YOU CAN BE ANYTHING.

A guide for international students
BREAK THROUGH.
BREAK GROUND.

Here you question everything and don’t just accept facts. You’re an active participant in your own learning, working with professors and peers to shape your education. We’re all learners so our professors don’t make a point of “professing.” In most classes, everyone contributes to the conversation at hand.

You won’t find any other college that offers the unique combination of academic rigor and experiential learning that is a hallmark of Saint Mary’s. Students participate in Collegiate Seminar, discussion-based classes that examine the big ideas of the world’s greatest thinkers. You’ll read everything from Sophocles to Kafka. You’ll discuss and debate, and reconsider ideas you once took for granted. In January Term, you’ll focus on a single course. You might find yourself at the Sundance Film Festival. Others dance the Tango in Buenos Aires, study the politics of fashion, the science of baking or follow St. Paul’s footsteps from Palestine to Italy.

Saint Mary’s College is the only California, only Catholic and only Division I institution recognized in the prestigious Colleges That Change Lives, a group of 40 select liberal arts and sciences colleges.
This is a place where teachers know their students as individuals. Our largest class last year had 37 students, our average class size is 20 and our student-to-faculty ratio is 13:1. That means our professors, 95 percent of whom hold Ph.D.’s, work shoulder to shoulder with students in the lab. Or discuss poetry after class. Or provide counsel on getting into graduate school. We offer advanced study in 40 major fields, plus opportunities for internships, research and study abroad.
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

MAJORS

Accounting
Allied Health Science
Anthropology
(Archaeology)
Art Practice
Art Theory and Criticism
Art History
Biochemistry
Biology
Business Administration
(Digital Media, Entrepreneurship,
Finance, Global Business, Marketing)
Chemistry
(Environmental)
Classics
Communication
Dance
Economics
(Sustainability Studies)
English
(Creative Writing, Dramatic and Film
Arts, Literary Theory & History)
Earth Science

Engineering
(3+2, see specialized programs at right)
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
French
Global and Regional Studies
(East Asia, Europe, Latin America,
Global Studies)
Greek
History
Invisible Program
Justice, Community and Leadership
(Civic, Education, Teachers for Tomorrow,
see specialized programs at right)
Kinesiology
(Health and Human Performance,
Health Promotion, Sport and
Recreation Management)
Latin
Mathematics
(Computer Science)
Music
Philosophy
Physics
(Astrophysics)
Politics
Psychology
(Child/Adolescent Development,
Behavioral Neuroscience, Personality
Psychology, Social Psychology)
Sociology
Spanish
Technical Theatre and Design
Theatre Performance and Theatre Studies
Theology and Religious Studies
Women’s and Gender Studies

ADDITIONAL SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS
3+2 Engineering: Earn a BA and BS in five
years with Washington University in St. Louis

Teachers for Tomorrow: Earn a BA, teaching
credential and MA in five years

Leadership for Social Justice: Earn a BA or BS
in multiple majors and an MA in Leadership
in five years

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DEFEATING GIANTS.

Saint Mary’s College proudly sends more than 300 NCAA Division I athletes to the court, course, track and water to compete at the highest level as the only liberal arts college in the United States West Coast Conference. We’re the United States Rugby National Champions, and we field 17 Division I teams, 13 club sports and a host of recreational programs. Our student cheering section, the Gael Force, is considered among the loudest, most enthusiastic in America.

FIT IN. BREAK OUT.

As a Saint Mary’s student, you can participate in some 80 clubs and organizations ranging from cultural interests and politics to arts and media, so there’s something for everyone. Most Saint Mary’s students soak up the stunning surroundings while living in one of 21 residence halls, including eight townhouses. And in 2015, the new 8,000-square-foot Joseph L. Alioto Recreation Center will offer students comprehensive fitness resources and an aquatic center for lap swimming and water sports. Visit campus and we’re certain you’ll agree it’s one of the most beautiful places on Earth.

In an exciting way our campus, the entire San Francisco Bay Area. Framed by the Pacific Ocean, the Golden Gate Strait, and the San Francisco Bay, the College is a short drive to the Bay Area’s major cities—San Francisco, Berkeley and Oakland—and Northern California’s national treasures—Yosemite, the Napa Valley and Lake Tahoe. As a Saint Mary’s student, you live just a short car ride, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) or bus trip (free for students to and from campus) away from world-class museums and performing arts, ethnic communities, and athletic and recreational opportunities.

When you’re ready to explore you’ll have access to everything the Bay Area has to offer—from world-class shopping and beaches to professional sports to world-renowned theater and museums. We’re located about 32 kilometers east of San Francisco.
HOW TO APPLY

The process of applying to Saint Mary’s as an international student is not much different from any other applicant. Everyone must fill out the Common Application and submit exam results, transcripts and a letter of recommendation. The specific materials we need to evaluate your application are listed below.

REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- All official or certified transcripts (mark sheets) from all secondary/high schools and/or universities attended in the original language. If document is not in English, an official translation is required. All transcripts and test scores must be sent directly from school attended, Ministry of Education or testing authority.

- Certificate of Finance form indicating you have ample funds for one full year of tuition and expenses at Saint Mary’s College.

- Students for whom English is a non-native language must demonstrate English proficiency through any of the following:
  - TOEFL: 213CBT/550 PBT/79 iBT
  - IELTS: 6.5 band
  - English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB): 77%
  - Pearson Test of English (PTE): 53
  - ELS Level 112 with 2.75 GPA
  - EIKEN Grade Pre-1

SCHOLARSHIPS

International students are automatically considered for all Saint Mary’s College athletic and merit-based academic scholarships during the review of your application. Visit stmarys-ca.edu/scholarships for details.
SAINT MARY’S AT A GLANCE

Founded: 1863
Location: Moraga, California, a Northern California community in San Francisco’s East Bay. One of the safest college campuses in one of the most beautiful locations in the United States.

Campus Size: 420 acres (170 hectares), 48 buildings
Type: Coed, Catholic, four-year and part of the worldwide Lasallian educational network of schools, colleges and universities.

Academic Schools: Economics and Business Administration, Education, Liberal Arts and Sciences

Degrees Offered: BA, BS, MA, MBA, MFA, M. Ed, MS, Ed.D.

Average class size: 20
Faculty Members with Highest Degrees in Their Fields: 95%
Student/Faculty Ratio: 13:1

Tuition and Fees
Tuition: $41,230
Student Activity Fee: $150
Room & Board: $14,140
Total: $55,520

OTHER COSTS
Personal Costs: $2,700
Books and Supplies: $1,107

SAINT MARY’S AT A GLANCE DISTINCTIONS

NCAA DIVISION I TEAMS (WEST COAST CONFERENCE)
Baseball (M)  Softball (W)
Basketball (M, W)  Soccer (M, W)
Cross-Country (M, W)  Tennis (M, W)
Golf (M)  Track (M, W)
Lacrosse (W)  Volleyball (W)
Rowing (W)
Sand Volleyball (W)

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PROFILE
Undergraduates: 2,873
Freshmen: 626
Students of color: 51%
International students: 2%
Freshmen living on campus: 100%

Nearby Airports: Oakland Intl (OAK), San Francisco Intl (SFO), San Jose Intl (SJC)

Climate: Mediterranean-type climate with cool, moist winters and warm, dry summers. Winter daytime temperatures average mid 50’s F (10 C) and summer daytime temperatures average high 80’s F (27 C).

2014 ENTERING FRESHMAN PROFILE
San Francisco Bay Area: 44%
Southern California: 13%
Out-of-state: 20%
International: 3%
Students of color: 56%
American Indian: 1%
Asian or Pacific Islander: 14%
Black or African American: 5%
Latino/a: 10%
Multiethnic: 27%

91 percent of SMC seniors report that they regularly challenge their professors’ ideas in class.
Nearly 40 percent of Saint Mary’s freshmen enter with International Baccalaureate or Advanced Placement exam credit.
55 percent of SMC students attend graduate or professional school within five years of their graduation.

DISTINCTIONS

Saint Mary’s College is the only California, only Catholic and only National Collegiate Athletics Association Division I institution recognized in the prestigious Colleges That Change Lives, a group of 40 select liberal arts and sciences colleges.

Saint Mary’s is one of only 5 percent of schools in the world accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), whose members represent the highest international standard of instruction and scholarship in business education.

Forbes magazine ranked Saint Mary’s fifth in the United States for colleges that will “raise your earnings potential.”

Saint Mary’s is listed as one of the best 378 colleges in the United States by the Princeton Review, which lauded our academic rigor, small classes, student access to professors, quality of life for students and commitment to sustainability. The College was also named among the 311 most environmentally responsible colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada by the publication.

Payscale.com listed Saint Mary’s in the top 8 percent of all U.S. colleges and universities for return on investment. The College ranked 117 of 1,511 colleges surveyed.
The Saint Mary’s College campus is picturesque and welcoming, nestled in the Moraga Valley about 32 kilometers east of San Francisco, California. Visit campus and we think you’ll agree that it’s one of the most beautiful on Earth.