YOU CAN BE ANYTHING.

A guide for transfer students
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 transfers stay on track to graduate and start their careers on time. You’ll gain access to majors and courses to ensure you make progress without wasting any time.

Here’s how we do it. You can transfer with 23 or more credits, no majors are impacted, and we guarantee you’ll get access to your classes when you need them.

You’ll also get one-on-one academic advising from the moment you step on campus through graduation.

- Small faculty-led classes and personalized attention from professors
- Dedicated transfer scholarships and generous financial aid
- Strategic advice on career development, internships and job placement

Contact us for a personalized visit with a transcript evaluation and you can learn how long it would take to earn your degree at Saint Mary’s.

Better yet, join us for one of our monthly transfer information sessions; where you can learn about the priority we place on transfer students, discover how affordable we make a Saint Mary’s education, receive personal advisement, and receive an admission decision within a few days. We’ll even waive your application fee.

Contact us. Check our website for monthly transfer information sessions.
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ACADEMIC MAJORS OPEN TO TRANSFER STUDENTS

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 and History)
Earth Science
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
French
Global and Regional Studies
(East Asia, Europe, Latin America, Global Studies)
Greek
History
Justice, Community and Leadership
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

Saint Mary’s College is one of only 5 percent of schools accredited worldwide 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 one of 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.

DEFEATING GIANTS.

Saint Mary’s College proudly fields 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 West Coast Conference. We’re Rugby National Champions, and we field 17 Division teams, 13 club sports, and a host of recreational programs. Our student cheering section, the Gaels Force, is considered among the loudest, most enthusiastic in the country.

AT SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE, 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.

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 arts, ethnic communities, and athletic and recreational opportunities.

$14,000 TRANSFER HONORS SCHOLARSHIPS

Competitive scholarships awarded to transfer students at the time of acceptance. Available to applicants entering either fall or spring semester. All scholarships are renewable annually.

For more detailed information, visit stmarys-ca.edu/scholarships.
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)

TRANSFER STUDENT PROFILE

Percent of the students who are transfers: 20
Average age for transfer students: 21
Average entering GPA for transfers: 3.2
Transfer to SMC in their sophomore year: 40%
Transfer from community colleges: 66%
Transfer from four-year and other colleges: 34%
Average number of fall transfers: 175
Average number of spring transfers: 60

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

Nearly 40 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.