SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY

Siena Heights University is a Catholic university founded in 1919 and sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters. Enrolling a diverse community of traditional-age and working adult students, Siena Heights is a coeducational North Central accredited institution founded in the liberal arts tradition, offering associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s and specialist’s degrees. The University is headquartered in Adrian, Michigan, with degree completion centers in Southfield, Ann Arbor, Benton Harbor, Monroe, Battle Creek, Lansing, Jackson and Port Huron.

Siena Heights University is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools: The Higher Learning Commission and holds membership in the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, the Michigan Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan, the Michigan Colleges Foundation (MCF), the Council of Independent Colleges, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, the Council on Social Work Education, the Council for Opportunity in Education, the Association of Governing Boards, the National Association of College and University Business Officers, and the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Internationalism is an integral part of Siena Heights University’s mission “to assist people to become more competent, purposeful, and ethical through a teaching and learning environment which respects the dignity of all.” To this end, Siena Heights welcomes international students to its campus every semester and has been benefiting from their presence since the 1940s.

SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY POINTS OF PRIDE

Interesting and Globally Aware Faculty! Among the faculty are faculty and researchers who have studied, lived and taught in countries throughout the world. Staff and faculty hold degrees and qualifications from the Purdue University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Toledo, Syracuse University, University of Michigan, Georgetown, Indiana University, University of Pennsylvania, Bombay University, Marquette University, the Sorbonne, the University of Bucharest, the University of the West Indies, Boston College and Columbia University. Faculty have taught in Italy, Ireland, the Dominican Republic, France, Mexico, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Kuwait, Lebanon, England, Japan, and Colombia.

Board of Trustees that Represent the United States Working Environment Siena Heights University’s Board of Trustees represent a broad spectrum of professions that are offered at the University. The Board members are leaders in industry, banking, non-profit organizations, universities, medicine, law, public utilities, psychology, religion, and insurance. As practicing professionals, they have knowledge of current trends and developments in their respective fields.

Class sizes are Siena Heights at small and personalized attention is the norm. Most classes have no more than 20 students. Some specialty classes no more than 10-12 students. With this personal attention coupled with Siena Heights’s open-door policy, you will get the care and consideration that you need. Siena Heights does not employ Teaching Assistants; all classes are taught by faculty members. Instructors are accessible and are available to meet with students as needed.

Siena Heights feels like home. Students, staff and faculty know each other. With a small student population, it is not uncommon for deep bonds and long lasting friendships to be formed among faculty, staff and students.

Siena Heights’ classes are universal in approach and content. Classes such as Cultural Geography, Social Justice in Local-Global Contexts, Intercultural Communication, International Business, Religion and Culture, Comparative Political Systems and Traditional Culture in the Middle East are just some of the interesting cultural course offerings. SHU’s minor in Middle East Studies offers courses that focus on the traditional and modern culture of this developing world region.

Siena Heights University is true to its mission. The mission of Siena Heights University is to assist people to become more competent, purposeful, and ethical through a teaching and learning environment which respects the dignity of all. SHU’s tuition is the same for US American students and international students.

In addition to its main campus in Adrian, Michigan Siena Heights operates eight degree completion centers located throughout the State of Michigan that allow students to complete their degree in another location if needed.
Siena Heights University responds to the changing needs of today's society by adding new programs and courses of study. Siena Heights recently added an environmental science major and nursing program. Other unique programs under consideration include criminal justice, homeland security, religious studies, and Middle Eastern studies.

The Office of International Studies provides orientation, cultural adjustment, personal and non-academic counseling. This office also organizes programs and activities for international students on and off campus. The International Club encourages intercultural understanding and dialogue through various educational and social activities.

Study Tours are offered to students every year. Many international students take advantage of these opportunities. In 2008-2009, Study Tours were offered to Dubai, Italy and England. This year tours will be offered to Germany, Portugal, and Ghana. SHU has partnerships with universities in Ghana, Tanzania, England, Bolivia, France, and China.

A Siena Heights education is affordable. The cost of a university education at Siena Heights is reasonable and is well below the cost of other universities in the area.