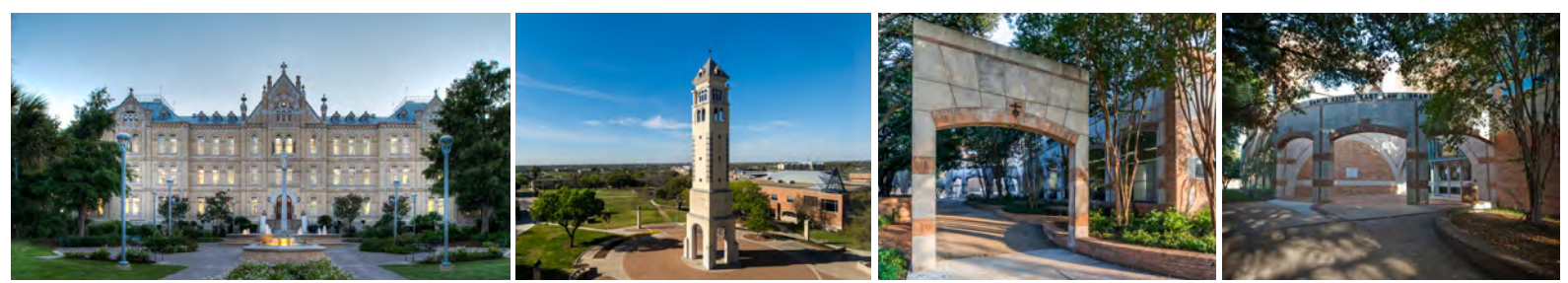




A GUIDE TO SAN ANTONIO

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St. Mary's University | School of Law



OUR MISSION

St. Mary's University, as a Catholic, Marianist University, fosters the formation of people in faith and educates leaders for the common good through community, integrated liberal arts and professional education, and academic excellence.

The St. Mary's University mission statement is a reflection of the Characteristics of Marianist Universities. There are five elements that characterize the Marianist approach to education:

- Educate for formation in faith
- Provide an integral quality education
- Educate in the family spirit
- Educate for service, justice and peace, and integrity of creation
- Educate for adaptation and change

St. Mary's University is one of many institutions and ministries around the world founded by the Society of Mary brothers and priests (Marianists). In the United States, the Marianists sponsor secondary schools and universities, including the University of Dayton in Ohio and Chaminade University of Honolulu.

OUR HISTORY

In 1852, four Brothers of the Society of Mary founded St. Mary's Institute, the first institution of higher education in San Antonio. St. Mary's is the first Catholic college and only the fourth college in Texas. It quickly developed a reputation for hard work and successful learning in a community of faith and openness.

Eighty years later, St. Mary's approached leaders of the San Antonio Bar, which in 1927 had founded the San Antonio School of Law, a part-time school that met at night in the courthouse. St. Mary's offered to make it a university law school, with a stronger curriculum and a full-time faculty. In 1934, the law school acquired its name, its Catholic and Marianist mission, and its commitment to excellence in preparing lawyers to national standards of skill, knowledge, and professionalism.

The law school convened at 112 College Street, in the stone building the Brothers had built and opened in 1853. From the beginning, the school kept costs low with help from its friends, especially leaders of the bar. Its library was built from lawyers' donations, with tables made from attic timbers. Lawyers bought the law school its first air conditioners, though they gave just enough to cool the library, not the classrooms. St. Mary's teachers sacrificed as needed to keep the doors open.

The first law class – 31 women and men – met only at night. The day division opened briefly in 1940, becoming a fixture in 1948 with St. Mary's accreditation by the American Bar Association. A very small faculty and student body (including Henry B. Gonzalez, LL.B.'43) saw the school through the war.

The big change came in 1967, when the school moved, by then with 400 students, to St. Mary's main campus. Then at the edge of town, three buildings rose around a law plaza, funded by graduates and local lawyers with help from the U.S. government. The new Law Center was dedicated at Red Mass in 1968 with a blessing by the Auxiliary Archbishop and a dinner speech by Governor John Connally. 1968 also saw the first issue of the *St. Mary's Law Journal*, its lead article on habeas corpus by then-Justice Joe Greenhill and Marty Beirne, who graduated in 1969.

The law school has enhanced its teaching and service with gifts and determination. Its beautiful library was funded by the Sarita Kenedy East Foundation in 1982. International programs began in Innsbruck in 1986 and in Beijing in 2011. The clinical programs expanded in 1990 under the direction of Mary Anne Crosby (J.D. '65) making its home in the Center for Legal and Social Justice in 1996.

San Antonio Riverwalk



Welcome to the enchanting San Antonio Riverwalk, a hidden gem nestled in the heart of Texas that promises an unforgettable experience for all who visit. This captivating urban oasis is a picturesque network of winding canals, lush landscapes, and vibrant culture, making it a must-see destination for tourists from all corners of the globe.



Natural Beauty: As you stroll along the meandering waterways of the San Antonio Riverwalk, you'll be surrounded by a lush canopy of cypress and willow trees that offer a soothing escape from the bustling city. The riverbanks are adorned with colorful flowers and greenery, creating a serene environment where nature and urban life harmoniously coexist.



Cultural Heritage: Rich in history and culture, the San Antonio Riverwalk is steeped in the heritage of this vibrant Texan city. Explore the Spanish colonial architecture, visit historic missions, and immerse yourself in the art, music, and diverse cuisine that define this region. Don't miss the opportunity to witness traditional Mariachi performances, vibrant Fiesta celebrations, and iconic River parades.



Dining and Entertainment: The Riverwalk is a culinary haven, offering an array of dining options that cater to every palate. Savor Tex-Mex delights, enjoy fine dining, or indulge in local street food as you take in the scenic views. Evening brings the Riverwalk to life with a dynamic nightlife scene – from cozy bars to live music venues, there's something for everyone.

Shopping: For the shopaholics, the Riverwalk boasts a variety of boutiques, art galleries, and souvenir shops. Discover unique items, handcrafted treasures, and one-of-a-kind souvenirs to commemorate your visit.



Boat Tours: Experience the river from a different perspective by taking a boat tour. Knowledgeable guides share fascinating stories and facts about the Riverwalk's history, and the boat ride offers breathtaking views of the charming canals and architecture.

Festive Atmosphere: Throughout the year, the San Antonio Riverwalk plays host to numerous festivals and events. The atmosphere is always festive and lively, making it the perfect destination for a family vacation, a romantic getaway, or a fun adventure with friends.

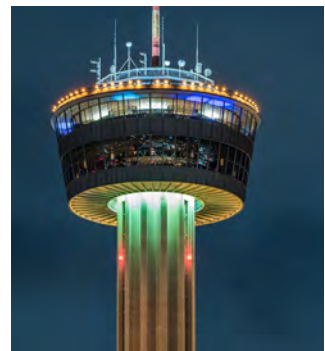
Accessibility: The Riverwalk is easily accessible, and you can explore its various sections at your own pace. Whether you choose to walk, take a boat ride, or use the convenient River Taxi, you'll have no trouble navigating this urban paradise.

Downtown Destinations



Market Square, is San Antonio's vibrant cultural hub where the spirit of Mexico thrives amidst the Texas landscape. A visit to Market Square promises an authentic and colorful Tex-Mex experience that will delight all your senses. Immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere of this bustling marketplace, where you'll find an array of shops, stalls, and eateries offering an array of Mexican wares, from handcrafted goods and folk art to traditional cuisine. As you wander through the festive ambiance filled with live music and the vibrant energy of local vendors, you'll understand why Market Square is often referred to as "El Mercado" and is a beloved destination for both locals and tourists alike.

Elevate your San Antonio experience by visiting the iconic **Tower of the Americas** and the enchanting **Hemisfair Park**. Perched at the heart of the city, the Tower of Americas offers a panoramic view that will leave you breathless. Take a glass-enclosed elevator ride to the top, where you can savor 360-degree vistas of San Antonio's picturesque skyline, providing a breathtaking perspective on the city's rich history and culture. Afterward, stroll down to Hemisfair Park, a lush urban oasis that was once the site of the 1968 World's Fair. This park is a haven for families and art enthusiasts alike, with its beautifully landscaped gardens, inviting playgrounds, and eye-catching art installations.



The iconic **San Fernando Cathedral** beckons tourists to explore its storied past and witness a profound symbol of faith and history. As one of the oldest cathedrals in the United States, this magnificent architectural masterpiece is a testament to the enduring spirit of San Antonio. The cathedral's grand façade and breathtaking interior, adorned with stunning stained glass windows and intricate craftsmanship, provide a serene oasis in the midst of the bustling city. Step inside to discover the history, art, and spirituality that make this place a true gem. Whether you're a history enthusiast, a culture seeker, or simply in search of a moment of reflection, San Fernando Cathedral is a must-visit, offering a captivating glimpse into San Antonio's heritage and the enduring beauty of faith.

Nestled along the enchanting San Antonio Riverwalk, **La Villita** stands as a captivating historic district that invites tourists to step back in time and experience the rich tapestry of Texan culture. With its charming cobblestone streets, historic adobe buildings, and a vibrant atmosphere, La Villita is a living testament to the city's Spanish heritage. As you meander through its narrow alleyways, you'll discover an eclectic mix of art galleries, boutiques, and artisan shops, offering a diverse range of handcrafted treasures and local artwork. Come explore the historical essence of San Antonio at La Villita, where the past and present converge in a vibrant and charming mosaic.



Family Attractions

Playtime in San Antonio means one thing: Texas-sized adventure! Whether you're young or young at heart, big thrills await you at our world-class theme parks and water park resorts.

Six Flags Fiesta Texas is an amusement park operated by Six Flags. Spanning 200 acres, the park's current icon is Scream which can be seen from all around the park and outside the park. The park is conveniently located near the interchange of Loop 1604 and Interstate 10 on the city's northwest side.



SeaWorld San Antonio is a 250-acre marine mammal park, oceanarium, and animal theme park. It is the world's largest marine-life theme park. Seaworld is located off State Highway 151 and Loop 1604 on the city's west side.



The **San Antonio Zoo** is located in the city's Brackenridge Park. The 35-acre zoo has a collection of over 3,500 animals representing 750 species. The zoo is conveniently located a few minutes from Downtown San Antonio.



Schlitterbahn is a waterpark based in New Braunfels, Texas. Schlitterbahn is an outdoor waterpark and is a summer seasonal water park. They typically operate from late April to mid-September and have been a popular Texas attraction since 1979. Schlitterbahn is located 30 minutes north of San Antonio on Interstate 35.



The **Natural Bridge Caverns** are the largest known commercial caverns in the State of Texas. The caverns are located in the Texas Hill Country next to the Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch, a drive-through wildlife safari park. Natural Bridge Caverns is located 15 minutes north of San Antonio on Interstate 35.



Museums



San Antonio is enriched with culture. Our museums showcase a diverse round-up of art, history and culture. Inclusive collections feature breathtaking works of art and intriguing pieces of the world's past.

Witte Museum

The Witte Museum hugs Brackenridge Park and the banks of the San Antonio River. The Witte is primarily devoted to science and natural history, with wonderful children's exhibits and stellar traveling exhibits from around the world, but also boasts the best early Texas art collection in the state. The New Witte is designed for immersive fun. The new space has more than 170,000 square feet of renovations and expansions, allowing more exhibitions on dinosaurs as well as People of the Pecos and Texas Wild. The Witte offers free admission for visitors on Tuesdays from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

The San Antonio Museum of Art

The San Antonio Museum of Art showcases 5,000 years of history and culture from around the world. The Museum is home to one of the largest comprehensive collections of Latin American and Ancient Mediterranean World art in the United States. Collections of American, Asian, Contemporary, European, Islamic and Oceanic art also fill the museum.

McNay Art Museum

The McNay Art Museum, housed in a Spanish Colonial Revival estate, has grown into one of the best small museums in the country—the Wall Street Journal puts it in the top four—with a world-class collection of late 19th- and early 20th-century European and American art, along with changing exhibits in the Stieren Center for Exhibits. The McNay has free admission on Thursday nights from 4:00 - 9:00 PM and on the first Sunday of the month from 12:00 - 5:00 PM.

The DoSeum

A world-class museum for kids, The DoSeum is a fascinating place where children can practice creative problem solving with interactive exhibits. The museum is home to the Sensations Studio exhibit that lets children use everyday tools and objects to observe the phenomena of light and sound. Admission to The DoSeum is complimentary every first Monday of the month during the evening.



Performing Arts

As one of the nation's most culturally rich and diverse destinations, San Antonio is a mecca for the performing arts. From mariachis on the River Walk to Broadway shows and world-class dance productions, San Antonio's performing arts scene is both varied and vivid.



The opulent **Majestic Theatre**, built in 1929, is a memorable downtown setting for touring Broadway shows and concerts. The **Charline McCombs Empire Theatre** reflects the beaux-arts grandeur of the 1920s and hosts touring musical acts and other entertainment headliners.



An exciting addition to San Antonio's art world is the **Tobin Center for the Performing Arts**. This spectacular venue is the new home to the San Antonio Symphony, Ballet San Antonio, Opera San Antonio, Youth Orchestras of San Antonio, the Children's Fine Arts Series and more. Plus, its location on the esteemed Museum Reach of the San Antonio River Walk makes it a gateway to the cultural heart of San Antonio.



The **Aztec Theatre** is a beautifully restored Mesoamerican-themed masterpiece built in 1926. Today, it's a live music venue featuring everything from rock to blues to Latino music.



The beautiful and historic **Arneson River Theatre** at La Villita is a great outdoor venue at which to watch a dance or musical performance.

Missions - UNESCO World Heritage Site

In the 18th century, Spanish priests established five Catholic missions along the San Antonio River. The systems instituted by the friars led to an ethnically diverse society that continues to influence our city. Today, the five missions (Mission San Antonio de Valero, Mission San José, Mission Concepción, Mission San Juan and Mission Espada) represent the largest concentration of Spanish colonial missions in North America and have been named a World Heritage Site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).



The Alamo

300 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205



Mission San Jose

6701 San José Drive, San Antonio, TX 78214



Mission Concepcion

807 Mission Rd, San Antonio, TX 78210



Mission Espada

10040 Espada Rd, San Antonio, TX 78214



Mission San Juan

9101 Graf Rd, San Antonio, TX 78214