

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

Background

The origins of the University of Dayton date to 1850, when members of the Society of Mary (Marianists) purchased a hilltop farm a short distance outside the growing town of Dayton, Ohio and established a small school for boys, known first as St. Mary's Institute and later as St. Mary's College. The school continued to grow and became the University of Dayton in 1920. In 1935, women were admitted as full-time students, 40 years ahead of many other Catholic universities. The mission of the school evolved as it grew into being a fully accredited, comprehensive university with an excellent College of Arts and Sciences and distinguished professional schools. Today, UD is recognized as a top ten Catholic institution of higher learning and a top tier Catholic research university. As a Marianist university, UD strives to educate for formation in faith; to provide an integral, quality education; to educate in family spirit; educate for service, justice, and peace; and to educate for adaptation and change. It has both preserved and adapted its core values as it has grown, redefined itself, and achieved remarkable success over more than a century and a half. It is deeply committed to pursuing diversity within a common mission, building consensus, and fulfilling its founding vision of educating the whole person through the union of learning and scholarship with leadership and service. The institution's hallmark is learning that spans the boundaries of the liberal arts and the professions, integrates theory and practice, and reaches out to the greater community in order to strengthen public and civic life. UD's culture is defined by a strong commitment to collegiality, excellence in serving students and one another, and a sense of inclusive community. The largest private university in Ohio and among the top Catholic universities and colleges in the country, UD is Carnegie classified as a doctoral intensive university. The University of Dayton comprises five academic units: the College of Arts and Sciences and the Schools of Business Administration, Education & Health Sciences, Engineering, and Law. More than 82 academic programs are available at the undergraduate level. At the graduate level, master's degrees and doctoral programs are offered in a range of liberal arts, education, engineering, and interdisciplinary fields. Professional degree programs are offered within the Schools of Business Administration, Education & Health Sciences, Engineering, and Law. In addition, the University supports many centers that provide a variety of distinctive programs and opportunities. Across all programs, University faculty are committed to providing students with excellent classroom and real world experiences, and value the inclusive leadership style that has been the tradition at the University. UD has 526 full-time faculty (398 tenured/tenure-track and 128 non-tenure track), 444 part-time faculty, and 1,800 staff members.

The University serves approximately 11,300 students including more than 7,900 full-time undergraduates. The entering class of 2014 was both the largest and most academically prepared in the University's history. The average SAT score was 1142; the average ACT score was 26.8, and 86 percent of the entering class were in the top 50 percent of their high school graduating classes. Approximately 48 percent of

undergraduate students are Ohio residents with an additional 41 percent coming from other states. International enrollment has soared, with international students comprising 16 percent of the student population. African American students represent 3 percent, and Latino students and members of other diverse student populations also constitute 3 percent. The University's commitment to residential living means that almost 93 percent of first-year students and 70 percent of students overall live in university-owned housing: residence halls, apartments, and houses in the distinctive student neighborhoods adjoining campus. Consistent with the fundamental Marianist principle of "developing the whole person," the UD student experience outside the classroom includes opportunities for leadership, engagement, and personal growth. The University intentionally integrates learning and living. All first-year students are given the opportunity to reside in a learning-living community, and over half choose to do so. Additionally, the University offers a broad range of co-curricular and extracurricular activities, from competitive athletics (UD is a member of both the Atlantic 10 Conference and the Pioneer Football League) to more than 170 student clubs and organizations. The inclusive nature of the UD community is a key differentiator. The institution embraces a wide variety of students and faculty who embody religious, ethnic, cultural, and other differences. These differences are recognized and celebrated on campus. The Office of Multicultural Affairs, featured lectures and artistic events, a postdoctoral fellowship in diversity and creative writing, a Muslim Prayer Chapel, housing accommodations for international students, and increased handicapped access represent just a sample of the institutional commitments the University has made to build and sustain this inclusive and welcoming community.

The Common Academic Program (CAP) is a campus-wide curricular innovation that all students, regardless of major or school, complete. It serves as the foundation of their education at UD and includes instruction across all disciplines within the College. CAP is structured to develop and strengthen within students the seven "Habits of Inquiry and Reflection," which mirror central values within the Marianist educational philosophy. It emphasizes study in the humanities, sciences, social sciences, and arts; cross-disciplinary and interdisciplinary study in modes of inquiry, practical ethics, and religious faith; focused study on diversity and social justice; advanced study in philosophy, religion, and history; and a capstone experience within the major. The CAP was launched in fall 2013 after careful consideration across all of campus. While all students across the institution complete the CAP curriculum, much of the instruction comes from faculty and departments within the College. Graduate students are offered outstanding research opportunities to complement their coursework. The University's annual research funding exceeds \$90 million with more than 800 faculty members, researchers, and graduate and undergraduate students working on sponsored research projects. This includes research sponsored within the nationally recognized University of Dayton Research Institute (UDRI). In September 2014, President Curran announced a \$12.5 million gift for the University from the George and Amanda Hanley Foundation that will be used to establish the Hanley Sustainability Institute. The gift, the largest in University history, is an investment in the future of the planet and will position the University as a

national leader in sustainability education. The University is launching a campaign to raise additional money from foundations, corporations, and other donors to bring total funding for the institute to \$25 million. In keeping with UD's commitment to interdisciplinary learning, the Hanley Sustainability Institute will integrate sustainability education into UD's entire curriculum and will impact science, business, engineering, social sciences, humanities, education, law, and human rights.

Finances

The University's budget is \$400 million with \$90 million in sponsored research. The endowment stands at nearly \$700 million. A tuition-dependent private institution, the University of Dayton is on steady financial ground. There is a robust central advancement office that supports fundraising across the University.

Location and Campus

The Dayton metropolitan area has a population of about 850,000 and is a diverse community boasting renewed downtown and historic neighborhoods and a highly favorable cost of living. Dayton is noted for its long history of innovation and inventions and is a center of technological development. It is home to corporations such as Teradata Corp, Reynolds and Reynolds, Standard Register, and LexisNexis, and to the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Keeping with its history, a large innovative health network is growing in the city and region.

A mid-sized city with big city arts opportunities, Dayton is home to the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, one of only five African American contemporary dance companies in the US and a company that is in residence at the University of Dayton; the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance, a recent and first-in-the nation merger of the Dayton Opera, Ballet, and Philharmonic Orchestra; the Dayton Art Institute; the Human Race Theatre, a professional company; the Bach Society of Dayton; the Kettering Children's Choir; the Muse Machine for interdisciplinary arts programs in the region's schools; and the Dayton Philharmonic's SPARK program, one of the largest educational school music initiatives of any orchestra in the United States. The region is home to a nationally recognized park system and large network of bicycle trails. The Dayton Dragons, a minor league baseball team connected to the Cincinnati Reds, play in a beautiful downtown stadium and hold a national record for sold-out season tickets. While much is available in Dayton, close proximity to Cincinnati and Columbus allows for additional resources and entertainment opportunities to be easily accessed. More information on the Dayton region can be found at <http://daytoncvb.com/>.

The University is spread out on a beautiful 388-acre campus comprising over 40 academic, recreational, athletic, and administrative facilities. The University has invested considerably in its physical plant in recent years, including the construction of a \$25.3 million fitness and recreation center, a \$22 million renovation of the science

center, a \$12 million renovation of the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, major renovations of classrooms, studios, and offices for fine and performing arts programs and for the School of Education and Health Sciences, and the refurbishment of its athletic fields and facilities.

The University of Dayton's River Campus includes the 1700 South Patterson Building and 115 acres of land near the Great Miami River. The University is transforming the 455,000-square-foot former Fortune 500 corporate headquarters of NCR Corp. into a stunning academic and research facility. The building houses, among other things, the University of Dayton Research Institute, MBA and Education graduate classes, and an Alumni Center.

The newly completed GE Aviation Electrical Power Integrated Systems Center (EPIS Center), which opened in the fall of 2013, is a 138,000-square-foot facility which includes a four-story, 50,000-square-foot office building connected to an 88,000-square-foot world-class electrical power laboratory. Located on eight acres of the UD campus, the new research-and-development center will become "the intellectual heart and soul" of GE's electrical power business.

The University has an increasingly international profile and portfolio, and is committed to preparing students to be global citizens. This is accomplished both at home and abroad through an excellent international partnership network, a growing international student and faculty population, integrated curriculum development, and innovative education abroad programs. Faculty and curriculum development are key foci of the international strategy. The University has a residential facility, which houses the International Learning Living Community for US and International students. In 2011, the University also established the University of Dayton China Institute, a center for research and study abroad programs in Suzhou, China that enables interactions between students in China and students from Dayton.

Leadership

Daniel J. Curran arrived as the University of Dayton's 18th president in 2002 from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Paul Benson, who has served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for seven years, is serving as interim provost for a two-year term, which began in the summer of 2014. Under their leadership, the University of Dayton is experiencing tremendous forward momentum. The 2006 strategic plan, which was grounded in A Vision of Excellence (2005), has brought sharp focus on strengthening the school's distinctive Catholic and Marianist identity, diversifying the student body, internationalizing the curriculum, hiring nationally prominent faculty, and building upon a learning-living environment that supports academic excellence.

For more information about the University of Dayton, please visit www.udayton.edu.