# CARPE DIEM

It's a phrase you'll hear quite often at Mercyhurst University. It's been our motto since our earliest days, but to us, it has grown to mean so much more.

College isn't easy, and your success will require dedication, a willingness to engage every opportunity, and having the right people in your corner to support you. What truly makes Mercyhurst stand out is the encouraging atmosphere of generosity among your professors, advisors, peers, and friends. We hold your student experience at heart, helping you at every step to broaden your skills, expand your scope of the world, and bring into focus everything you're capable of achieving. No matter what you set out to accomplish at Mercyhurst, you'll quickly learn that nothing is beyond reach for those willing to **seize the day**.



With more than **60 undergraduate programs** and a variety of minors and concentrations, Mercyhurst offers more than **100 areas of study** to design your own path.

## UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Accounting Anthropology/Archaeology **Applied Forensic Sciences** Applied Sociology Art Education Art Therapy Biochemistry Biology **Business and Competitive Intelligence Business Economics** Chemistry **Criminal Justice** Cyber Security Dance Data Science Early Childhood Education Early Childhood/Special Education English **Environmental Science Exercise Science** Fashion Merchandising Finance French **French Education** Geology Graphic Design History Hospitality Management Human Resource Management

Integrated Media and Strategic Communication **Intelligence Studies** Interior Architecture and Design International Business Management Marketing **Mathematics** Music **Music Composition** Music Education Music Performance Music Therapy Philosophy Physics **Political Science Pre-Athletic Training** Pre-professional health care tracks (medicine, physical therapy, pharmacy, dentistry, etc.) Psychology **Public Health Religious Studies Russian Studies** Social Work Spanish **Spanish Education** Sport Business Management Sports Medicine Studio Art

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Biology Business Administration Criminal Justice Health Studies Hospitality Management/Culinary Arts Liberal Arts Nursing (RN) Physical Therapist Assistant Police Academy Practical Nursing (LPN) Respiratory Therapist

# WITHIN THESE GATES

Founded in 1926, Mercyhurst is a private Catholic university spread across 75 acres on a wooded hillside in Erie, Pennsylvania, overlooking beautiful Lake Erie.

- Home to approximately 3,100 undergraduates and 300 graduate students.
- Mercyhurst students come from 43 states and 54 countries.
- Our vibrant campus community offers more than 80 student clubs and organizations.
- Three freshman residence halls, centrally located on campus, help support first-year students in the transition to university life while promoting academic and social growth.
- Lakers celebrate annual campus traditions like Hurst Day, SpringFest, and Day of Service.
- Mercyhurst offers 25 NCAA Division I or II athletic teams, and 25% of Mercyhurst students compete in a sport.
- Mercyhurst enjoys a close relationship with Erie, Pennsylvania, a place with small-town personality and big-city opportunities—and one of USA Today's Top 25 Best Small College Towns!





# REACH FURTHER

At Mercyhurst, you'll take an active part in your learning. Opportunities for internships, research, study abroad, service, cross-disciplinary collaboration, and other dynamic experiences ensure an immersive undergraduate experience that has your future at heart.

Unique among colleges and universities, the core courses in our **REACH Curriculum** equip you with a valuable portfolio of critical skills—without bogging you down with unnecessary classes or strict progressions. The program's flexibility supports your academic progress, accommodates college credits you may have already earned, and encourages on-time graduation. More importantly, your REACH classes, professors, and experiences will challenge you to plot new and unexpected courses, branch out, and see connections you never expected.

Close mentoring relationships with your professors will help boost you to succeed inside and outside the classroom. We keep our student-to-faculty ratio low—13 to 1—so that your professors can get to know you as an individual; most classes have 20 or fewer students, and all courses are taught by faculty (never graduate or teaching assistants). Mercyhurst professors are always eager to share years of invaluable experience, work with you on exciting projects, or connect you with opportunities in your field.



#### SUCCESS BEYOND OUR GATES

A Mercyhurst education prepares you with a resume of valuable experiences and the essential abilities—to engage in critical and creative thinking, to research complex issues and innovate to solve challenges, and to write effectively and speak persuasively—prized by employers in today's idea- and service-driven economy.

- Students regularly collaborate with faculty and peers on long-term research studies and projects, and frequently present their findings at notable national conferences.
- 25% of Mercyhurst students study abroad—well above the national average (10%).
- 95% of our graduates are employed or enrolled in graduate school within a year of graduation.
- More than 20 of our programs report a 100% job or grad school placement rate.
- 85% of our pre-professional students were accepted into health professional programs—25% above the national average.
- Our pre-law political science students have a more than 20-year-long record of 100% placement in law schools across the country, including Boston College, Michigan, and California-Davis.
- 18,000+ Mercyhurst alumni can be found in all 50 states and nearly 70 countries—and they're always willing to help a fellow Laker with an internship placement or an interview with their employers.
- More than 80% of graduates report high levels of satisfaction in their careers.
- 48% of Mercyhurst grads reported obtaining advanced degrees beyond a bachelor's.





# EDUCATION WITH VALUE

As you explore your higher education options, we're confident that when you consider affordability and availability of financial aid, Mercyhurst will stand out among our peers. We commit considerable institutional resources to lessen college expenses through need- and merit-based aid, giving us one of **the lowest net tuition rates in the region**. In addition, to help you avoid the added costs and lost wages associated with delayed graduation, we have the resources in place to ensure our students graduate well prepared and on time.

Our four-year graduation rate is among the highest in the region—and 24 percentage points above the national average.

## VISIT OUR CAMPUS

Plan your visit at **mercyhurst.edu/visit** or contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at **admissions@mercyhurst.edu** or 814-824-2201.

### APPLY FOR FREE

Mercyhurst's free online application is available at **apply.mercyhurst.edu** and we also accept the Common Application and the Coalition Application.



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