

Being Holy Cross



# Seeing

There are things you'll see at Holy Cross and nowhere else. The hand-wrought gates that welcome you in. The clock tower crowning O'Kane Hall. The sunlight as it streams through the main reading room of Dinand Library. And there are other things you'll feel. The intensity of a classroom discussion, the close community of students and faculty, the taste of victories (and inevitably some defeats), the flashes of insight, the friendships and laughter, becoming a man or woman for others. Experience these moments and you'll know what it means to be Holy Cross.

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# here to learn

Learn what Professor Fisher loves about teaching at [holycross.edu/learn](http://holycross.edu/learn)



# Searching

A driving curiosity, a broad perspective on the world, and a true understanding of yourself are at the heart of your Holy Cross education. You'll also gain the skills and knowledge to think critically, make reasoned judgments, communicate clearly with others, and lay the foundation for your future career. This depth of learning is possible because our accomplished faculty is here for one purpose—to teach and mentor you. You'll develop close relationships with your professors through classes, one-on-one discussions, and daily life on campus.

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[holycross.edu/academics/profiles](http://holycross.edu/academics/profiles)



OUR PROFESSORS ARE HERE TO TEACH YOU

100%  
Courses taught by faculty members

0%  
Courses taught by teaching assistants

11:1  
Student-to-faculty ratio



# among friends

Find out where friendships start at  
[holycross.edu/friends](http://holycross.edu/friends)





# Connected

In this community, friendships happen everywhere. They can begin in the coffee line, at team practice, in an after-class discussion, while planning a fundraiser, during a rehearsal, over dinner at a professor's house, or on your own hall. Then they multiply, because at Holy Cross one friendship leads to another. Just a few contributing factors: small classes, an active living-and-learning environment, interesting people from different backgrounds, lots to do on campus. And with our orientation programs and other informal meeting opportunities, you start making friends as soon as you arrive.

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[holycross.edu/admissions/connected](http://holycross.edu/admissions/connected)



## WHY IT'S EASY TO MAKE FRIENDS HERE

We're not too big, not too small  
About 2,900 students, all undergraduates

We live on campus  
88%

We're coed  
45% male/55% female

We're diverse  
20% cultural and ethnic diversity

We know how to have fun  
More than 100 clubs/activities,  
more than 75% play sports  
(varsity, intramural, club)

We like it here  
96% first-year retention rate

# in dialogue

Hear the kinds of things Matt talks about  
with Father Lynch at [holycross.edu/dialogue](http://holycross.edu/dialogue)



# Inspired

Holy Cross was founded in 1843 by the Jesuits, a Catholic order known around the world for its distinctive approach to education. A Jesuit education is fearless, devoted to open inquiry and a dialogue between faith and reason. It is rigorous, with intellectual challenge and high standards. It is holistic, focused on the whole person and the development of purpose, self-knowledge, and values. It emphasizes service and responsibility to others. If these qualities speak to you, no matter what your heritage and traditions, you owe it to yourself to explore Holy Cross.

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JESUIT PHILOSOPHY → JESUIT ACTION

“Finding God in all things” → Discover life’s deeper meaning

“Magis” → Strive for greatness

“Men and women for others” → Seek justice through service

## SPUD

- Student Programs for Urban Development
- Largest student organization at Holy Cross
- Serves more than 25 community groups
- Involves more than 350 students



with your team

Feel the team spirit at [holycross.edu/team](http://holycross.edu/team)



# Competitive

No question, competing at your highest level is a thrill—one that our varsity athletes get from NCAA Division I play. About one-quarter of our students compete on varsity teams, carrying on the long Holy Cross tradition of scholar-athletes. As a founding member of the Patriot League, we're committed to fielding tough competitors who are also able to succeed in our demanding academic programs. As a result, Holy Cross consistently ranks among the best in the nation for scholar-athlete graduation rates. The thrill continues with regular tournament play in men's and women's basketball and a recent Patriot League title in football.

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## MEN'S VARSITY SPORTS

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football\*
- Golf
- Ice Hockey
- Indoor Track & Field
- Lacrosse
- Outdoor Track & Field
- Rowing
- Soccer
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis

\*Division I-AA

## WOMEN'S VARSITY SPORTS

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Golf\*
- Ice Hockey\*\*
- Indoor Track & Field
- Lacrosse
- Outdoor Track & Field
- Rowing
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Volleyball

\* Big South Conference

\*\* Division III, Eastern College Athletic Conference

true to purple

See why it matters at [holycross.edu/purple](https://holycross.edu/purple)



Always true

Purple is the proud color of Holy Cross. When you first arrive, wearing a purple sweatshirt can express the sheer excitement of being here. Soon you'll find other ways to feel a part of Holy Cross—achieving academically, making friends, cheering for the Crusaders. At graduation, you'll look back on what you've accomplished here. As the years go by, your pride in your degree will keep you connected with the Holy Cross community—always.



#### A LIFELONG CONNECTION

The intense bonds Holy Cross students form with their friends and professors continue long after graduation. We are recognized among colleges and universities nationwide for the strength and involvement of our alumni network. You can tap into the benefits of this network while you're still a student. Our Summer Internship Program is sponsored by alumni, who reserve internship placements exclusively for our students and support them with mentoring and networking. Members of our Career Advisory Network help students interested in their professional areas with advice and shadowing opportunities. Still other graduates return to campus as speakers, classroom visitors, and panelists to share their stories and insights, or host student gatherings in their local areas.

After graduation, you'll be able to take advantage of one of the 30 active Holy Cross alumni clubs virtually anywhere a job or further education takes you. As a graduate, you'll also have access to valuable campus-based services, including career placement and graduate school advising—a great resource if you decide to apply to law school or another graduate program a few years down the road.

