General Information

INTRODUCTION

The programs of Saint Louis University are open to all without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or veteran status. All University policies, practices, and procedures are administered in a manner consistent with its Catholic and Jesuit identity. Programs and activities located in facilities not easily accessible to disabled persons will be made accessible through relocation or other means upon request. For general information, call 314.977.2222.

The 504 and ADA Coordinator, the University’s Affirmative Action Officer, is located in DuBourg Hall, Room 36; Telephone 314.977.3838.

Visit the website of the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity for information on Saint Louis University’s non-discrimination and equal opportunity policies. The office reviews complaints that allege violation of Saint Louis University’s policies.

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Please refer to your college, school, center or program handbook for additional information, policies and procedures of your program.

HISTORY

Saint Louis University, a private university under Catholic and Jesuit auspices, traces its history to the foundation of the Saint Louis Academy by the Right Reverend Louis William DuBourg, Bishop of Louisiana, in 1818. At Bishop DuBourg’s request, the Society of Jesus assumed the direction of the school in 1827. This small Jesuit College received its charter as Saint Louis University in 1832, becoming the first university established west of the Mississippi River. The University settled at its present site on Grand Boulevard in 1888.

Saint Louis University has two campuses: The St. Louis, Missouri campus and the Madrid, Spain campus. The St. Louis campus is physically divided into the North Campus, located in the Grand Avenue midtown area, and the South Campus, located one mile to the south.

Saint Louis University is classified as a Research University: High Research Activity by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The University enrolls more than 14,000 full- and part-time students including a significant number from countries around the world.

The University is presently composed of the following colleges, schools and centers offering post-baccalaureate programs.

- College of Arts and Sciences (established in 1818)
- School of Law (1842)
- College of Philosophy and Letters (1898)
- School of Medicine (1903)
- John Cook School of Business (1910)
- Parks College of Engineering, Aviation, and Technology (1927)
- School of Nursing (1928)
- Madrid, Spain Campus (1967)
- Doisy College of Health Sciences (1979)
- College for Public Health and Social Justice (1991)
- School for Professional Studies (1996)
- School of Education (1998)
- Albert Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics (1979)
- Center for Advanced Dental Education (1994)
- Center for Sustainability (2010)
- Center for Health Outcomes Research (SLUCOR) (2012)
MISSION

The Mission of Saint Louis University's Graduate Education is to advance the frontiers of knowledge and technical expertise and to prepare students to make their own contributions to such advances in their disciplines and professions by helping them carry out their responsibilities in an ethical and professional manner.

In realizing this mission, Graduate Education at Saint Louis University is committed to specific goals and objectives:

- To articulate a vision of excellence for the post-baccalaureate community
- To bring an institution-wide perspective to all post-baccalaureate endeavors
- To maintain high academic standards across all academic disciplines
- To promote the ideals of a Catholic, Jesuit education
- To promote the research mission of the University
- To enhance the community of scholars among both post-baccalaureate students and faculty
- To develop strategies for post-baccalaureate education that contribute to and enhance undergraduate education
- To serve as an advocate for post-baccalaureate education
- To emphasize the institution-wide importance of educating future college, university and high school teachers, and professionals in a variety of fields
- To serve as an advocate for issues and constituencies critical to the success of post-baccalaureate education
- To support and further the non-academic interests and needs of post-baccalaureate students

ACCREDITATION

Saint Louis University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), and has been continuously accredited since 1916. Inquiries on accreditation may be made to the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, Illinois 60604-1411, (800) 621-7440

Some colleges, schools and programs have also attained individual accreditation from professional disciplinary associations.

OBJECTIVES

In keeping with its mission as a Jesuit institution dedicated to striving for excellence under the inspiration of the Catholic faith, Saint Louis University seeks to establish a collegial environment in which those of diverse cultural backgrounds and religious beliefs can participate in the community in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect.

Based on the conception of the person as a free and responsible agent capable of making a difference for good or ill in the world, the University directs its educational efforts to help students develop as critically reflective and socially responsible persons, capable of exercising leadership in advancing the cause of human good in the world, through service to others.

The University’s commitment to academic excellence is evident in its post-baccalaureate programs, which have a twofold purpose: to advance the frontiers of knowledge and technical expertise in their disciplines and professions, and to prepare students to make their own contributions to such advancement by helping them carry out their responsibilities in an ethical and professional manner.

ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNANCE

The Associate Provost for Academic Affairs coordinates university-wide post-baccalaureate activities, including candidacy and graduation. Deans and Directors are responsible for the post-baccalaureate programs that fall under their particular school, college or center. In most units, an Associate Dean or Director for Graduate Education or Center Director is charged with overseeing the day-to-day operations of their respective post-baccalaureate programs. Finally, a Graduate Academic Affairs Committee (GAAC) is concerned with the development, improvement, quality control, and policy of post-baccalaureate education at Saint Louis University.
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Community Volunteer

University President Fred P. Pestello serves as an ex-officio voting member of the board. Vice President and General Counsel William Kaufman is board secretary.

Trustee Emeriti
SLU also has trustee emeriti, former trustees who do not make motions, vote or hold office, but are entitled to all other privileges of board members.

Fred P. Pestello, Ph.D., became the 33rd president and chief executive officer of Saint Louis University in 2014. He is the first permanent lay president of Saint Louis University since its founding in 1818.

President’s Cabinet
Dr. Pestello has a cabinet comprised of senior administrators who report directly to him and who advise him on important University matters. Members of the cabinet also work closely with trustees, deans and other vice presidents to advance SLU’s strategic priorities. Members are:

- Kevin Behrns, M.D., Vice President for Medical Affairs, Dean of the School of Medicine
- Nancy Brickhouse, Ph.D., Provost
- Justin Daffron, S.J., Assistant to the President
- Jeff Fowler, Vice President for Marketing and Communications
- David Heimburger, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
- William Kauffman, Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary of the University and Chief of Staff
- Sheila Manion, Vice President for Development
- Kent Porterfield, Vice President for Student Development

The President’s Coordinating Council (PCC) is responsible for reviewing and approving all University policies and providing input on other important University matters. The group is comprised of senior administrators and the leaders of the Faculty Senate, Staff Advisory Committee and Student Government Association. Members are:

- Kevin Behrns, M.D., Vice President for Medical Affairs, Dean of the School of Medicine
- Nancy Brickhouse, Ph.D., Provost
- Daniel Carter, President of the Student Government Association
- Christopher Collins, S.J., Assistant to the President for Mission and Identity
- Justin Daffron, S.J., Special Assistant to the President
- Jeff Fowler, Vice President for Marketing and Communications
- Peter Garvin, Chair of the Staff Advisory Committee
- Jay Goff, Vice President for Enrollment and Retention Management
- David Hakanson, Vice President and Chief Information Officer
- David Heimburger, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
- William R. Kauffman, J.D., Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary of the University and Chief of Staff
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- Jonathan Smith, Ph.D., Vice President for Diversity and Community Engagement
- Paul Vita, Ph.D., Director and Dean of SLU-Madrid
- Mardell Wilson, Ed.D., Dean of the Doisy College of Health Science

The President’s Advisory Council (PAC) is a 100-member body that is charged with representing the interests of faculty, staff and students in major University decisions. The group is comprised of all vice presidents and deans, the executive leadership of the Faculty Senate and Student Government Association, the chairs of the college and school faculty councils, and a number of staff and administrative leaders.

Mission and Diversity Offices
At SLU, the Office of Mission and Identity and the Office of Diversity and Community Engagement report directly to the president.

As the Assistant to the President for Mission and Identity Christopher Collins, S.J., provides executive-level leadership for fostering and promoting SLU’s Catholic, Jesuit identity. He also works to ensure that SLU’s mission and core values — as well as the principles and traditions of Catholic, Jesuit higher education — are fully integrated into everything the University does.

As chief diversity officer, Jonathan Smith, Ph.D., vice president for diversity and community engagement, leads efforts to make Saint Louis University more inclusive and welcoming to diverse populations. He works to increase SLU’s outreach to the St. Louis community and access to a SLU education to young people from the region’s most disadvantaged areas.