbes.

■ Mercer Engineering Research Center

Mercer Engineering Research Center (MERC) is the University’s nonprofit applied research operating unit. Located in Warner Robins, MERC was established in 1987 to

provide engineering and scientific services, research, and specialized technical expertise to



An Operating Unit Of Mercer University

Robins Air Force Base, other Department of Defense (DoD) entities, DoD international partners and allies (Foreign Military Sales), as well as commercial customers. MERC’s core competencies include electrical engineering, electronic warfare, digital transformation, artificial intelligence and machine learning, embedded software, custom software development, cybersecurity, computational fluid dynamics, human factors and biomechanics, finite element analysis, structural integrity, mechanical testing, non-destructive

inspection, reverse engineering, and prototyping. MERC employs interns who work closely with MERC engineers and scientists in a broad range of areas. This opportunity allows students to obtain hands-on experience, adding depth to their education while gaining a better understanding of expertise provided to customers in solving real-world problems.

■ The Grand Opera House

The Grand Opera House, a performing arts center of Mercer University, is a historic, 1,000-seat theater located in downtown Macon. The Grand Opera House is Central Georgia's sole presenter of professional touring Broadway performances.

In addition to the Broadway Series, Film Series and the GrandKids Arts Education Series

that serves thousands of elementary, middle and high school students each year, The Grand presents concerts, comedy and dance, and hosts a variety of special events and performances. It is also the performance home of the Nutcracker of Middle Georgia, the Macon Civic Club Revue and the Macon-Mercer Symphony Orchestra.



■ Mercer Music at Capricorn

Mercer Music at Capricorn is a 20,000-square-foot complex including the historic Capricorn Sound Studios located in downtown Macon. The complex features state-of-the-art commercial studios and production rooms for recording; a museum that tells the Capricorn story through digital, visual and audio storytelling; a music incubator where musicians can rehearse, collaborate and grow; and offices, co-working space and meeting rooms for nonprofits and creatives. A thriving recording studio in the 1960s and 1970s, Capricorn fell into disrepair and languished for years. In 2020, it reopened as Mercer Music at Capricorn after a \$4.7 million renovation that transformed the space while maintaining the integrity of the original studio, remembered today as the birthplace of Southern rock. Mercer Music at Capricorn now plays an integral role in building Macon's music scene and serves as a popular tourist destination in Central Georgia.



■ The McEachern Art Center

Merce's McEachern Art Center, known as the MAC, seeks to advance emerging artists and offer the Central Georgia community a place to contemplate art with care



in a restored Art Deco building in downtown Macon. The exhibitions prioritize contemporary art and include free, open programming and admission. Ample studio space allows students, faculty and visiting artists a place to create and showcase all in one building. The MAC aims to be Mercer's "front porch" downtown as a space for reflection, conversation and connection over arts and culture.

■ Mercer University Press

Mercer University Press has published more than 1,700 books since its establishment in 1979. It publishes approximately 30 to 35 new books each year in the areas of religion, philosophy, literary criticism, Southern history, regional studies, and creative writing. The Press holds membership in the Association of University Presses.



■ University Center

The 230,000-square-foot University Center (UC) serves as the focal point of activity for students, faculty and staff on the Macon campus. Along with housing a full schedule of activities from varsity and intramural sports to wellness and recreation programs, the UC also serves as a place for social gatherings.

A major feature of the building is the 3,200-seat Hawkins Arena, home of the Mercer Bears basketball and volleyball teams. Facilities include a fitness center, varsity athletic team rooms, athletic offices, Griffin B. Bell Board Room, Presidents Dining Room and Heritage Hall. The UC is also a great place to grab a meal or quick snack at The Farmers Market or the food court, featuring Toby's Corner convenience store, Panda Express and a full-service Chick-fil-A.

The Mercer Wellness Program at the UC offers fitness

classes for all ability levels. Students, faculty and staff combine fitness and fun with Pilates, spin bike, yoga, aerobics, weight training and dance cardio. An indoor track overlooks three intramural courts, and the well-equipped fitness center overlooks the indoor lap pool, where students can enjoy a swim or take an aqua aerobics class.

■ Athletics

Mercer is the only NCAA Division I private institution in Georgia and competes in the historic Southern Conference (SoCon). In the 2022-2023 academic year, Mercer student-athletes achieved an overall GPA of 3.38. The University has won the Southern Conference's Barrett-Bonner Award for academic achievement every year since joining the conference in 2014. Mercer's 18 intercollegiate teams include men's baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer and tennis; and women's basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, beach volleyball, track and volleyball. Other members of the Southern Conference include: the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, East Tennessee State University, Furman University, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Samford University, The Citadel, Virginia Military Institute, Western Carolina University and Wofford College.



■ Alumni

Because every graduate is automatically a member of the Mercer University Alumni Association, more than 90,000 Mercer alumni, including graduates of Tift College, live in all 50 states and in 90 countries. The Alumni Association, governed by a National Board of Directors and an Alumni Board of Directors for each college and school, seeks to engage alumni by providing relevant programming, enhanced connections and effective communications. The Association strives to create unique opportunities for Bears, build a culture of philanthropy, preserve the traditions that make Mercer special and forge lifelong connections. Examples of events the Association sponsors each year include Homecoming on the Macon campus and “Mercer Mingles” in cities where alumni live.

■ Educational Partnership

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE — In 1983, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex (the largest entity housed at Robins Air Force Base) and Mercer began discussions about the critical need for engineers at the base. As a result, the University established the School of Engineering in 1985 and Mercer Engineering Research Center in 1987. The educational partnership was formally renewed in 2021 and includes additional Mercer academic units and programs including the School of Business, College of Professional Advancement and the Departments of Chemistry and Computer Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

■ Enrollment

FALL 2023

TOTAL	9,164
Undergraduate	4,774
Graduate	4,390

■ Financial Data

Endowment	\$479,944,937
Property and Equipment Net	\$426,607,170
FY 2024 Budget	\$302,671,778

2022-23 GIFTS AND GRANTS

Voluntary Support	\$77,213,469.20
Private Gifts	\$26,305,361.87
Total Donors	8,194
Alumni Donors	3,813

2023-24 MACON RESIDENTIAL

Undergraduate Costs —	
Undergraduate Tuition and Fees	\$40,890
Average First-Year Housing and Food	\$14,528



FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

■ Macon

Admissions

Residential Undergraduate	(478) 301-2650, (800) 840-8577
School of Business Graduate	(478) 301-2835
School of Engineering Graduate	(478) 301-2347
School of Law	(478) 301-2605
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