

# CATALOGUE

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## Mission Statement

St. Francis College is a private, independent, co-educational, urban college whose Franciscan and Catholic traditions underpin its commitment to academic excellence, spiritual and moral values, physical fitness, social responsibility, and life-long learning. We educate the whole person for a full, relational life, developing the students' talents and abilities to form confident alumni well prepared for graduate study, for meaningful, fulfilling careers, as well as for collaborative, service-oriented leadership. The College strives to offer ample opportunities for students to immerse themselves in the intellectual, cultural and professional opportunities afforded by New York City and to serve the needs of the local community in which they live and study.

The College provides a quality, accessibly priced education to students from the five Boroughs of New York City and well beyond. Specifically, our students experience a strong liberal arts core curriculum integrated with pre-professional programs in a wide range of disciplines, designed to prepare them for the rigors of an increasingly technological and globalized marketplace and society. Excellence of instruction, small classes and professors' individual attention to each student create a hospitable community atmosphere, based on trust and mutual respect. These foster the development of critical thinking, moral choices, responsible citizenship and personal commitment to social justice and the environment. Our location in Brooklyn Heights provides a confluence of cultures and religious beliefs, mirroring our commitment to maintain and celebrate our diverse student body.

### Goals:

Recognizing the original Franciscan understanding of hospitality as a challenging, risk-taking social contract, we strive for gradient and appreciable success in achieving the following measurable goals:

1. *Promoting academic excellence*
  - Promoting existing and emerging academic undergraduate programs and exploring further development of graduate programs.
  - Recruiting and sustaining students and professors into a dynamic cooperative of artists-athletes-scholars.
2. *Advancing a thriving intellectual community:*
  - Continual commitment of resources to state-of-the art technology throughout the campus.
3. *Supporting student life and the development of the whole person:*
  - Enabling the smooth transition of our local, national and global student body into the college community and the city.
  - Promoting holistic wellness to develop both leadership and fellowship.
4. *Enabling the transition from student to citizen of the world:*
  - Fostering students' self-confidence and encouraging both responsibility and innovation through mentoring, classroom experiences and internships.

- Developing collaborative leadership and citizenship by participation in activities, sports, clubs, and student-faculty projects.

## History of the College

St. Francis College has a proud heritage of providing students with the preparation they need to take their places as contributing members of society. With a mission founded on the ideals and teachings of St. Francis of Assisi, the school has played an important role in the community and in the lives of its students and alumni.

St. Francis College was founded by Franciscan Brothers in 1859 as St. Francis Academy, the first private school in the diocese of Brooklyn. The school, dedicated to the education of the young diocese's Catholic boys, started in a building on Baltic Street and grew quickly. In just a little more than 25 years, the trustees of the Academy received permission from the state legislature to "establish a Literary College" and to confer diplomas, honors, and degrees. St. Francis Academy became St. Francis College and in June 1885 bestowed its first Bachelor of Arts degree.

The College continued its meteoric growth. In 1926, the Brothers opened a new facility on Butler Street. In 1957, the Regents of the University of the State of New York granted an absolute Charter to the Trustees of the College and three years later, St. Francis College embarked on an expansion program. The College moved to Remsen Street, where it had purchased two office buildings from Brooklyn Union Gas Company, allowing it to double its enrollment. Shortly thereafter, it became a co-educational institution and additional property was purchased on both Remsen and Joralemon Streets. The College expanded its facilities with the construction of a science building, physical education complex, and housing to accommodate the Franciscan Brothers and provide more space for faculty. In spring 2003, St. Francis College completed a new athletic and event facility atop the College's gymnasium, the Anthony J. Genovesi Center. In January 2006, the College unveiled a 35,000 square foot academic center, which includes a state-of-the-art library, "smart" classrooms equipped with wireless Internet access and multimedia technology, a theater/lecture hall, updated facilities for the Communication Arts department, gathering spaces and an Internet-ready cyber lounge for students.

Today the College serves more than 2,000 students and boasts an alumni association of 12,000 members. Students come primarily from Brooklyn and the other boroughs of New York City, although their backgrounds are representative of some 80 countries. Every year, more than 350 degrees are conferred in the liberal arts and sciences and in management. Many distinguished public servants, scientists, lawyers, business professionals, and teachers call St. Francis College alma mater, as do many of the priests and nuns within the dioceses of Brooklyn-Queens and Rockville Centre.

## Accreditation and Memberships

Information about the College's accreditations and charter is available on the St. Francis College Consumer Web Page:

Association of American Colleges  
Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities  
Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities  
Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce  
Brooklyn Independent Colleges  
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education  
Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities  
Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation

Council for Adult and Experiential Learning  
Council for Advancement and Support of Education  
Downtown Brooklyn Development Association  
NAFSA: Association of International Educators  
National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities  
National Collegiate Honors Council  
National Commission on Accrediting  
Northeast Regional Honors Council  
NYS Regents Accreditation of Teacher Education  
University Professional and Continuing Education Association

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