CULTURAL RESOURCES IN SAN FRANCISCO AND THE BAY AREA INCLUDE:
American Conservatory Theater
Berkeley Art Museum
Berkeley Repertory Theatre
Contemporary Jewish Museum
de Young Museum
Intersection for the Arts
Legion of Honor
Museum of the African Diaspora
Oakland Ballet
Oakland Museum
Pacific Film Archive
San Francisco Ballet
San Francisco Cinematheque
San Francisco Contemporary Music Players
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art
San Francisco Opera
San Francisco Performing Arts Library and Museum
San Francisco Symphony
Theatre Rhinoceros
Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

BERKELEY, OAKLAND AND WALNUT CREEK.
WELCOME TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA.

There aren’t many places that score equally high for commerce and culture, but San Francisco is one of them. It’s arguably one of the most exciting cities in the world, and as a Saint Mary’s student, you’ll have access to everything San Francisco has to offer (from world-class shopping and dining to major museums to counter-culture hotspots).

You’ll also have a relatively peaceful place to call “home.” Saint Mary’s is located in the scenic town of Moraga, which is just 20 miles east of San Francisco and even closer to Berkeley, Oakland and Walnut Creek.

San Francisco. Ever since the days of the Gold Rush, San Francisco has occupied a place in the American imagination. And for good reason: Architecturally, culturally and historically, the city is a gem. San Francisco is home to progressive politics and a lively avant-garde art scene, but it’s also a worldwide center of commerce and technology (the “Wall Street of the West”). For landing an impressive internship, you couldn’t be in a better place. And during your down time? The options are endless. Take a tour of Alcatraz. Wander around Chinatown. Picnic in Golden Gate Park. You could spend every minute of your four years exploring this city and never see all there is to see.

Berkeley, Oakland and Walnut Creek. Saint Mary’s more immediate neighbors are smaller communities, but equally interesting in their own right. Oakland is an up-and-coming mid-sized city with a strong sense of civic pride and a happening downtown; Berkeley is an activist’s mecca, filled with funky cafés, bookstores and boutiques. Walnut Creek is where you’ll find the Lesher Center for the Arts, the Lindsay Wildlife Museum plus plenty of other venues for art, shopping and entertainment.

Outdoor adventures. And if you’re in the mood for a different kind of excitement, you’ll find yourself perfectly situated to take advantage of some of the most stunning natural scenery in the U.S. From Saint Mary’s it’s an easy drive to the Marin Headlands (hiking and cycling); to Lake Tahoe (skiing, mountain biking and golf); to the Point Reyes National Seashore (whale watching, kayaking and backcountry camping); to Santa Cruz (surfing) and Yosemite National Park (natural wonders galore). The Pacific beaches are also nearby.

IF YOU’RE A SPORTS FAN, YOU’LL HAVE PLENTY TO CHEER ABOUT. The Bay Area is home to a number of professional teams, including the San Francisco 49ers, the Oakland Raiders, the San Francisco Giants, the Golden State Warriors, the San Jose Sharks and the San Jose Clash.

NO CAR? NO WORRIES. The Bay Area has an excellent mass transit rail system (BART) so it’s easy to get around. The College has also partnered with WeCar, which provides an on-campus car share service.