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SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY



*An aerial view of Saint
Louis University's campus
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Higher purpose.

Greater good.

Founded in 1818, Saint Louis University is one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious Catholic research institutions. Rooted in Jesuit values and its pioneering history as the first university west of the Mississippi River, SLU offers more than **13,300** students a rigorous, transformative education that challenges and prepares them to make the world a better place. As a nationally recognized leader in research and innovation, SLU is a **Research 1 (R1) university**, advancing groundbreaking, life-changing discoveries that promote the greater good.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Saint Louis University is the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of God and for the service of humanity. The University seeks excellence in the fulfillment of its corporate purposes of teaching, research, health care and service to the community. The University is dedicated to leadership in the continuing quest for understanding of God's creation and for the discovery, dissemination and integration of the values, knowledge and skills required to transform society in the spirit of the Gospels. As a Catholic, Jesuit university, this pursuit is motivated by the inspiration and values of the Judeo-Christian tradition and is guided by the spiritual and intellectual ideals of the Society of Jesus.



**SAINT LOUIS
UNIVERSITY™**

— EST. 1818 —

YEAR FOUNDED

1818

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Roman Catholic, Jesuit

LOCATIONS

St. Louis, Missouri

Madrid, Spain

PRESIDENT

Edward J. Feser, Ph.D.

Lipic Clock Tower Plaza

Programs, Colleges + Schools

Rankings + Honors

91 + **81**
 BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS
 MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

plus
44 DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS
62 CERTIFICATES



Students study outside.

SLU'S COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS TIMELINE

- 1818 COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
- 1836 SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
- 1843 SCHOOL OF LAW
- 1889 COLLEGE OF PHILOSOPHY AND LETTERS
- 1910 RICHARD A. CHAIFETZ SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
- 1927 SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
- 1928 TRUDY BUSCH VALENTINE SCHOOL OF NURSING
- 1930 SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
- 1979 DOISY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
- 1991 COLLEGE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
- 1996 SCHOOL FOR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
- 1998 SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DEGREE-GRANTING CENTER

- 1994 CENTER FOR ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION

A LEADING CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

SLU is recognized as one of the nation's best values in higher education and one of the leading Catholic universities in the country.

BEST VALUE

U.S. News & World Report named SLU a "Best Value School" for the ninth consecutive year in its 2026 Best Colleges rankings for undergraduate education.

No. 11 BEST CATHOLIC COLLEGE IN AMERICA
 — *Niche.com*



No. 102

out of nearly 1,700 national universities for 2026

U.S. News & World Report

No. 1

Health Care Law Program

U.S. News & World Report 2025 Best Law Schools

No. 168

among the top 400 universities in the country

The Wall Street Journal

No. 9

in International Business Master's Programs

U.S. News & World Report 2025 Best Business Schools

Top 15%

of America's four-year colleges

The Princeton Review's Best 391 Colleges 2026 edition

No. 19

in Health Care Management

U.S. News & World Report 2025 Best Health Schools

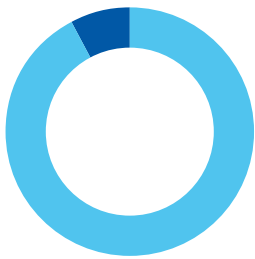
Our Students

13,307 STUDENTS

plus
2,512

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN
SLU'S 1818 ADVANCED COLLEGE
CREDIT PROGRAM

Fall 2025

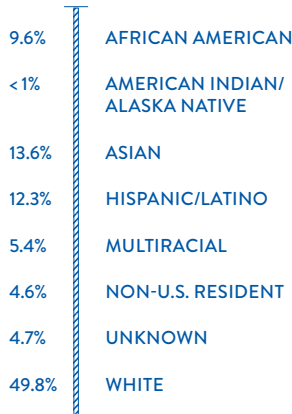


● 12,274 Full-time
● 1,033 Part-time



● 8,101 Undergraduate
● 5,206 Graduate

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT DIVERSITY



from all **50** U.S. STATES

58.4% of SLU undergraduate students are from OUTSIDE OF MISSOURI

from **93** COUNTRIES

2025 Freshman Class



Students gather outdoors on SLU's campus.

Freshman Stats

3.8

AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL GPA

14,759

APPLICATIONS

TOP REPRESENTED STATES

42

U.S. STATES REPRESENTED

1,338

FULL-TIME, FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN ENROLLED

Missouri

Illinois

Texas

Wisconsin

Indiana

26

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

Career Preparation + Outcomes

620

EMPLOYERS ENGAGED WITH SLU STUDENTS

5,171

STUDENTS INTERACTED WITH CAREER SERVICES

Career Services 2025 data

CAREER SUPPORT AT EVERY STAGE

SLU's online career database, Handshake, connects students and alumni to employers, internships and jobs. In the 2024-25 academic year, Handshake data recorded:

2,400
New employers

111,756
Job openings

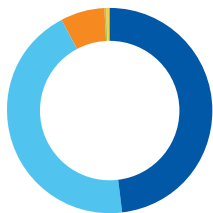
31,000
Internship openings

26,166
Student and alumni user logins



Students from the Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business attend a career fair in Cook Hall.

WHAT ARE RECENT SLU GRADUATES DOING NOW?



- **48.24%** working
- **44.24%** continuing their education
- **6.94%** still looking (for employment or education opportunities)
- **0.23%** serving in the military
- **0.35%** participating in service programs

First-Destination Survey responses from academic year 2023-24

Student Financial Support

The University offers scholarship programs recognizing academic merit, financial need, diversity, Jesuit high school graduates, multiple sibling enrollees, aptitude, athletics and more.

No. 53 IN "2026 BEST VALUE SCHOOLS"
— U.S. News & World Report

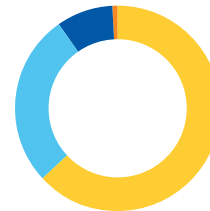
31% of first-time freshmen received a paid Pell Grant in fall 2025

\$50,817 average aid award amount for freshmen

\$28,833 average aid award amount that doesn't need to be repaid (all students)

41% of undergraduate students graduate without student loan debt

SOURCES OF AID TO STUDENTS



- **\$327,282,680** Institutional
- **\$141,269,472** Federal
- **\$44,760,121** Private
- **\$4,310,538** State

TOTAL **\$517,622,811**

STUDENTS RECEIVING AID



99.6%
of first-time freshmen



92%
of all students

Fiscal year 2025

Living Our Faith

Guided by the Catholic Church and the Society of Jesus, SLU encourages students, faculty and staff to explore their faith and deepen their understanding of its role in their lives. People from every religious identity, practice and tradition are welcome at Saint Louis University.

12

STUDENT RETREATS

are offered by Campus Ministry during the academic year.

420+

STUDENTS

attend Sunday evening Mass at St. Francis Xavier College Church each week.

200+

FREE CUPS OF COFFEE

are shared at Java with the Jesuits every Friday morning.

40

JESUITS

teach, study and minister at SLU. Five serve as chaplains for SLU's athletic teams.

15

SACRED SPACES

located throughout campus are open to SLU students, faculty and staff of any faith tradition for prayer, meditation and reflection.

Students chat with members of the Jesuit community during Java with the Jesuits.



Student groups that encourage the spirituality of all members of the SLU community include:

- SLU InterFaith Alliance
- Muslim Student Association
- Jewish Student Association
- Hindu Student Community

Creating a Culture of Belonging



SLU is committed to ensuring that every student, from every background, feels welcomed, develops their unique strengths and thrives – now and in the years ahead.

Members of the SLU community wave flags from their home countries during the Parade of Nations as part of Atlas Week.

29.4%

of first-year students are Black, Hispanic, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Pacific Islander, or multiracial.

23%

of first-time freshmen are first-generation college students.

RISE PROGRAM

Students who meet certain admission criteria, including Federal Pell Grant recipients, engage with a community of peers with similar lived experiences.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 30 student organizations – founded and led by students – provide opportunities for community and celebration of diverse backgrounds, cultures, identities and perspectives. Through these organizations, students develop leadership skills, build meaningful connections and gain hands-on experience beyond the classroom.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

Students from all backgrounds build their networks through numerous organizations and events that create community, inspire academic achievement, and foster mentorship on campus and in their future professions. These experiences help students develop essential skills and increase their competitiveness in the job market.

Global Reach



Photo courtesy of Saint Louis University-Madrid

SLU-Madrid students walk outside of Padre Arrupe Hall.

SLU-MADRID

Founded in 1967, Saint Louis University's international campus in Madrid, Spain, offers a welcoming, multicultural environment where students can expand their horizons, discover new cultures and deepen their knowledge in the context of an interconnected world.

SLU-Madrid
is home to

1,285
STUDENTS



from

89
COUNTRIES



12:1
STUDENT-
FACULTY RATIO

200+

ACCREDITED
COURSES
are taught in
English each
semester.

22

UNDERGRADUATE
DEGREES

and

2

GRADUATE
DEGREES
can be completed
entirely in Madrid.

60+

SUMMER
COURSES

500+

SLU STUDENTS
from the St.
Louis campus
spend a
semester or
academic year
at SLU-Madrid
each year.

Students can start
one of more than

40

UNDERGRADUATE
DEGREES
at SLU-Madrid
and finish at
SLU's St. Louis
campus.

STUDY ABROAD

In addition to SLU-Madrid, Saint Louis University offers a full range of study-abroad destinations all over the world.

41

PARTNER PROGRAMS IN 38 CITIES ON
SIX CONTINENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO
STUDENTS.

80+

SLU STUDENTS SPEND A SEMESTER OR
YEAR STUDYING ABROAD THROUGH
THESE PARTNER PROGRAMS.

100+

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SHORT-TERM
INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES EVERY
YEAR.

*(winter break, spring break and short-term
summer trips)*

Top destinations
include:



GALWAY,
Ireland

GOLD COAST,
Australia

LONDON,
England

SEOUL,
South Korea

SORRENTO,
Italy



International student ambassadors dance at the welcome party during International Student Orientation.

GLOBAL GRADUATE INITIATIVE

Launched in 2020 as a collaborative effort between multiple departments and divisions, the University's Global Graduate Initiative, or Global Grad, connects graduate students from all over the world with SLU's sought-after business, technology and engineering programs. SLU supports students in pursuing their professional goals at the St. Louis campus while helping them make the most of the University's job placement resources, support and extensive opportunities.

Student Involvement + Well-Being

407,122

**VISITS TO SIMON
RECREATION CENTER
IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25**

20+

**GREEK LETTER
ORGANIZATIONS**

200+

**STUDENT CLUBS
AND ORGANIZATIONS**



Photo courtesy of Saint Louis University-Madrid



JED CAMPUS AT SLU

In partnership with the JED Foundation, SLU is working to foster an even stronger culture of hope and resilience on its campuses and among its students. As SLU enters the final year of this five-year initiative and begins its transition to JED Campus Alum status, efforts will focus on strengthening mental-health resources and sustaining positive outcomes for students.

MORE THAN 900 STUDENTS of all skill levels belong to **nearly 30 sports clubs**, including individual and team sports that range from baseball and volleyball to ultimate Frisbee, kayaking and horseback riding.

5 WELLSPACE LOCATIONS across campus provide students with a designated space for creativity, rest and self-care.

856 STUDENTS AND 690 FACULTY AND STAFF have completed training in Mental Health First Aid, a skills-based course that prepares participants to help assist someone experiencing a mental-health crisis.



Photo by Michelle Pelcier



Photos clockwise:

Students at SLU-Madrid learn about campus clubs during an Activities Fair.

A member of the Billiken cricket team takes a swing during practice.

A student participates in Fresh Check Day.

A student dance group performs during Fall Welcome.

World-Class Faculty + Research

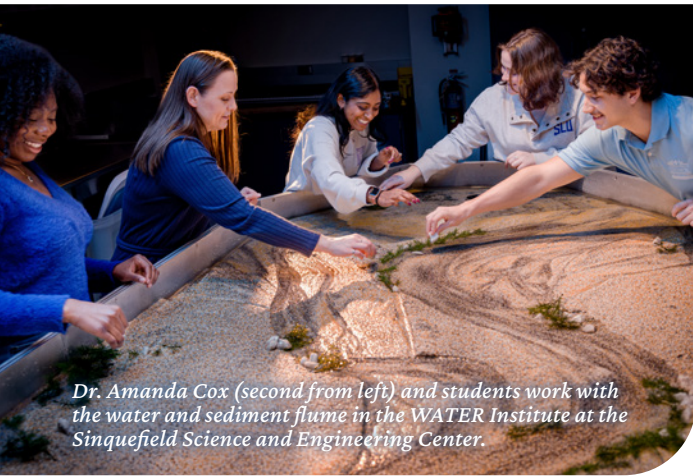
2,100
FACULTY MEMBERS

42
ENDOWED CHAIRS
24
NAMED PROFESSORSHIPS

1,020
INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY

9:1 STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO

Students receive personalized attention from SLU's world-class faculty.



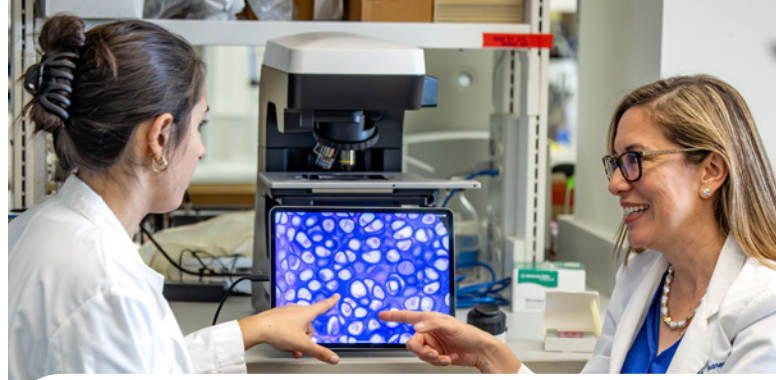
Dr. Amanda Cox (second from left) and students work with the water and sediment flume in the WATER Institute at the Sinquefeld Science and Engineering Center.

In 2025, SLU leaders and faculty shared their expertise in leading national outlets, including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, CNN, CBS News, *U.S. News & World Report* and *USA Today*.

91.45% of SLU's full-time instructional faculty members hold the highest or terminal degree in their fields. They are nationally recognized teachers, researchers and mentors.

R1 STATUS

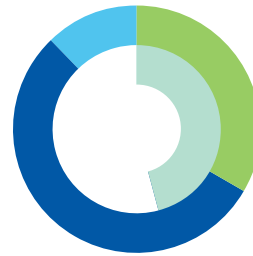
In 2025, SLU was granted R1 status by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, placing SLU in an elite group of U.S. research universities. R1 is the highest designation a university can receive for research activity.



Dr. Adriana Montañó (right) works with a student in the lab.

DEDICATED RESEARCH SPACE

SLU has nearly half a million square feet dedicated as research space (486,855 square feet).



- 163,511 square feet**
Classroom Labs
- 263,885 square feet**
Non-Classroom Labs
- 59,459 square feet**
Open Lab Space or Facility Use
- 232,332 square feet**
For Medical Research

\$65.1 million

IN EXTERNAL RESEARCH EXPENDITURES IN 2025 – UP 19% FROM 2021

91

SLU RESEARCH INSTITUTE FELLOWS NAMED SINCE 2022



251

RESEARCH/SCHOLARSHIP DOCTORAL DEGREES AWARDED
Academic year 2023-24

\$10.9 million

RESEARCH EXPENDITURES IN THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING IN 2025

127% INCREASE

Externally funded research expenditures have grown from \$37.4M in fiscal year 2016 to \$65.1M in fiscal year 2025.

Service + Community Impact

Inspired by the Jesuit call to be men and women for others, Saint Louis University encourages service and community engagement at every level.



A SLU student tutors a young student.

CARNEGIE FOUNDATION RECOGNITION

SLU is **one of only 7%** of colleges nationwide to hold the Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement, which honors the service-centered work of the University's faculty, staff and students.

72%

OF SLU STUDENTS volunteer each year, nearly triple the national average among college students

20,000+

MEALS PREPARED and delivered to those in need by nearly 2,000 volunteers through SLU's Campus Kitchen in 2025

Student volunteers prepare food for SLU's Campus Kitchen program.



500+ **PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS** identified by SLU's Center for Social Action as sites for volunteer opportunities and service-learning

180+ **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COURSES** offered at SLU

1.5 million **HOURS OF SERVICE** completed by members of the SLU community each year

2,000+ **K-12 STUDENTS** tutored through SLU community engagement efforts



SLU students and alumni help clear fallen trees during volunteer cleanup from the EF-3 tornado that hit North St. Louis city in May 2025.

10,000+ **PEOPLE DIRECTLY IMPACTED** during the first seven years of SLU's 1818 Community Engagement Grant Program, which awards grants annually to student groups for projects that benefit the community.

Billiken Athletics

DIVISION I PROGRAMS

BASEBALL (MEN'S)

BASKETBALL*

CROSS COUNTRY*

FIELD HOCKEY (WOMEN'S)

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD*

OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD*

SOCCER*

SWIMMING AND DIVING*

SOFTBALL (WOMEN'S)

TENNIS*

VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)

* Indicates both men's and women's teams



Photo by Bill Barrett



Billiken women's softball team receives a warm send-off on May 14, 2025, before traveling to Arkansas for the program's first NCAA Tournament appearance.

The men's soccer team celebrates capturing the A-10 Championship title after a shootout victory. The Billikens went on to play in the NCAA Tournament, advancing to the College Cup Final Four.



7 conference championships for the women's soccer team



WHAT'S A BILLIKEN?

The Billiken is a mythical good-luck figure who represents "things as they ought to be." In 1910, local sportswriters thought SLU football coach John Bender

bore a striking resemblance to the impish creature, and SLU's football team was dubbed "Bender's Billikens." The public took up the moniker, and it became the official nickname of all SLU teams.

298
SLU STUDENT-ATHLETES NAMED TO THE 2024-25 A-10 COMMISSIONER'S HONOR ROLL

8
A-10 REGULAR-SEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS

5 | **4**
SLU | DAYTON

The Billikens' winning score in the final game of the Atlantic 10 Conference Men's Soccer Championship – the fifth A-10 Championship crown for SLU and the first since 2023

52
NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES BY THE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM, INCLUDING THE MOST RECENT IN 2025

3.5
AGGREGATE GPA FOR SLU'S 400+ STUDENT-ATHLETES (2024-25)

A FOCUS ON STUDENT-ATHLETE WELLNESS

At SLU, an interprofessional wellness team is enhancing the health and well-being of SLU's student-athletes. Operating out of the O'Loughlin Family Champions Center, the team consists of a clinical sports psychology doctoral student, a licensed mental health professional, an athletic trainer and a sports dietitian.

Alumni + Funding

Throughout the world, SLU alumni are leading, learning and giving back to their communities and the University. Their support, together with the support of other generous donors, helps SLU fund and expand the programs that have helped them succeed.

142,647

ALUMNI LIVE IN

50

STATES

15

CITIES

4

COUNTRIES

The University sponsors alumni clubs in

154

COUNTRIES

DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS

\$84,633,535

given to SLU in fiscal year 2024-25 by alumni and other generous donors

ANNUAL ALUMNI EVENTS



HOME COMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND



EASTER EGG HUNT



ALUMNI FAN FEST



CHRISTMAS ON THE QUAD

UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT

\$2.02 billion

(as of fall 2025)

LONG-TERM CREDIT RATINGS

Moody's Investors Service: **A1** Standard and Poor's: **AA-**

About St. Louis



ONE OF THE
2025
BEST CITIES
FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

— Niche

HOME TO
39
OF THE NATION'S
FASTEST-GROWING
COMPANIES
FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

— Niche

#13
MOST FUN
CITY IN AMERICA

— WalletHub

The Billiken walks by the Old Courthouse downtown.

SLU'S VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOOD

The University's historic Midtown neighborhood is home to the Grand Center Arts District, which includes the Fox Theatre, the newly updated Powell Symphony Hall, the Contemporary Art Museum of St. Louis and other cultural attractions.

Today, the neighborhood is experiencing a renaissance thanks to a **\$2 billion investment** in housing, retail and business development, with SLU at the center of its growth. SLU's focus on safety and walkability has made Midtown's Prospect Yards mixed-use district a popular destination for the community.

Students and visitors have access to a variety of resources all within a few blocks of campus, including a **Target store**, featuring a **CVS, Ulta** and **Starbucks**; **Fresh Thyme Market** grocery store; **Ikea, Topgolf St. Louis**; the **Element Hotel**; and **City Foundry STL's** local retailers, food hall, restaurants, activities and entertainment hot spots.