PROGRAMS OF STUDY
Alverno’s 60-plus undergraduate program areas reflect majors, minors and associate degrees. They are contained within four schools: School of Business, School of Education, School of Nursing and School of Arts and Sciences. Within the School of Arts and Sciences are the divisions of Arts, Communication & Technology; Behavioral Sciences; Humanities; and Natural Sciences, Mathematics & Technology.

Alverno offers graduate programs for women and men: a Master of Arts in Education for teachers and business professionals, a Master of Science in Nursing, a Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Community Psychology.

ALVERNO’S EIGHT ABILITIES
These abilities are embedded in the disciplines and developed through them.

Communication – Make connections that create meaning between yourself and your audience. Learn to speak, read, write and listen effectively, using graphics, electronic media, computers and quantified data.

Analysis – Think clearly and critically. Fuse experience, reason and training into considered judgment.

Problem Solving – Define problems and their causes, and use a range of abilities and resources to reach decisions, make recommendations or carry out plans.

Valuing – Recognize different value systems while holding strongly to your own ethic. Recognize the moral dimensions of your decisions and accept responsibility for the consequences of your actions.

Social Interaction – Work well with others to achieve goals, resolve conflicts and build relationships. Engage in conflict resolution, active group participation and classroom discussion; and develop an understanding of how forms of interaction vary depending on the cultures and situations involved.

Developing a Global Perspective – Act with a respect for and an understanding of geographical, cultural, historical and economic interconnections of global life.

Effective Citizenship – Be involved and responsible in the community. Act with an informed awareness of contemporary issues and the historical contexts. Develop leadership abilities.

Aesthetic Engagement – Engage with various forms of art and in artistic processes. Take and defend positions regarding the meaning and value of artistic expressions in the contexts from which they emerge.

FACULTY
Alverno has 120 full-time faculty members, 93% of which have the highest degree in their field. Alverno faculty are recognized nationally for their teaching expertise. More than 500 educators from the United States and abroad visited Alverno this past year to study Alverno’s teaching methods.

FALL 2013
ENROLLMENT: 2,536
Undergraduate programs: 1,862
Coed graduate programs: 674

WHO COMES TO ALVERNO
47% of our undergraduate students come from the city of Milwaukee
Southeastern Wisconsin counties 91%
Other Wisconsin counties 4%
Out of state 4%
International 1%
International students: Canada, China, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Uganda and Vietnam

74% of incoming Weekday and Weekend College students are first-generation college students.

RELIGIOUS MAKEUP
Thirty percent of Alverno undergraduate students are Catholic. Nineteen other religious denominations are represented on campus.

HERITAGE*
White 58%
Black or African American 17%
Hispanic or Latino 15%
Asian 4%
American Indian or Alaska Native 1%
Two or more races 3%
Nonresident Alien 2%

* Entire student body

Alverno College is a four-year, liberal arts, independent, Catholic college for women sponsored by the School Sisters of St. Francis.
1887 St. Joseph’s Normal School, the precursor of Alverno College, was founded to educate the School Sisters of St. Francis.

1946 Alverno Teachers College, formerly St. Joseph’s Normal School, became a four-year liberal arts college, Alverno College.

1953 Alverno College moved to its present site.

1973 Alverno’s ability-based curriculum was instituted.

1975 The first “A Day at Alverno” was held for educators to learn about Alverno’s teaching methods.

1977 Weekend College, the first of its kind in the Milwaukee area, was launched to reach out to working women.

1996 Alverno’s first master’s degree program began – a coed Master of Arts in Education.

1999 Alverno began an NCAA Division III athletics program, the first of its kind at the college.

2003 Sister Joel Read retired after a 35-year tenure as college president, and nearly 50 years serving the students of Alverno College.

2004 Mary Meehan, Ph.D., was inaugurated as the seventh president of Alverno College.

2005 The Master of Science in Nursing program was launched.

2006 The Alverno MBA, the area’s first abilities-based MBA program, welcomed its first class.

2007 The campus beautification project incorporated new NCAA athletic fields, new signage and landscaping, campus roadways and a courtyard dedicated to the funders, the Reiman Foundation.

2008 Clare Hall was renovated to accommodate Alverno’s growing enrollment.

2009 Alverno opened the Research Center for Women and Girls.

2010 The Hall of Fame program began, which recognizes outstanding individuals who have brought honor to or contributed to the development of Alverno athletics.

2011 The Master of Science in Community Psychology program was launched.

2012 Alverno College celebrated its 125th anniversary.

2013 Alverno College celebrates the 40th anniversary of the abilities-based curriculum.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of our ground-breaking abilities-based curriculum. Our unique approach to learning ensures our graduates will learn more in class, and retain knowledge longer. In fact, the skills most sought after by employers – like the ability to work in a team setting, the ability to present effectively and the ability to communicate well – match up with the 8 Core Abilities our students master before graduation. Our techniques have been chronicled nationally in TIME, The New York Times, USA Today and U.S. News & World Report over the past decade.

U.S. News & World Report ranked Alverno College higher than any other college in the state in its “Strong Commitment to Teaching” category, the only Wisconsin college ranked in this category four years in a row. Alverno was also recognized in the “First-Year Experience,” “Senior Capstone” and “Learning Communities” categories.

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, in a speech at Teachers College at Columbia University, cited Alverno College as a school that does an exemplary job in training and preparing teachers for the classroom. He noted that 85 percent of Alverno graduates are still teaching in the classroom five years after graduation, an extremely high retention rate.

In October, 2012, Alverno College renamed the Teaching, Learning and Technology Center (TLTC) the Sister Joel Read Center in honor of Sister Joel Read, the College’s longest-serving President. Her tenure lasted 35 years from 1968-2003.