Will I be able to get the classes I need to graduate? Absolutely! With an average class size of 21 and a 13-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 $19,860. 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. 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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