

A Message from the Composition Program

Dear Incoming Student,

Welcome to Saint Mary's College!

All Saint Mary's first-year students (except those enrolled in the Integral Program) take an English composition course during their first semester at the college. The Composition Program uses SAT Critical Reading and Writing, AP Language and Literature, and IB scores to place incoming students in English composition courses (ACT scores are not used for placement purposes). For those students who do not have SAT, AP, or IB scores, the Composition Program offers the Online Writing Placement Exam. The results of the Online Writing Placement Exam are used solely for placement purposes; scores are not recorded on transcripts or academic records.

Please note: If you need to take the Online Writing Placement Exam, please contact Professor Hilda Ma, Director of Composition, at <composition@stmarys-ca.edu>. If you have SAT, AP, or IB scores, but have not reported them to the college, please report them to the Admissions Office. Applicable scores will exempt you from taking the Online Writing Placement Exam.

I wish you a productive and fulfilling first year at Saint Mary's College!

Sincerely,

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