Can I begin at Saint Mary’s during any term? Yes. We accept transfer applications for the fall semester, and spring semester up to one month before the term begins.

Will my credits transfer? Transfer of credits is evaluated from a California community college on a course-by-course basis, but we accept any courses accepted by the University of California system. Plus, we offer guidance and personalized attention early in the application process.

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Can I transfer as a sophomore? Yes. You can transfer as soon as you have earned at least 23 transferable academic semester units or 34 transferable academic quarter units. About 40 percent of our students transfer as second semester sophomores.

Can I be in gerilla classes I need to graduate? Absolutely! With an average class size of 21 and a 14-to-1 student-faculty ratio, Saint Mary’s values providing personal attention and access to the classes you need to stay on track to graduate.

What percentage of your student body receives financial aid? Eighty-two percent of incoming transfers receive significant financial aid from a variety of sources. The average award is $18,860. Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Federal Perkins Loans, Federal Stafford Student Loans and SMC Grants are often part of an applicant’s financial aid package.

What services do you offer to transfer students? Tons. Information sessions where you can receive an admissions decision within days. On-the-spot admissions at several community colleges; agreements with a number of schools to guarantee admission or guide you to the courses you’ll need. After admission, you’ll receive a degree audit that tells you exactly where you stand. Scholarships and orientation sessions specifically for transfer students. Guaranteed housing — not in freshman residence halls — and placement in a Collegiate Seminar with other transfer and upper class students.

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Study Abroad.

Ranked seventh nationally among master’s
from cultural interests to service and politics to arts and media.

They participate in some 50 clubs and organizations, ranging
campus in 13 residence halls and eight townhouse buildings.

About 60 percent of transfer students live on
Student Life.

national semifinals in 2012.

Saint Mary’s men’s rugby advanced all the way to the Division I

championships, while men’s soccer, men’s basketball, women’s

Saint Mary’s also offers club and recreational
Saint Mary’s fields 16 Division I teams in the West
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