



Welcome to the Mount Mercy University campus. In an effort for you to understand our community better, we provide you with this information.

Mount Mercy's Mission

Mount Mercy is a Catholic University that provides student-focused education in the spirit of the Sisters of Mercy and welcomes people of all beliefs to join our community in pursuit of baccalaureate and graduate education and compassionate service to those in need. We strive for excellence in accomplishing our mission through four interdependent goals: using reflective judgment, engaging in strategic communication, serving the common good, and promoting purposeful living.

Mount Mercy's Values

Lifelong learning and education of the whole person

We believe that education is a lifelong experience where learning empowers the whole person, intellectually, spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

Pursuit of truth and dignity

We foster free inquiry in a compassionate culture where our dedication to faith, truth, and mercy supports the dignity of each person within the human community.

Commitment to students

We acknowledge and affirm that our students' needs are central to decisions that affect community life.

Justice

We advocate for equality by actively creating just and healthy relationships in our learning community and our global society.

Gratitude

We celebrate with humility all gifts and talents bestowed by God and faithfully share these blessings with the wider community.

Hospitality

We accomplish our work in the spirit of Catharine McAuley's graciousness and inclusion that welcomes all people and perspectives.

Service

We instill a sense of responsibility and caring that calls us to serve the common good.

Values-based Expression

Catholic Mercy Perspective:

We uphold Mount Mercy University's identity as a Catholic institution of higher learning guided by the educational mission laid out in *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*. We aim to educate the whole person, follow the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, and promote Catholic Social Teaching.

We honor the Practical Wisdom of Catherine McAuley, the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy, and the Covenant of the Conference for Mercy Higher Education, prioritizing their values. We practice hospitality, which invites an openness to our community, graciousness, and inclusion that welcomes all people and a multitude of perspectives. We prize the pursuit of truth and dignity, which fosters free inquiry in a compassionate culture where our dedication to faith, truth, and mercy supports the dignity of each person within the human community.

Academic Freedom & Freedom of Expression Perspective:

We embrace academic freedom as essential to the life of the university. The mission of a university offering baccalaureate and graduate degrees is to expand human knowledge through the unfettered sifting and winnowing of ideas in pursuit of the truth. Both academic freedom and freedom of expression are an integral part of the search for truth. A university can only function when a wide range of perspectives are allowed to come into contact with one another.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity Perspective:

We adhere to the promises made in Mount Mercy's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity values statement. We cultivate inclusivity and foster diversity that supports human well-being. We affirm all people as persons, whatever their age, race, ethnicity, sex, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic class, immigration status, nationality, religion, ability, or any other identity. We denounce all acts of hatred and seek to build equity for all. Direct attacks upon, hostility towards, or exclusion of legally protected classes (age, race, color, ethnicity, sex, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, immigration status, nationality, religion, and ability) violate the Values of Mount Mercy.