

University Profile

The Mission Statement

Rooted in the Catholic and Franciscan Traditions of Faith and Reason, the University of Saint Francis engages a diverse community in learning, leadership and service.

Vision Statement

The University of Saint Francis is a comprehensive university founded in the Catholic Franciscan tradition, committed to being one of the best student-centered learning communities in the nation. The university combines excellent professional and liberal arts education with the development of life-long learning attitudes and skills. All campus constituencies understand and share the university's Franciscan Charism and promote it in all aspects of the life of the campus. The university is characterized by, and has found success in, its distinctive set of Values at the Core, its creative Leadership through the Disciplines, and an organization that fosters Agility in relation to the external environment. These characteristics serve to differentiate the University of Saint Francis from its competitors and to assure its success.

Core Values

The University of Saint Francis seeks in the accomplishment of its mission to acknowledge and uphold these core values:

In commitment to our Franciscan tradition, we:

- Reverence the unique dignity of each person.
- Encourage a trustful, prayerful community of learners.
- Serve one another, society, and the Church.
- Foster peace and justice.
- Respect creation.

In commitment to academic quality, we:

- Facilitate personalized learning in the Catholic intellectual tradition.
- Foster a community of scholars.
- Promote spiritual and moral development.
- Encourage social and civic responsibility.
- Emphasize a commitment to professional excellence and leadership.

Academic Calendar

The academic year consists of two semesters: the Fall Semester, extending from late August to mid December, and the Spring Semester, from mid January to early May. Courses are also scheduled on weekends, in accelerated formats, and in the summer.

Scheduling of Classes

The scheduling of undergraduate classes is designed to accommodate traditional students and professional people who work during daytime business hours. Thus, classes are scheduled in the morning, in the evenings and on weekends.

Cancellation of Classes

The university reserves the right to cancel courses because of insufficient numbers of registered students.

The History of the University of Saint Francis

Saint Francis College was founded in Lafayette, Indiana, in 1890 by the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration as a teacher-training school for sisters of the order. In 1923, the Indiana State Board of Education accredited the college, which functioned as a two-year normal school until 1937 when it adopted a four-year, liberal arts curriculum. The first lay women students were enrolled in 1939, and the college was granted a state charter one year later when it also awarded its first baccalaureate degree.

In 1944, the college moved to its present Fort Wayne, Indiana, campus on the 70-acre estate of former city industrialist John H. Bass. The first male students were admitted in 1959.

The total undergraduate program, first accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in 1957, today includes study in more than 30 academic areas. The college began offering associate degree programs in 1975.

Saint Francis College was elected to membership in the Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) in 1980. ICI is an organization for selected independent colleges of Indiana, organized for the purpose of joint fund-raising.

The Graduate School was established in 1960, with the introduction of programs leading to the Master of Arts and Master of Science in Education degrees. In 1961, the school received preliminary accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and, in 1971, received full accreditation. The Graduate School enrolls approximately 230 students in its degree and certification programs.

In 1990-91, the college celebrated its Centennial year as an institution of Catholic Franciscan higher education. While the distinctive religious tradition of Saint Francis is Catholic, the university welcomes students of all faiths, realizing that each major religion contributes to wisdom, understanding and moral development.

During the 1994-95 academic year, the college celebrated 50 years in Fort Wayne. That same year, Saint Francis College began offering weekend classes to permit adult students to obtain a degree by taking classes on the weekend.

In May 1998, Lutheran College of Health Professions was acquired by Saint Francis College, including academic programs in allied health, nursing and continuing education.

On July 1, 1998, Saint Francis College became the University of Saint Francis.

Institutional Memberships

The university holds institutional memberships in the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU), Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities (AFCU), Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI), the Indiana Conference of Higher Education (ICHE), the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), and the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC National Association of College and Universities. Indiana Network of Higher Education Ministries (IOCM).

The Faculty

The University of Saint Francis employs academically qualified teachers who mirror the characteristics it seeks to instill in its students: scholarship, motivation, concern, and an orientation of service. The faculty of the University of Saint Francis represents a broad background of educational, business and social experiences. They dedicate themselves to good teaching and enjoy working with students individually and in small-class settings.

The Campus

The University of Saint Francis is located on the western side of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The beautiful 83-acre campus, with its rolling lawns and tree-shaded coves, surrounds scenic Mirror Lake.

Among the major academic facilities is the stately **University Library**, a castle-like mansion that once housed the entire university. The building was entered on the National Register of Historic Places on June 2, 1982, and has undergone extensive restoration and renovation in recent years to expand its usable space, enhance the study environment, and maintain its architectural integrity.

The Pope John Paul II Center was completed in August 2006. The 90,000 square foot complex houses an expanded library, classrooms, faculty offices, computer labs, computer training facilities, and student services. It will also contain the Campus Shoppe, the Family Business Center, the School of Professional Studies, the Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership, and the School of Liberal Arts.

The Achatz Hall of Science contains several science-related laboratories, preparation rooms, independent research rooms, radiation and instrumental analysis labs, a

greenhouse, a telescopic observation deck, Gunderson Auditorium, and the Schouweiler Planetarium.

Trinity Hall, the main administration building, includes offices, the University of Saint Francis Chapel, the Guild Room, dining room, Social Room, and student housing.

In addition to Trinity Hall, residence facilities include **Bosco Hall**, **Bonzell Hall** and **Padua Hall**, which provide options for traditional, suite and apartment-style living. These co-ed halls give residents convenient access to all areas and events on campus while providing unique living/learning environments that enhance the university experience.

Completed in 2000, the Doermer **Family Center for Health Science Education** provides facilities for the School of Health Sciences which includes Allied Health and Nursing programs. The center includes patient care laboratories for surgical technology, critical care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and outpatient clinics; a radiologic technology darkroom and x-ray laboratory; a nursing simulation laboratory; and a nursing assessment laboratory. In addition, the Doermer Center contains laboratories, classrooms, and faculty offices.

The Mimi and Ian Rolland Art and Visual Communication Center houses the university's School of Creative Arts which includes art and communications programs. The 41,000 square foot center occupies five buildings on the southeast corner of the campus. A former warehouse, the Rolland Center underwent a complete renovation, which was finished in 2000. The facility encompasses galleries; classrooms; faculty offices; private studio space for students, and studios for photography, sculpture, woodworking, ceramics, printmaking, weaving, metalcraft, graphic design, drawing, and painting. Editing rooms, a television studio, a computer lab, and an SGI animation lab are also located here.

The Hutzell Athletic Center is home to the University of Saint Francis Cougars. The campus sports program includes intercollegiate basketball, soccer, golf, tennis, baseball, track and field, football, and cross country for men; and intercollegiate basketball, volleyball, cross country, soccer, tennis, track and field, golf, and softball for women. Intramural, coeducational sports are offered year-round for fitness and fun. Athletic awards are offered to both men and women in all intercollegiate sports.

An agreement between the University of Saint Francis and the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department permits **Saint Francis Environmental Laboratory** students to use **Lindenwood Nature Preserve** (also known as the), an outside laboratory, to study environmental sciences, general and plant biology, ecology and birds. The property is adjacent to the campus.

All the buildings are just a short walk from the Student Center, **the Cougar Den**, where students may use meeting rooms and enjoy pool tables, pinball machines, video

games, snack bar, lounge, and television on the wide screen. The Cougar Den is an excellent place to relax, study or meet with friends. The Student Center also houses the offices of the Director of Student Activities, Director of Residential Life, Student Activities Council (SAC), and Student Government Association (SGA).

The Library

The Lee and Jim Vann Library is located on two floors of the Pope John Paul II Center. It has a collection of over 86,000 volumes including nearly 400 periodical subscriptions in a variety of subject areas. The Vann Library has an expansive collection including, but not limited to, the following subject areas: reference materials, medical, nursing, allied health, art, sciences, education, journals, microform, newspapers, videos and DVD's. Other services available in the library include reference and research assistance, interlibrary loan, group study rooms, course reserve, faxing and photocopying.

The library maintains regular evening and weekend hours with holiday and other closings posted on the library's homepage. The Vann Library website (<http://www.sf.edu/library>) provides access to library resources for students who are either on or off campus. Database access includes, but is not limited to, the following: Academic Search Premier, ARTStor, CINAHL, ERIC, JStor, MasterFILE Premier, MEDLINE, PsychARTICLES, PscyhBOOKS, SocINDEX with Full Text and XReferPlus, among others .

The library houses over seventy computers for student use. Wireless access is also available for use with either personal laptops or library laptops. The library has twelve wireless laptops for use in the library only, which can be checked out at the main circulation desk on the second floor.

The Lee and Jim Vann Library holds memberships in several professional library organizations, including the American Library Association, INCOLSA (Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority), the Indiana Library Federation, the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana, the Northeast Indiana Health Science Libraries Association, and the Medical Library Association.

Technology

Computer Labs and Facilities

The main USF computer labs are located in the Pope John Paul II Center. Computers are located throughout the library, Education Technology Center, as well as in the main-floor Cyber Café. In addition to these student labs, there are also various specialty labs and computer classrooms located throughout the campus which are utilized by specific areas. For the convenience of our students, most major academic buildings on campus have multiple labs available for use.

USF computer labs are equipped with Windows-based computers, allowing access to the campus network and to the Internet with a USF Computer User Account.

Through this connection, students have access to unlimited research and communications tools including e- mail, web, Blackboard Learning System, and the Library network.

Public Access Computers

E-mail/Internet only computers are located in the Student Center, Doermer Center, and Rolland Center.

School specific labs with specialized academic software applications are located in Doermer Center, Achatz Center, Rolland Center, and the second floor of the Vann Library.

University Of Saint Francis Website

The University of Saint Francis website can be accessed at <http://www.sf.edu>.

The Education Technology Center (ETC)

The Purpose of the Education Technology Center (ETC) is to serve the educational technology needs of the students, faculty and staff of the University of Saint Francis by offering friendly hands-on instruction and support. The ETC is located in Pope John Paul II room 211D with a special training lab adjoining it

The ETC offers a broad range of free and pay services to meet the needs of USF students including document preparation and image preparation services. In addition, ETC offers free software training for all campus computing supported programs. An online calendar of classes as well as additional information can be found at <http://www.sf.edu/etc>.

Hours of Operation (through Spring Semester):

Monday to Thursday: 7:30 am to Midnight

Friday: 7:30 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am to Midnight

Web Registration

The university offers students the ability to register for classes via the Internet, as well as in person at the Registrar's office. Information about this feature can be found in printed course schedules or at www.sf.edu/academics/cougarconnection.shtml.

Office of Career and Professional Development

Location: Pope John Paul II Center Suite 209

Office Hours: 8:00a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday

8:00a.m.-6:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Phone: 260-399-8059

The Office of Career and Professional Development offers career planning and development services to students and alumni, and serves as the coordinating office for professional development opportunities for USF students. Some of the services offered include:

Résumé Development Assistance	Volunteer Opportunities (remove)
Interview Preparation	Career Counseling
Job Shadowing Assistance	Internship Assistance
Service Learning Programs (remove)	Full and Part-time Job Search Assistance

Stop in or call for an appointment. Visit www.sf.edu/professionalcenter for more information and online resources.

Enrollment

The annual enrollment at the University of Saint Francis is approximately 2000 with 1784 undergraduates and 255 graduate students. More than half the students are women, and approximately 20 percent of the full-time undergraduate students live in on-campus housing. The majority of students come from Indiana, Illinois and Ohio; however, students representing other states and foreign countries help make up the total student body. While Catholic and other Christian denominations predominate, the student body represents many religious persuasions. The acceptance of students of all races and creeds is a reflection of the university's acceptance of a pluralistic and ecumenical philosophy. Approximately 40 percent of student enrollment is made up of adults, 24 years and older.

Affirmative Action Statement

In its employment practices, selection of students, and administration of all programs, the University of Saint Francis maintains a policy of non-discrimination regarding age, race, gender, disability, and national origin.