

Organizational History

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Institutional History : Long Version

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In fall 2007, the university enrolled 2,426 undergraduate, 715 graduate, and 779 law students. Tuition for full-time undergraduates is \$10,150. Average room and board costs are \$3,598. In keeping with its mission, the University maintains an ethnically diverse population. In 2007, the undergraduate student body is 68% Hispanic, 59% female, and approximately 4% of the student body is made up of international students of diverse national origins. Approximately 82 percent of undergraduate students receive some kind of financial assistance. Over 91 percent of the 187 full-time faculty have the Ph.D. or terminal degrees in their fields.

The University is composed of five schools: the School of Humanities and Social Sciences; the School of Science, Engineering, and Technology; the Bill Greehey School of Business; the Graduate School; and the School of Law. St. Mary's offers 43 undergraduate degree plans, 24 graduate degree plans, as well as Joint Degree Programs, the Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision and in Marriage and Family Therapy, and the Doctor of Jurisprudence in Law. St. Mary's is the first university to bring doctoral-level education to San Antonio.

Accreditations include the following: The University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; the Industrial and Electrical Engineering programs are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission, Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology; the Marriage and Family Therapy Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education; the Teacher Education Program is approved by the Texas Education Agency; the B.A. Degree Program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music; and the School of Law is approved by the American Bar Association. St. Mary's Business School received accreditation from the American Association of Colleges and Schools of Businesses (AACSB) in November, 1997.