WELCOME TO MERCYHURST
CARPE DIEM
Seize the day. Grasp the opportunity. Embrace the whole of life. Let these words be your inspiration for personal growth and professional development. Let them guide and fire your imperatives. Let them underline the vigor and enterprise necessary to achieve great victories. Capture the essence of living the full life. Engage the day. This is, indeed, the moment. The opportunity may not come again. Besiege the occasion, wage war upon it. For it is the resolute of mind who receive the greatest achievement and the highest fulfillment and reward. Be vigilant and diligent. The genius of life and secret to success is to capture each precious opportunity. For to seize the moment personally is the essence of living a full life—the kind so many desire and so few know how to achieve.
Mercyhurst University is a fully accredited, four-year, Catholic, liberal arts institution founded in 1926 by the Sisters of Mercy.

Campus is home to more than 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

Mercyhurst’s main 75-acre campus is located in Erie, Pennsylvania, on a picturesque hillside overlooking the city and Lake Erie.
50+ undergraduate majors
67 undergraduate concentrations
12 master’s degree programs
12+ graduate certificate programs

OUR CORE VALUES

WE ARE:

• Socially merciful
  Mercy restores human dignity, expands our social relations and empowers us to reach out in compassion to others.

• Globally responsible
  Globalization challenges us to learn how to steward the resources of the Earth wisely and to act in solidarity with its diverse peoples.

• Compassionately hospitable
  Mercy hospitality begins with self-acceptance, welcomes peoples of different faith, ethnic and cultural traditions, and thus builds communities that transcend mere tolerance.

• Intellectually creative
  Generous, inquiring and critical habits of mind, which support the aspirations for excellence manifested within the academic community, encourage us in our lifelong search for what is true, good and beautiful.

• Reflectively aware
  Our Christian environment encourages self-reflection and contemplation of human behavior, promotes balance of mind, body and spirit, and ultimately offers the opportunity to develop a moral compass for a life of integrity.

Student-to-faculty ratio
14-TO-1
This ensures our students have access to facilities rivaling those of major universities while still enjoying small class sizes and individual attention from professors.

Mercyhurst is less than a TWO-HOUR DRIVE from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Cleveland, Ohio; and Buffalo, New York.

AMBASSADORS OF SERVICE
HOW TO APPLY

You can apply to Mercyhurst for free using our online application at apply.mercyhurst.edu. If you already have a writing sample prepared, you can complete our online application in about 15 minutes. Mercyhurst also accepts the Common Application (commonapp.org).

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES
Mercyhurst adopted a test-optional admissions policy in 2015. We do not require SAT or ACT scores for admissions; if you believe that your SAT or ACT scores represent a positive component of your admissions portfolio, you are welcome to submit your official test scores. Student-athletes must submit SAT or ACT scores in accordance with the NCAA policy for evaluating athletic eligibility.

REPORTING YOUR ACADEMIC RECORD
To expedite admissions decisions, we now accept self-reported high school coursework and grades on the undergraduate application. Please note: All acceptance decisions are contingent on receipt of applicants’ final high school transcripts and verification of academic records.
When it comes to paying for college, we don't believe in surprises. Our flat-billing practice allows you to enroll in up to 18 credit hours per semester at no additional charge (great for picking up an extra major or shaving a semester off time to graduation). Four-year financial aid awards make financing your education affordable and predictable. Most internal scholarships and grants are automatically renewed as long as you make satisfactory academic progress.

Consistent with our Mercy Mission, Mercyhurst is one of the region’s most affordable private universities. Last year, every student who applied for financial aid received institutional aid in the form of Mercyhurst grants or scholarships. When combined with federal, state and external support, many students and families are surprised to find out how affordable a top-notch liberal arts education can be.

FILING FOR FINANCIAL AID

To be considered for federal aid, please remember to submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fasfa.ed.gov. Be sure to use school code 003297 to include Mercyhurst on your FAFSA.
Mercyhurst provides a premier applied liberal arts education, which blends a diverse humanities and sciences curriculum with practical, hands-on education and professional preparation. Throughout your time at Mercyhurst, you'll gain valuable experience "beyond the gates" as you engage in service opportunities, internships and co-operative placements, study abroad experiences, and faculty- mentored research and fieldwork. A Mercyhurst education ensures that you get the knowledge that you deserve and the experience that employers and graduate schools value.

**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  
History Education  
Hospitality Management  
Human Resource Management  
Integrated Marketing Communication  
Integrated Media and  
Strategic Communication  
Intelligence Studies  
Interior Architecture and Design  
International Business  
Liberal Studies  
Management  
Marketing  
Mathematics  
Music  
Music Composition  
Music Education  
Music Performance  
Music Therapy  
Philosophy  
Physics  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Public Health  
Religious Studies  
Risk Management  
Russian Studies  
Social Work  
Spanish  
Spanish Education  
Sport Business Management  
Sports Medicine  
Studio Art  
Sustainability Studies
A Mercyhurst education prepares you for success in high-demand careers or in graduate school, while also providing you with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to live a richer, fuller life. You’ll learn to appreciate art and culture, to value the interconnectedness of the human experience, to serve others to improve the well-being of communities, and to be resilient in the face of adversity. Taking courses in Mercyhurst’s REACH Curriculum will help you achieve these goals.
ACADEMIC RESOURCES

The Office of Academic Support and Learning Differences helps to encourage satisfying academic experiences for students through effective outreach programs. Academic counselors help students with most issues they encounter, including: concerns about academic performance, understanding academic procedures and policies, assistance navigating the college environment, developing an academic plan, finding and utilizing a peer tutor, changing academic majors, and much more.

TUTORING
The Tutoring Center offers one-on-one or small group tutoring in most subject areas. Enrolled students can receive up to three hours of tutoring per week, per course. Tutoring is offered to enrolled students free of charge.

WRITING CENTER
Students can bring any project to the Writing Center, from personal essays and research papers to business letters and lab reports. The center's writing consultants work with writers interactively and individually in a friendly and supportive environment.

LEARNING DIFFERENCES
The Learning Differences Program (LDP) provides students with academic counseling and facilitates academic accommodations. Any student who has an academic accommodation approved by the ADA Committee is eligible for the Learning Differences Program. The LDP coordinates a range of accommodations for students, including testing modifications, auxiliary aids, course substitution and/or reduction, assistive technology, etc.

AUTISM INITIATIVE AT MERCYHURST
In 2008, Mercyhurst introduced the Autism Initiative at Mercyhurst (AIM) to meet the needs of the growing population of university students on the autism spectrum. The AIM Program equally emphasizes academic, independent, social, emotional and vocational domains. Students in the program have access to specialized housing, a peer mentoring program, autism support networking, individualized social skills modules, social gatherings, a Career Path program and more.
Study abroad provides students with the opportunity to delve into academic study while also traveling the world and gaining insights into the global community. Since the establishment of Mercyhurst University’s study abroad program, hundreds of students have experienced the joy and fulfillment of traveling and learning in small groups. Each study abroad course is taught by the university's own professors, who travel alongside the students throughout the course of the journey.

Mercyhurst’s academic calendar includes the option of dividing each semester into two eight-week mini terms, allowing for extra flexibility in scheduling. The Office of Study Abroad offers a number of study abroad programs that take place during these mini terms so students can better fit travel into their schedules. Destinations and courses change each year and have included options such as history of the Spanish Civil War in Spain, photography and videography in Peru, and public health studies in Brazil.

MERCYHURST IN IRELAND

One of Mercyhurst’s most unique and cherished study abroad programs is Mercyhurst in Ireland. Each spring semester, a limited number of students travel alongside multiple Mercyhurst professors to the small coastal town of Dungarvan, Ireland, to live and study for a period of 12 weeks. Mercyhurst in Ireland differs from other university programs because it allows students to spend an entire semester abroad, integrating themselves fully into the culture and the community. The town of Dungarvan has warmly opened its heart to each new cohort of Mercyhurst students since the beginning of the program, even giving them a special opportunity to march in the annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade.
Your college experience happens both inside and outside the classroom. Your interests, creativity and openness to exploring new experiences will make your life at Mercyhurst meaningful and memorable—and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved and make new friends.

HURST DAY

The newest Mercyhurst tradition includes an entire day of free food, games, a scavenger hunt, camaraderie and Laker pride.
More than **80 campus clubs and organizations** offer activities designed for fun and camaraderie and are great ways to meet other students who share common interests.

Our wide range of clubs include: Forensic Science Club, Black Students for Unity, Pi Sigma Alpha (political science honor society), Ultimate Frisbee Club, Plant-Based Living Club, Habitat for Humanity, Mercyhurst Equality of Women Club, Mercyhurst Student Government, and Video Game Club—and there’s always room to add more.
Athletics play a major role in the life and spirit of the Hurst. In fact, **25 percent of our students compete in a sport.** Our teams compete at a high level, so that means there’s always a big game (or maybe even a championship) to get excited about—even if you’re not on the team.

**MEN’S**
**DIVISION I**
- Ice Hockey

**DIVISION II**
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Rowing
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Water Polo
- Wrestling

**WOMEN’S**
**DIVISION I**
- Ice Hockey

**DIVISION II**
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Rowing
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Water Polo
DINING ON CAMPUS

Mercyhurst students and guests have no shortage of fresh, handcrafted culinary options on campus, including:

GROTTO COMMONS
Grotto Commons in Egan Hall is the largest dining venue on campus. A diverse offering of fresh, house-made wholesome foods can be found at the venue’s different stations, which include Daily Dish (comfort foods), The Oven (hand-tossed pizza baked in an open brick oven), Bravissimo (individually prepared chef specialties), the Breakfast Nook and the Deli, to name a few.

501 GRILLE
The 501 Grille, located on the first floor of Ryan Hall, serves a rotating menu of restaurant-style dishes from our smoker, rotisserie, authentic wok and grills. Enjoy the salad bar with two daily soups, as well as a full dessert bar featuring Perry’s ice cream to finish your meal.

THE LAKER INN
Located on the lower level of the Herrmann Student Union, the Laker Inn provides a special food court dining experience with a la carte options for students and guests. The eating stations include Cinco Cantina and the Egg Bar.

STARBUCKS COFFEE BAR
Located in the Mercyhurst Bookstore, this is a popular place to enjoy coffee and snacks while studying or visiting with friends.
CAMPUS HOUSING

At Mercyhurst, we recognize that learning extends well beyond the classroom and continues into the area in which students live, and we strive to foster holistic student development through campus housing. Students are encouraged to participate as active members of their communities, while maintaining acceptable standards of behavior and respecting the rights, privileges and properties of all members of the community.

All residence halls at Mercyhurst include:

- Basic cable
- Wireless internet
- Laundry facilities
- Housekeeping and maintenance

FRESHMAN RESIDENCE HALLS

Each freshman residence hall has a security/reception desk in the lobby, which is in operation 24/7 while classes are in session.

FRANCES WARDE HALL (MIXED)

All of the rooms in Warde Hall are doubles or triples; each room has a private bathroom. Warde Hall is staffed by nine RAs. Located in the main lobby is a convenience store, open 4 to 11 p.m. while classes are in session. Warde Hall has a workout room, media room and many private study rooms.

BALDWIN HALL (WOMEN)

Most rooms house two residents, and two rooms share a common bathroom. There are a limited number of single rooms available. Baldwin is staffed by six RAs.

MCAULEY HALL (MEN)

The majority of the rooms in McAuley Hall are doubles, though there are a limited number of triple and quad rooms available. Common bathroom facilities are available on each wing. McAuley is staffed by six RAs.
Mercyhurst enjoys a close relationship with Erie, Pennsylvania, a place with small-town personality and big-city opportunities. Located on the southern shore of Lake Erie, the city offers a complete range of recreational amenities, including a downtown filled with entertainment options, restaurants and cultural events; a symphony orchestra; museums and a first-rate history center; and professional sports teams (SeaWolves baseball, Otters hockey and Bayhawks basketball). You can also do some shopping at the Millcreek Mall, visit the animals at the Erie Zoo, or hit the slopes at nearby ski resorts. Our beautiful Presque Isle State Park boasts some of the best beaches on the Great Lakes, a 22-mile multipurpose trail for cycling, inline skating and walking, and is widely known for its incredible sunsets. To learn more about all that Erie has to offer, check out visiteriepa.com.