History of the University

Mount St. Joseph University is a premiere Catholic university of 2,300 students that provides a liberal arts and professional education and emphasizes values, integrity and social responsibility. Founded in 1920 by the Sisters of Charity as Southwestern Ohio's first Catholic college for women, the University today is a coeducational institution nationally recognized for quality and value and for serving the needs of all its students including adult and graduate students.

Today the Mount is an institution sponsored by the Sisters of Charity, with academic, administrative and fiscal policies determined by a board of trustees composed of Sisters of Charity and lay persons, and is hailed as one of the Midwest's top University's for quality and value. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks the University among the top tier of Midwest regional universities for both quality and value.

A Mount education combines the liberal arts with a career orientation in undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Students have the option to co-op in all of the liberal arts majors and career preparation programs are available from the freshman year. The Mount's students come from across the nation and foreign countries, with the largest population from Ohio. Over 6,500 Mount alumni live and work in the Greater Cincinnati area today.

In response to the needs of its students and the community, the Mount opened Cincinnati's first Weekend College in the mid-1970s with programs and services for adult students. Today, adult students choose from a wide range of majors with classes available on weekends, in the evenings or during the day. Students with learning disabilities are offered assistance through Project EXCEL, one of the few university-level programs in the Cincinnati area. The University offers several community outreach programs, including the Upward Bound program for low-income high school students and Service Learning where students earn credit for volunteer work in community settings.

Today the Mount incorporates technology in the curriculum, offers online programs, Web registration, and a Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence. It is the first Greater Cincinnati area college to begin a universal-computing requirement for students, which provides students with notebook computers and wireless technology.

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