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### **Inclusive Language Statement**

Language—how it is used and what it implies—plays a crucial role in Samford University's mission to "nurture persons." Because verbal constructions create realities, inclusive language can uphold or affirm those whom we seek to nurture, while exclusive language can damage or defeat them. We, therefore, actively seek a discourse in our University community that supports the equal dignity and participation of men and women; we seek to avoid verbal constructions that diminish the equal dignity of all persons. It is an affirmative—and affirming—part of our mission to educate students, staff, and faculty in the creation of a community of equality and respect through language.

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## **HOW TO READ THE COURSE LISTINGS**

### **Program Abbreviation**

**Course Number:** 100-299 Lower Division, 300-499 Upper Division, 500 and up Graduate

### **Course Title**

### **Course Credits**

### **Course Description**

**COMS 451 Organizational Communication (4)**

Exploration of how communication affects various stakeholders within organizations. After identifying key concepts in organizational theory, students are expected to analyze and evaluate organizational communication through case studies. Prereq: UCCA 102, junior standing. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

**Co-listed courses, prerequisites, co-requisites, and specific course offering information at the end. Unless otherwise indicated, lecture and lab numbers indicate how many hours per week the class is devoted to lecture and laboratory work.**

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# Academic Calendars and Critical Deadlines





*Students are expected to know regulations and policies found in this catalog and the Student Handbook. Keeping abreast of the school calendar, critical deadlines, and all University mail received in one's university mailbox and/or electronic mail is also the student's responsibility*

## ***Undergraduate Day and Evening Students; All Graduate Students\****

### **Semester System**

For full-time undergraduate and graduate students, Samford University operates on the semester (4-1-4) system, consisting of two four-month semesters, fall and spring, and a three-week term in January (see Jan Term below). The fall semester begins in late August and ends in mid-December. The spring semester begins in late January and ends in mid-May. A maximum of 18 credits may be taken during the semester without additional approval of an academic dean.

### **Jan Term**

Samford University offers a short term consisting of three weeks in the month of January called Jan Term. The major intent of this interterm is to give the student a wider world view, a richer experience in integrating knowledge from a variety of specialties, and a deeper consciousness of the relevance of the student's studies to one's life and career. Some courses emphasize interdisciplinary cooperation, using teaching faculty, guest lecturers, and student research and participation. Others are intended to give the student an opportunity for intensive study and observation in a setting involving a potential career. Interterm opportunities include research in libraries or laboratories, contacts with visiting scholars, internships, externships, field trips, and other useful activities. A number of courses are offered at the Daniel House, Samford's London Study Centre. Regular courses are offered for those who wish to accelerate progress toward graduation or to make up for underload in earlier semesters. The maximum class load allowed in the Jan Term is two courses, not to exceed a total of five credits.

### **Summer Terms**

Summer term day classes are split into two five-week terms. A maximum of 16 credits can be taken during the summer terms, with a maximum of eight in each term.

### **Inclement Weather Statement**

Inclement weather or other events beyond the control of the University that might cause risk or danger to students, faculty, and staff may occasionally result in changes to normal University operations, including cancellation of classes or events; the calendar schedule may be adjusted.

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\*Except graduate nursing and environmental management students.

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# Calendar for Academic Year 2012-2013 for Undergraduate Day & Evening, and All Graduate Programs\*

(except Graduate Nursing & Environmental Management)

**Orientation & Connections Dates for Summer 2012**

June 4-5	New Student Orientation (Session 1)
June 11-12	New Student Orientation (Session 2)
June 15	Transfer Student Orientation
June 18-19	New Student Orientation (Session 3)
August 23-24	New Student Orientation (Session 4)
August 24-26	Connections

**Graduation Application Deadlines (Undergraduate Only)**

Students must complete the **Application for Undergraduate Degree** to assure timely assessment of their graduation requirements. The form is available online at the following URL: [www.samford.edu/groups/sturec/DegreeApplication-UG.pdf](http://www.samford.edu/groups/sturec/DegreeApplication-UG.pdf)

Expected Graduation Term	Application Deadline
Spring 2013	October 1, 2012
Summer 2013	February 15, 2013
Fall 2013	April 2, 2013

**Summer I 2012 (First Five-Week Summer Session)**

June 4	Payment due date for students who have registered
June 4	Advising, registration, and payment for students not registered
June 4	Classes begin
June 6	Last day to add or drop a Summer I course(s) <b>without FINANCIAL penalty</b>
June 6	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in session repeated course is taken
June 22	Last day to <b>withdraw from a Summer I course OR to completely withdraw from ALL Summer I courses without ACADEMIC penalty</b>
July 4	Independence Day Holiday; no classes meet
July 5	Classes end
July 6	Final Examinations

**Summer II 2012 (Second Five-Week Summer Session )**

July 9	Payment due date for students who have registered
July 9	Advising, registration, and payment for students not registered
July 9	Classes begin
July 11	Last day to add or drop a Summer II course(s) <b>without FINANCIAL penalty</b>
July 11	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in session repeated course is taken
July 27	Last day to <b>withdraw from a Summer II course OR to completely withdraw from ALL Summer II courses without ACADEMIC penalty</b>
August 9	Classes end
August 10	Final Examinations

**Summer 10-Week Term 2012**

June 4	Payment due date for students who have registered
June 4	Advising, registration, and payment for students not registered
June 4	Classes begin
June 7	Last day to add or drop a Summer 10-Week course(s) <b>without FINANCIAL penalty</b>
June 7	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in term repeated course is taken
July 4	Independence Day Holiday; no classes meet
July 20	Last day to <b>withdraw from a Summer 10-Week course OR to completely withdraw from ALL Summer 10-Week courses without ACADEMIC penalty</b>
August 9	Classes end
August 10	Final Examinations

**Fall Semester 2012**

August 20-24	Faculty in residence for the academic session
August 24	Advising, registration and payment for students not registered
August 27	Payment due date for students who have registered
August 27	Classes begin
August 28	University Convocation
August 31	Payment due date for students in Orientation Session #4 (Aug 23-24)
August 31	Last day to add or drop a course(s) <b>without FINANCIAL penalty</b>
August 31	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in semester repeated course is taken
September 3	Labor Day Holiday; no classes meet
October 8-9	Fall Break; no classes meet
October 17	Deadline for faculty to submit midterm grades for freshmen (deadline subject to change)
Nov 5-30	Registration begins for <b>Jan Term</b> and <b>Spring Semester</b> (Note: Registration continues until the last day to add/drop for each future term)
November 16	Last day to <b>withdraw from a Fall course OR to completely withdraw from ALL Fall courses without ACADEMIC penalty</b>
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Holidays; no classes meet
December 7	Classes end
December 10-13	Final Examinations
December 15	Commencement

# Calendar for Academic Year 2012-2013 for Undergraduate Day & Evening, and All Graduate Programs\* (cont'd) (except Graduate Nursing & Environmental Management)

## Jan Term 2013

January 3	Payment due date for students who have registered
January 3	Advising, registration, and payment for students not registered
January 3	Classes begin
January 7	Last day to add or drop a course(s) <b>without FINANCIAL penalty</b>
January 7	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in term repeated course is taken
January 18	Last day to <b>withdraw from a Jan Term course OR to completely withdraw from ALL Jan Term courses without ACADEMIC penalty</b>
January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday; no classes meet
January 24	Classes end
January 25	Final Examinations

## Spring Semester 2013

January 25	Advising, registration and payment for students not registered
January 28	Payment due date for students who have registered
January 28	Classes begin
January 29	University Convocation
February 1	Last day to add or drop a course(s) <b>without FINANCIAL penalty</b>
February 1	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in semester repeated course is taken
March 13	Deadline for faculty to submit midterm grades for freshmen (deadline subject to change)
March 18-22	Spring Break Holidays; no classes meet
April 1	Easter Monday Holiday; no classes meet
April 2	Deadline to submit Transient Enrollment Form/Letter of Good Standing Request for Summer transient work
April 2-26	Registration begins for Summer Terms and Fall Semester (NOTE: Registration continues until the last day to add/drop for each future term)
April 26	Last day to <b>withdraw from a Spring course OR to completely withdraw from ALL Spring courses without ACADEMIC penalty</b>
May 10	Classes end
May 13-16	Final Examinations
May 17-18	Commencement Weekend

## Summer I 2013 (First Five-Week Summer Session)

June 3	Payment due date for students who have registered
June 3	Advising, registration, and payment for students not registered
June 3	Classes begin
June 5	Last day to add or drop a Summer I course(s) <b>without FINANCIAL penalty</b>
June 5	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in session repeated course is taken
June 26	Last day to <b>withdraw from a Summer I course OR to completely withdraw from ALL Summer I courses without ACADEMIC penalty</b>
July 3	Classes end
July 4	Independence Day Holiday; no classes meet
July 5	Final Examinations

## Summer II 2013 (Second Five-Week Summer Session)

July 8	Payment due date for students who have registered
July 8	Advising, registration, and payment for students not registered
July 8	Classes begin
July 10	Last day to add or drop a Summer II course(s) <b>without FINANCIAL penalty</b>
July 10	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in session repeated course is taken
July 26	Last day to <b>withdraw from a Summer II course OR to completely withdraw from ALL Summer II courses without ACADEMIC penalty</b>
August 8	Classes end
August 9	Final Examinations

## Summer 10-Week Term 2013

June 3	Payment due date for students who have registered
June 3	Advising, registration, and payment for students not registered
June 3	Classes begin
June 7	Last day to add or drop a Summer 10-Week course(s) <b>without FINANCIAL penalty</b>
June 7	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in term repeated course is taken
July 4	Independence Day Holiday; no classes meet
July 26	Last day to <b>withdraw from a Summer 10-Week course OR to completely withdraw from ALL Summer 10-Week courses without ACADEMIC penalty</b>
August 8	Classes end
August 9	Final Examinations

## JANUARY 2013

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# Calendar for Academic Year 2012-2013 for Graduate Nursing and Graduate Environmental Management

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## Summer Term 2012

June 4	Payment due date for students who have registered
June 4	Advising, registration and payment for students not registered
June 4	Classes begin
June 7	Last day to add or drop a course(s) <b>without FINANCIAL penalty</b>
July 4	Independence Day Holiday, no classes meet
July 20	Last day to <b>withdraw from a Summer course OR to completely withdraw from ALL Summer courses without ACADEMIC penalty</b>
August 9	Classes end
August 10	Final Examinations

## Fall Semester 2012

August 27	Payment due date for students who have registered
August 20	Advising, registration and payment for students not registered
August 20	Classes begin
August 28	Last day to add or drop a course(s) <b>without FINANCIAL penalty</b>
September 3	Labor Day Holiday; no classes meet
Nov 5-30	Registration begins for Spring Semester*
November 15	Last day to <b>withdraw from a Fall course OR to completely withdraw from ALL Fall courses without ACADEMIC penalty</b>
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Holidays; no classes meet
December 7	Classes end
December 10-13	Final Examinations
December 15	Commencement

## Spring Semester 2013

January 28	Payment due date for students who have registered
January 3	Advising, registration and payment for students not registered
January 3	Classes begin
January 8	Last day to add or drop a course(s) <b>without FINANCIAL penalty</b>
January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday; no classes meet
March 18-22	Spring Break Holidays; no classes meet
April 1	Easter Monday Holiday; no classes meet
April 2-26	Registration begins for Summer and Fall Terms*
April 24	Last day to <b>withdraw from a Spring course OR to completely withdraw from ALL Spring courses without ACADEMIC penalty</b>
May 10	Classes end
May 13-16	Final Examinations
May 17-18	Commencement Weekend

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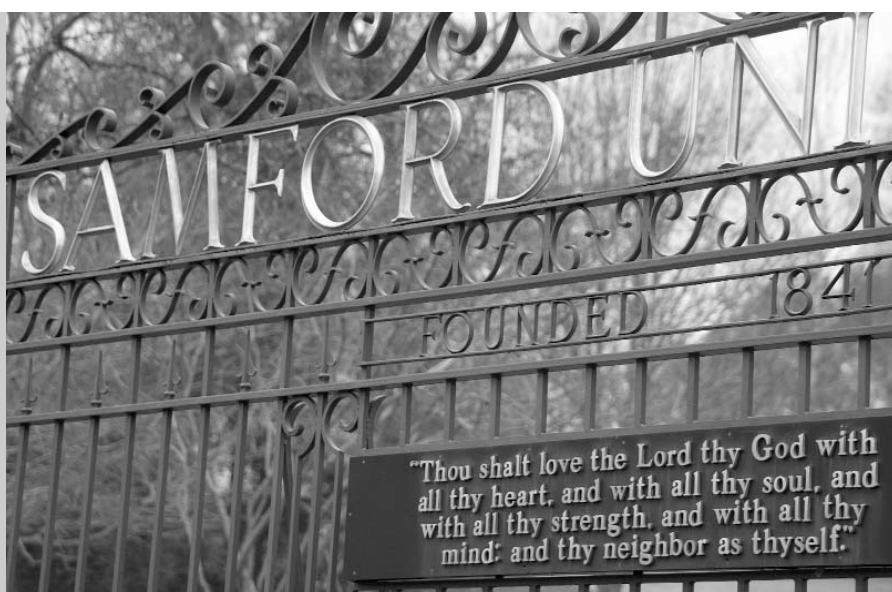




# About Samford University

*For more than 170 years, Samford University and its students have impacted the world with their academic achievement and leadership skills. At the University's core is a foundation of Christian values and belief, a mission to nurture persons for God, for learning, forever that has withstood the test of time. Because of the united dedication to this mission, Samford students discover that professors, administrators, and staff encourage them to reach their highest potential intellectually, spiritually, and socially. The rewards are numerous, and the impact on individual lives is endless.*





### **Identity**

Samford University is a Christian community focused on student learning.

Samford was founded in 1841 by Alabama Baptists. In the present day, it maintains its ties to Alabama Baptists, extending and enhancing their original commitment by developing and maintaining in the campus community an exemplary Christian ethos and culture.

Samford University's corporate expression of faith commitment is *The Statement of Baptist Faith and Message of 1963*, without amendment.

Samford offers associate's, bachelor's, master's, and professional doctoral degrees, as well as continuing education and various types of worthwhile, non-degree learning.

Samford serves students through eight organizational units: Howard College of Arts and Sciences, School of the Arts, Brock School of Business, Beeson School of Divinity, Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies, Cumberland School of Law, Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, and McWhorter School of Pharmacy.

### **Mission**

The mission of Samford University is to nurture persons in their development of intellect, creativity, faith, and personhood. As a Christian university, the community fosters academic, career, and ethical competency, while encouraging social and civic responsibility, and service to others.

### **Core Values**

Samford University's particularity is rooted in convictions, essential to its integrity, and expressive of its mission. The Samford community values lifelong:

- belief in God, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
- engagement with the life and teachings of Jesus
- learning and responsible freedom of inquiry
- personal empowerment, accountability, and responsibility
- vocational success and civic engagement
- spiritual growth and cultivation of physical well-being
- integrity, honesty, and justice
- appreciation for diverse cultures and convictions
- stewardship of all resources
- service to God, to family, to one another, and to the community.

### **Vision**

Anchored in Christian understanding, Samford University will be a diverse community, stressing vigorous learning and personal faith, in the Baptist tradition. Within that commonality, the Community will be: *innovative* in teaching, learning and research; *sensitive* to global issues; aggressive in self-assessment and continuous improvement. Faithful to its mission, Samford will be known and acknowledged worldwide by holding to its distinctives. The world will be better for it.

## 1841

Founded and chartered by a group of educational, economic, and Baptist leaders. Opened in January 1842 in Marion, Alabama, as Howard College, named in honor of John Howard, British advocate of prison reform.



## 1887

Relocated to the East Lake campus in Birmingham, Alabama



## 1914

Established Teacher Education Division



## 1920

Gained membership in and accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



## 1927

Established Division of Pharmacy



## 1947

Purchased 300-acre site in Homewood, Alabama, for relocation of the campus.



## 1957

Relocated to the current Homewood campus with eight buildings



## 1961

Acquired the historic and renowned Cumberland School of Law, established in 1847 at Lebanon, Tennessee.



## 1965

Elevated to university status and named Samford University in honor of the Frank Park Samford family.



## 1965

Designated the Division of Pharmacy as the School of Pharmacy; later renamed McWhorter School of Pharmacy in honor of the R. Clayton McWhorter family.

## 1965

Created the School of Business; the Department of Business had been offering degrees since 1922. Named Brock School of Business in 2007.



## 1970

Elevated the Department of Music to the School of Music. In 2001, became School of Performing Arts with the addition of Theatre Department. The Art Department joined in 2008 to create School of the Arts.



## 1973

Acquired the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing following a merger agreement with Baptist Medical Centers—the first program in Alabama to be accredited by the National League for Nursing in 1955.



## 1984

Purchased the London Study Centre, located in the heart of London; later renamed Daniel House in honor of the Daniel family.



## 1988

Established the Beeson School of Divinity through the generosity of Ralph W. Beeson.



## 1995

Opened the Lucille S. Beeson Law Library to serve Samford's Cumberland School of Law. Lucille Beeson practiced law in the 1930s and was a distinguished patron of the University.



## 2001

Opened the state-of-the-art Sciencenter, with 100-seat planetarium, conservatory, classrooms, research labs, and offices for biology, physics, and chemistry departments. Named William Self Propst Hall in 2009.



## 2006

Opened Jane Hollock Brock Hall, a 32,000-square-foot facility for instrumental music, including a 330-seat, state-of-the-art recital hall. Given in honor of Samford benefactor Jane Brock by her husband, Compass Bank founder and Samford trustee Harry B. Brock, Jr.



## 2007

Dedicated the 132,000-square-foot Pete Hanna Center, including the 5,000-seat Thomas E. and Marla H. Corts Arena, a fitness/wellness center, and other athletics facilities.



## Samford Facts

- Samford is consistently ranked in the top tier of its peer group by *U.S. News & World Report* and also has been nationally ranked for its academic programs and affordability by *The Princeton Review*, *Forbes*, *Kiplinger's* and other publications.
- Selected and recognized for excellence among 60 college first-year programs and among 40 college civic education programs in *The Templeton Guide: Colleges that Encourage Character Development*.
- **12:1** ratio of student enrollment to faculty (as defined by the Common Data Set); no students taught by graduate assistants.
- Five continents host Samford academic programs: North America, South America, Africa, Asia, and Europe.
- **Twelve** National Merit Scholars enrolled as entering freshmen for **Fall 2011**.
- **One hundred and two** children, ages six weeks through four years, are enrolled at the Children's Learning Center, which serves as an inclusive demonstration model and laboratory school under the supervision of the Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies.
- Samford annually draws nationally and internationally-recognized speakers from around the world for endowed lecture series and other forums. Previous speakers include former U.S. presidents, British prime ministers, and other personalities representing such areas as business, government, education, ministry, media, law, and health care.
- The University's libraries house approximately **1,116,815** volume equivalents.
- Samford's fine arts complex include the Leslie S. Wright Fine Arts Center with its **2,700-seat** concert hall; Bonnie Bolding Swearingen Hall with the **400-seat** Ben F. Harrison Theatre, the **120-seat** Bolding Studio and the Samford Art Gallery; and Jane Hollock Brock Hall, which includes a state-of-the-art **330-seat** recital hall.
- Samford has a **700-seat** undergraduate chapel and a **400-seat** divinity school chapel.
- Samford is the **87th** oldest college or university in America.
- For **Fall 2011**, **4,758** men and women enrolled, applying from **47** states. Total enrollment includes students from **20** foreign countries.
- Approximately **84%** of Samford's **301** full-time faculty have earned a terminal degree.
- Samford offers **25** degree programs in approximately **110** majors.
- A **2,000-square-foot** conservatory, the only one of its kind in the Southeast dedicated entirely to plants that contain chemicals used in medicines or herbal supplements.
- **Fifty-nine percent** of **2011** entering freshmen were in the top 25 percent of their high school class (of those reporting rank). The average ACT score of **2011** entering freshmen was **26**.
- Samford intercollegiate athletics sponsors **17** sports in NCAA Division I, nine for women and eight for men.
- There are **125** social, faith-based, service, performing, club sport, professional, and honorary organizations, as well as five national fraternities and eight national sororities.
- A total of **330** computers are available on campus for general student use; all computers offer the latest software and are connected to the Internet; telephone and Internet connections are provided for every resident student.

## Accreditation

Samford University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097; (404) 679-4501, to award associate, bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees. This status was most recently affirmed in 2007, continuing a relationship that Samford has enjoyed with SACS since 1920. The appropriate professional schools at Samford are accredited by:

Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)  
 American Bar Association (ABA)  
 American Dietetic Association (ADA)  
 Association of Theological Schools (ATS)  
 Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)

## University Membership in Educational Organizations

The University holds membership in the following educational organizations:

Alabama Association of Colleges for Teacher Education  
 Alabama Association of Independent Colleges and Universities  
 Alabama Commission on Higher Education  
 Alabama Council for International Programs  
 Alabama Council of Graduate Deans  
 American Academy of Nurse Practitioners  
 American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Dance  
 American Association for Paralegal Education  
 American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
 American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education  
 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
 American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers  
 American Association of Law Libraries  
 American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities  
 American Association of University Women  
 American College Health Association  
 American Council on Education  
 American Library Association  
 Associated New American Colleges  
 Association for Continuing Higher Education  
 Association of American Colleges and Universities  
 Association of American Law Schools  
 Association of College and Research Libraries  
 Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges  
 Birmingham Area Consortium for Higher Education (BACHE)  
 Consortium for Global Education  
 Council for Higher Education Accreditation  
 Council of Independent Colleges  
 Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)  
 Council for Christian Colleges and Universities  
 Council for Higher Education Accreditation  
 EDUCAUSE  
 International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities  
 National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU)  
 National Association of Student Personnel Administrators  
 National Athletic Trainers Association  
 National Association for Legal Assistants  
 National Network of Church-Related Colleges and Universities  
 National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties  
 Network of Alabama Academic Libraries  
 New American Colleges and Universities  
 Online Computer Library Center (OCLC)  
 Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers  
 Southern Business Administration Association  
 Southern Regional Education Board  
 University Continuing Education Association

Samford University is approved by the Alabama Department of Education for the training of teachers, school administrators, supervisors and counselors. The family studies program is approved by the National Council on Family Relations. The paralegal studies certificate program is approved by the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Paralegals.

## Frequently Asked Questions for New Students

### HOW OLD IS SAMFORD UNIVERSITY?

Samford University was founded and chartered in 1841 by a group of educational, economic, and religious leaders.

### CAN I VISIT THE CAMPUS?

All prospective students and their parents are encouraged to visit the campus. To schedule your visit, contact: Office of Admission, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229, or telephone (800) 888-7218 or (205) SAM-FORD [726-3673].

### HOW DO I APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO SAMFORD UNIVERSITY?

Contact the Office of Admission for an admission packet (800) 888-7218 or (205) SAM-FORD [726-3673], or mail a request to: Office of Admission, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229, or visit the Samford Web site at [www.samford.edu](http://www.samford.edu).

### WHAT ARE THE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS?

Admission requirements depend on your student classification, i.e., whether or not you have ever enrolled in college. Please see Admission Procedures and Policies section of this catalog for definitions and details.

### WHEN DO I APPLY FOR ADMISSION?

There is no formal admission deadline, but you are encouraged to complete the application process as soon as possible. For freshmen to be considered for merit based scholarships, applications must be received prior to December 15.

### WHEN WILL I KNOW IF I HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY SAMFORD?

Letters of admission notification are mailed to applicants on a rolling basis prior to admission in the fall of the same year.

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

A table of tuition and fees for undergraduate day students (full-time and part-time) and graduate students can be found in the Financial Information section of this catalog. Also, there are brief explanations of miscellaneous expenses that may occur during an academic year.

### AFTER I AM ACCEPTED TO SAMFORD, WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

Included with your letter of acceptance, you will receive a packet of information including campus residence request forms, and most important, New Student Orientation information. New Student Orientation is coordinated by the Director of Orientation, and is held in June for freshmen and their parents prior to the fall semester. (See the Academic Calendar for 2012-2013 in this catalog for dates.) During this two-day orientation, students and parents will be introduced to campus services, faculty, staff, and various other elements of Samford. Parents will not want to miss this event. Students will participate in one-on-one personal curriculum advising with their academic advisor and course registration. It is a time to relax, get acquainted with Samford, have questions answered, and meet faculty, administration, and classmates. An information session for students transferring to Samford is also held in June and an additional New Student Orientation session is held in August.

### HOW CAN I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

Samford University provides numerous scholarships based on criteria such as academic achievement, leadership skills, need, athletic ability, or field of study. See the Financial Assistance section of this catalog for details or contact the Office of Financial Aid at (205) 726-2905.

### WHAT TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID ARE AVAILABLE?

Federal and state financial aid is available in the form of grants, loans, and on-campus job opportunities. Samford offers numerous scholarships to qualified students. You will find details on these and other financial aid programs in the Financial Assistance section of this catalog.

### I AM A TRANSFER STUDENT. WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO ENROLL IN SAMFORD?

Transfer students are welcomed at Samford University and must present academic records that reflect serious academic aims and mature progress toward those aims. See the Admission Policies and Procedures section of this catalog, or contact the Office of Admission for an admission packet at (800) 888-7218 or (205) SAM-FORD [726-3673], or mail a request to the Office of Admission, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.

### I AM AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT.

#### WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO ENROLL IN SAMFORD?

An international student must allow six months to complete the necessary paperwork prior to admission and enrollment date. See the Admission Policies and Procedures section of this catalog, or contact the Office of Admission for an admission packet at (800) 888-7218 or (205) SAM-FORD [726-3673], or mail a request to the Office of Admission, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229, or the Samford Web site at [www.samford.edu](http://www.samford.edu).

#### DO I NEED A COMPUTER?

The recommendation is that resident students bring a student-owned computer to campus. Samford provides student access to five computer labs on campus. Many departments also have computer labs that support their specialized needs. All resident students may access the Samford University network from their room. Wireless access is available to all students in most places on campus. Contact the Technology Services Help Desk for more detailed information at (205) 726-2662 or e-mail [support@samford.edu](mailto:support@samford.edu). Also, see Computer Services and Resources in the Campus Life, Services, and Facilities section of this catalog.

#### WHAT CHOICES DO I HAVE FOR A MAJOR?

There are approximately 110 majors available from eight colleges and schools. A complete list of undergraduate majors and degrees offered can be found in the Academic Policies and Regulations section of this catalog. There you will also find a list of minors, certificates, and graduate and professional degrees offered.

#### I AM UNDECIDED ABOUT A MAJOR. WHAT DO I DO?

The assistant dean of the Howard College of Arts and Sciences oversees undeclared majors and furnishes guidance through the services of a Career Counselor. To further aid a student with this decision, a required curriculum of six courses, known as the University Core Curriculum, has been designed to provide an academic foundation for work toward a major field of study. See Bachelor's Degree Requirements in the Academic Policies and Regulations section of this catalog for further information and details on the University Core Curriculum.

#### HOW DO I DECLARE A MAJOR?

Each student must declare a major by the junior year and file it with the Office of Student Records.

#### I DO NOT LIVE IN BIRMINGHAM.

##### WHERE CAN I LIVE? CAN I LIVE ON CAMPUS?

All unmarried, undergraduate day students are required to live on campus for four semesters (typically through the sophomore year), unless they live at home with a parent or guardian. See Residence Life in the Campus Life, Services, and Facilities section of this catalog for further information.

#### MAY I HAVE A CAR ON CAMPUS?

Yes. All motor vehicles on campus must be registered with Transportation Services, and students must comply with all campus vehicle registration requirements, and parking and traffic regulations. See Transportation Services in the Campus Life, Services, and Facilities section of this catalog for details.

#### WHAT ARE SOME EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT SAMFORD?

The Campus Life, Services, and Facilities section of this catalog introduces students to the wide variety of annual campus events, musical groups and choirs, student-run publications, radio station participation, student ministries, as well as service and social organizations available to students. In addition, there are chapters of five national fraternities and eight national sororities on campus. Samford is a Division I member of the NCAA and competes in the Southern Conference in basketball, baseball, football, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track, and volleyball. In their years at Samford, students experience opportunities to attend cultural events, to participate in service projects, and to attend the lectures and seminars of outstanding and accomplished national and international VIP visitors.