

1. INTRODUCING HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

Hardin-Simmons University provides the opportunity for a quality education in a Christian environment for all qualified men and women. Hardin-Simmons, a Master's (Comprehensive) University with a Cynthia Ann Parker College of Liberal Arts, Holland School of Sciences and Mathematics, Kelley College of Business, Irvin School of Education, School of Music and Fine Arts, Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing, and Logsdon School of Theology, and a Graduate School, is fully accredited and holds membership in good standing in the appropriate agencies as listed in this Catalog. Graduates have been singularly successful in being admitted to graduate and professional schools and have been readily employed in business, education, and professional fields.

Located in Abilene, Texas, Hardin-Simmons has contributed to the development of the West and helped establish a city and area where cultural, educational, and spiritual values are highly regarded. Two other church-related colleges in the city share with the University an interchange of courses, library facilities, and extracurricular activities. A city civic center, a library, a symphony orchestra, a community theatre, a county coliseum, a modern airport, and progressive leadership afford a most desirable environment in a metropolitan population of 133,000.

The climate and location make for generally ideal weather conditions. The city is situated on U.S. Interstate Highway 20, midway between Dallas and New Mexico.

Hardin-Simmons was founded in 1891 as Abilene Baptist College, renamed Simmons College in honor of the first major donor, Dr. James B. Simmons, a Baptist minister of New York City, and later named Hardin-Simmons University in recognition of gifts by Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hardin of Burkburnett, Texas, the University has become well established with a growing endowment and modern facilities.

The Elwin L. Skiles Social Sciences Building and the Caldwell Music Building are among the latest additions to the compact and beautiful campus, known as "The Forty Acres."

Originally founded by the Sweetwater Baptist Association, the University has been affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 1941.

Throughout its history, Hardin-Simmons University has emphasized religious training and spiritual values; hundreds of preachers, missionaries, and directors of religious education and music are among the alumni. The foundation agreement reads in part that the school's purpose shall be "To bring young men and women to Christ; to teach them of Christ; to train them for Christ."

Presidents

The Rev. W. C. Friley.....	1892-1894
Dr. George O. Thatcher	1894-1898
Dr. O. C. Pope.....	1898-1901
The Rev. C. R. Hairfield	1901-1902
Dr. Oscar H. Cooper	1902-1909
Dr. Jefferson D. Sandefer	1909-1940
Dr. Lucian Q. Campbell, acting President.....	1940-1940
Dr. William R. White.....	1940-1943
Dr. Rupert N. Richardson.....	1943-1953
Dr. Evan Allard Reiff.....	1953-1962
Dr. George L. Graham, interim	1962-1963
Dr. James H. Landes	1963-1966
Dr. Elwin L. Skiles	1966-1977
Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher	1977-1991
Dr. Lanny Hall	1991-2001
Dr. W. Craig Turner.....	2001-present

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of Hardin-Simmons University is to be a community dedicated to providing excellence in education enlightened by Christian faith and values.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Hardin-Simmons University, a church-related institution affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas:

Fosters the intellectual development of students by providing an academically challenging undergraduate education based upon a liberal arts foundation, and advances scholarly growth by offering specialized graduate and professional degree programs.

Academic excellence continues as a priority at Hardin-Simmons University as it has for more than a century. The foundational curriculum involves students in a broad range of inquiry relating general studies with requirements of the chosen major. Graduate programs broaden the scope of learning in scientific and professional disciplines and encourage students to regard learning as a lifelong process. Small classes taught by experienced scholars give the opportunity for interactive learning. The institution's commitment to excellence is best illustrated through the lives of graduates who traditionally have excelled in a wide variety of fields.

Affirms the relevance and importance of the Christian faith for life in the contemporary world by maintaining a clear identification with the loyalty to the Christian faith and functioning within the context of historic Baptist values and principles.

Founded in 1891 by a determined group of ministers, ranchers and merchants, Hardin-Simmons University established dual goals of developing the mind and nurturing the spiritual life of its students. That commitment to encourage growth in faith and knowledge has remained central. Believing academic excellence and Christian faith to be complementary, the University emphasizes the need for interaction between faith and reason.

Encourages individuals to lead lives of service through active involvement in intellectual, cultural and religious life, both on the campus and in the larger communities of Abilene and the world.

Although Western in tradition, the University takes pride in the cosmopolitan nature of its students, faculty and staff, and encourages the development of an international perspective. Through its leadership in providing intellectual, spiritual, cultural and social opportunities, the University serves as catalyst for the advancement and enrichment of its students and the community.

THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

The Rupert and Pauline Richardson Library serves as a resource center for the educational program by providing the materials necessary to support the curriculum and to provide for the general reading of students and faculty

Mission Statement - The mission of the Hardin-Simmons University Libraries is to provide services and resources to meet the present and future research and informational needs for the HSU community and, in so far as possible, to share these resources with the broader scholarly community. The Libraries will provide an atmosphere that promotes study, encourages scholarly pursuits and fosters intellectual development in accordance with the primary mission of the University.

Library Resources– The HSU library online catalog and databases are available 24/7 from the university webpage. Over 1,100,00 items are accessible through the Abilene Library Consortium joint catalog of the collections of HSU, Abilene Christian University, McMurry University, Howard Payne University, and Abilene Public Library. Weekday courier deliveries make accessing materials statewide quick and easy. The library subscribes to 1,000 print journals, 25,000 electronic journals, and over 100 databases.

Special Collections - The library provides opportunity for special research needs through several collections open to the university community, and to local and visiting scholars or others who have special interests. The Rupert N. Richardson Research Center for the Southwest houses the R. C. Crane Collection, approximately 5,000 books, letters and ephemera bearing chiefly on Texas and the Southwest. Additional substantial gifts include the personal library of the late Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, Southwestern historian and former President of the

University; a collection of 350 books printed and/or designed by El Paso printer Carl Hertzog; a collection of 2,000 books of rare Texana; a large part of the personal library of the late historian Walter Prescott Webb; the Bradley-Ford Memorial Collection, housing materials relating to life adjustment, counseling, and psychotherapy; the Lee and Lunelle Hemphill Business Reading Room; and a collection of rare materials housed in the Betty Woods Rare and Fine Books Room. The Simmons Collection consists of several hundred books presented by the family of James B. Simmons, for whom the institution was named. These constitute the original school library and represent nineteenth century classics in religion, literature, and history.

Government Documents - The library is designated as a depository for selected government publications, receiving annually about 15,000 items. Approximately 200,000 documents are now housed in the University library, and they represent a rich storehouse of information on virtually every subject of current interest. Internet access to government websites expands document availability.

Cooper Education Library - In addition to the above, the main library's third floor houses a collection of curriculum materials consisting of over 20,000 items. Among these are state adopted textbooks, curriculum guides and other teaching aids, teaching units, children's literature and books relating to the theory and practice of education. Available also are young people's and children's encyclopedias, and other audio-visual aids.

Educational Technology Services - Housed in the main library, ETS provides for an integrated learning resource system by allowing innovative approaches to classroom instruction. It contains a library of films, DVDs, videotapes, recordings and other materials, and the necessary equipment for playback. In addition, computer supported presentation software is available for faculty use in the Technology Learning Center.

Smith Music Library - The Smith Music Library in Caldwell Hall contains study scores, collected works of various composers, recordings, and certain basic music books and reference materials. Listening equipment is provided, and the library houses all the taped concerts and recitals of the School of Music.