YOU CAN BE ANYTHING.
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.
CENTER OF ATTENTION.

This is a place where teachers know their students as individuals. Our average class size is 19 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 medical school. We offer advanced study in 40 major fields, plus opportunities for internships, research, service learning 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 program at right)
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
French
Global and Regional Studies (East Asia, Europe, Latin America, Global Studies)
Greek
History
Integral 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
Theatre Performance and Theatre Studies
Theology and Religious Studies
Technical Theatre and Design
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

Saint Mary’s College is one of only 5 percent of schools 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.
As a Saint Mary's student, you can participate in some 80 clubs and organizations ranging from cultural interests to service 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 21 residence halls, including eight townhouses. The new 8,000-square-foot Joseph L. Alioto Recreation Center offers 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.

When you're ready to explore beyond campus, 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 20 miles east of San Francisco.

At Saint Mary's, how you enter and how you leave are worlds apart.
WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER.

If you’re good enough to get in, we want to help you get here. We will sit down with you in person and go through the financial aid process, step by step. We’ll make sure you’re aware of every scholarship, loan, and grant you’re qualified for. And we’ll help you navigate the paperwork, from FAFSA to tax returns. In addition to need-based loans and grants, Saint Mary’s offers a wide variety of merit scholarships for academic honors, leadership, performing arts, speech and debate, and more.

EXPERIENCING THE BAY AREA

In an exciting way, our campus is 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 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 venues, ethnic communities, and athletic and recreational opportunities.
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, 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 Science

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

Average class size: 19

Faculty Members with Highest Degrees in Their Fields: 95%

Student/Faculty Ratio: 13:1

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition................................................... $ 42,780
Student Activity Fee ................................ $ 150
Room & Board (Double room and largest meal plan) $ 14,490

Total........................................................ $ 57,420

OTHER COSTS

Personal Costs........................................ $ 2,700
Books and Supplies.................................. $ 1,107

NCAA DIVISION 1 TEAMS (WEST COAST CONFERENCE)

Baseball (M)
Basketball (M, W)
Cross-Country (M, W)
Golf (M)
Lacrosse (W)
Rowing (W)
Sand Volleyball (W)
Softball (W)
Soccer (M, W)
Tennis (M, W)
Track (M, W)
Volleyball (W)

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PROFILE

Undergraduates 2,873
Freshmen 626
Students of color 52%
International students 3% from 12 countries
Freshmen living on campus 100%
High school GPA (Middle 50%): 3.4-3.9
SAT Math (Middle 50%): 500-610
SAT Critical Reading (Middle 50%): 510-610
SAT Writing (Middle 50%): 510-610
ACT (Middle 50%): 22-27

2015 ENTERING FRESHMAN PROFILE

San Francisco Bay Area: 47%
Southern California: 11%
Out-of-state: 18% from 25 states
International: 3% from 12 countries
Students of color: 52%
American Indian: 1%
(3% multi-select)
Asian or Pacific Islander: 14%
(20% multi-select)
Black or African American: 4%
(7% multi-select)
Latino/a: 13% (26% multi-select)
Multiethnic: 29%

91 percent of SMC seniors report that they regularly challenge their professors’ ideas in class.

More than 38 percent of Saint Mary’s students are the first in their family to attend college.

55 percent of SMC students attend graduate or professional school within five years of their graduation.