

GRADUATE CATALOG

About Mills College

For more than 165 years, Mills College has been empowering students for leadership through a transformative educational experience. Consistently ranked one of the top master's universities and one of the best value colleges in the West by *U.S. News & World Report*, Mills also has been named one of the best colleges in the nation by *The Princeton Review*.

Mills offers a challenging learning environment that values ideas, encourages discussion, and emboldens students to be creative, independent thinkers. Our faculty of renowned scholars, artists, scientists, writers, business leaders, activists, policy makers, and educators make teaching their priority. The Mills experience is distinguished by small, interactive classes, one-on-one attention from exceptional faculty, a culture of creative experimentation, and cutting-edge interdisciplinary learning opportunities.

We invite you to explore the variety of undergraduate majors and minors (<https://catalog.mills.edu/undergraduate/majors-minors>), preprofessional programs (<https://catalog.mills.edu/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs>), accelerated master's degrees (<https://catalog.mills.edu/undergraduate/accelerated-degree-programs>), and graduate degree and certificate programs (<https://catalog.mills.edu/graduate/programs>) that we offer.

Student Life

Mills is located in the foothills of Oakland, California, in the heart of the San Francisco Bay Area. On campus, students enjoy an educational environment enriched by historic cultural resources such as the Mills College Art Museum, the Littlefield Concert Hall, and the Center for Contemporary Music. Students also have access to one-of-a-kind resources such as the Eucalyptus Press, the imprint of the Book Art Program at Mills; or the Children's School, the first laboratory school founded west of the Mississippi. The Special Collections of the F. W. Olin Library contain more than 22,000 rare books and manuscripts, including a copy of Shakespeare's First Folio, a Mozart manuscript, and a leaf from a Gutenberg Bible. The Trefethen Aquatic Center and Haas Pavilion offer a wide variety of options for athletics, physical fitness, and recreation, while the campus Chapel provides a peaceful environment for spiritual reflection and renewal.

Off campus, Mills is well connected to the resources of the San Francisco Bay Area from the artistic and cultural richness to the emerging business and social innovations. Our location provides a wealth of opportunities for community-based learning, internships, jobs, and mentoring relationships with Mills alumnae.

When you complete your education at Mills, you'll join a network of more than 25,000 Mills alumnae in over 60 countries. Some are pursuing master's and doctoral degrees at the world's most prestigious universities, including Harvard, John Hopkins, Stanford, University College London, University of California, University of Cambridge, University of Chicago, and Mills. Others are leading nonprofits and business or pushing the boundaries in the arts and sciences. A select group of graduates serves in government—including the United States House of Representatives and the diplomatic corps of other nations.

Whatever field they pursue, Mills students graduate with the skills and experience to forge a distinctive path and the confidence to make a statement in their careers and communities.