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The Transfer Link

Welcome to the spring version of The Transfer Link, an online newsletter for transfer students. The Transfer Link exists to provide new transfer students with important information in hopes to simplify the transition of enrolling at Saint Mary's, and to better connect you to this magnificent academic community.

Academic Progress

Saint Mary's College recognizes the need to help transfer students identify their academic challenges as quickly as possible, especially when those challenges may interface with plans for graduation. A low GPA at Saint Mary's can mean a delay in meeting graduation requirements; therefore, the College gives special consideration to a transfer student's first two semesters at Saint Mary's. "For the purpose of establishing satisfactory academic progress, only courses taken at Saint Mary's College will be considered during a transfer student's first two semesters in residence" (p. 37, 2007-08 Catalog of Courses). This means that at the end of the spring semester, you will be expected to have a "Saint Mary's courses only" GPA of 2.0 or better, or you will be placed on academic probation for the spring; the same would be true for the end of the spring semester. Feel free to contact Frank Murray, the Dean for Academic Development (fmurray@stmarys-ca.edu) if you have any questions.

Final Transcripts

You must have final official transcripts on file from your previous institution(s). If you have not already ordered official transcripts please contact the college(s) you last attended and have one sent to the Registrar's Office at Saint Mary's College PO Box 4748 Moraga, CA 94575. Your official academic standing and evaluation will not be updated on GaelXpress and you will not be able to register for Fall Term 2008 if official transcripts have not been received.

Plan on Taking Courses Over the Summer?

If you intend to take courses outside of Saint Mary's College this summer or anytime during your academic career, we have options available to assist you in getting courses approved. The Registrar's Office posts equivalent courses for some of the local California community colleges. We are in the process of adding more so keep checking our site. You DO NOT need to submit a Transfer Credit Approval Form for courses at these institutions. You can access this information [here](#).

If you are taking a course from a college our university that is not listed on our web page, you must fill out a Transfer Credit Approval. The Transfer Credit Approval forms are available on the wall adjacent to the Registrar's Office or through the following [link](#)

Courses taken at community colleges are eligible for lower division credit only. If you need upper division credit, take course(s) at a four-year institution. If you have any questions, please contact Craig Means at (925) 631-4226 or cmeans@stmarys-ca.edu.

Advising Period and Registration for Fall Classes

As registration approaches for fall 2008 courses please be aware that in order to register for classes you MUST meet with your academic advisor. Your academic advisor will approve you for registration using GaelXpress. The academic advising period begins April 21st and lasts through May 2nd. Please make an appointment with your academic advisor before or during that time so that you can be prepared to register for your courses on time. Registration for fall 2008 begins on May 5th.

Important Reminders and Dates

If you do not have a current Saint Mary's College 2007-08 Catalog please come by the Registrar's Office and pick one up.

April 21-May2 – Academic Advising

April 25 – Last day to withdraw from a class – forms available in the Registrar's Office

May 5-8 – Fall 2008 course registration

May 19-22 – Finals

Thank you for taking the time to read the Transfer Link, and once again, welcome to Saint Mary's College. If we can be of assistance to any of you please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Registrar's Office. Go Gaels!