

Welcome to Study Abroad at



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College Profile



Saint Mary's is a Catholic residential, women's, liberal arts college offering undergraduate degrees and coeducational graduate programs. Founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1844, Saint Mary's College promotes a life of intellectual vigor, aesthetic appreciation, religious sensibility, and social responsibility.

A pioneer in the education of women, the College fosters an inclusive, academic community where students discover and develop their talents as they prepare to make a difference in the world. All members of the College contribute to this mission in their response to the complex needs and challenges of contemporary life.

Saint Mary's College has six nationally accredited academic programs: social work, art, music, teacher education, chemistry, and nursing. It is a welcoming community of approximately 1,600 students, talented professors, and dedicated staff.

Small classes averaging only 18 students encourage close, meaningful relationships among students as well as between students and faculty. These friendships last beyond the college years, and Saint Mary's alumnae return to campus to visit their professors and network with the next generation of Saint Mary's students. The College continues to grow and prosper, with approximately 20,000 living alumnae.

For over 175 years, Saint Mary's has been providing women with groundbreaking educational opportunities in an environment in which they can thrive. The College has a strong record of developing women's voices, minds, faith, and values through four years of self-discovery and academic coursework — a mission it now shares with a larger coeducational audience through innovative graduate programs.



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Institutional quotes:

"We promise you discovery: the discovery of yourselves, the discovery of the universe, and your place in it."

— Sister Madeleva Wolff, CSC

"How we educate the mind will change over time, but how we cultivate the heart is timeless."

- Blessed Basil Moreau

Why a Women's College?

Women's colleges offer a unique environment that fosters leadership and empowerment. Students are challenged and supported in their learning and engagement in an atmosphere of collaboration and encouragement. Strong relationships of mentorship create life-long bonds of friendship with peers and professors.

According to studies gathered by the Women's College Coalition, women who study at colleges for women:

- score higher on standardized achievement tests.
- are more likely to pursue traditionally male-dominated disciplines such as math and the sciences.
- have an 81% chance of continuing their education after college
- · have more leadership opportunities
- 8 of the TOP 12 of Forbes 100 Most Powerful Women attended a women's college
- 30% of a Business Week list of rising stars in Corporate America attended a women's college
- 20% of the women in the U.S. Congress went to a women's college

Academic Programs

The academic journey at Saint Mary's is about discovery. It is about digging into a topic and pushing boundaries. It is about challenging yourself, surprising yourself, and opening yourself up to even the most unexpected and unimaginable ideas. Together, more than 50 academic programs, opportunities to lead and travel the world, extensive hands-on learning, exceptional faculty, and a 9:1 student-to-faculty ratio combine to form an academic experience that simply cannot be matched.



Undergraduate Programs

- Accounting
- Anthropology
- Applied Arts and Design
- Art
- Art Education
- Art History
- Autism Studies
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Communication Studies
- Computer Science

- Computing and Applied Mathematics
- Creative Writing
- Criminology
- Dance
- Data Science
- Design
- Economics
- Elementary Education
- Engineering
- English Literature
- Environmental Studies

Undergraduate Programs

- Film Studies
- Finance
- Gender and Women's Studies
- Gerontology
- Global Studies
- Global Justice and Human Rights
- History
- Humanistic Studies
- Intercultural Studies
- International Business
- Justice Studies
- Languages
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Music
- Music Education
- Musical Theatre
- Neuroscience
- Nursing

- Philosophy
- Physics
- Physics and Applied Mathematics
- Political Science
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Med and Health Professions
- Psychology
- Public Relations/ Advertising
- Religious Studies and Theology
- Secondary Education
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Speech Language Pathology
- Statistical and Actuarial Mathematics
- Studio Art
- Theatre
- Women's History
- Student-Designed Major

Graduate Programs

A graduate degree should be more than just a diploma. Open to men and women, the graduate programs at Saint Mary's combine top-level academics, a commitment to social responsibility, and an eye toward innovation. Through this curriculum, you will grow in your discipline and contribute positively to your profession. Many institutions can provide you with the skills and knowledge to excel at what you do. It takes a place like Saint Mary's, however, to combine the technical knowledge with leadership development and attention to service.

- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Master of Autism Studies
- Master of Science in Data Science
- Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology
- Accelerated Programs



College Features

Global Citizens

The College strives to prepare students to make a difference in the world and that often starts with first gaining a larger perspective and expanded experience. Half of undergraduates study abroad during their four years at Saint Mary's, which complements the academic programs in preparing students to lead in a global marketplace. Currently, there are over 30 study abroad programs in nearly 20 countries ranging from semester breaks to year-long immersions. Through the experience of living and traveling to a new country, undergraduates gain a worldview and a broadened understanding of the issues that affect global citizens.

Prepared for the Future

Saint Mary's focus on hands-on learning takes students into the field for coursework and professional work experience. A strong internship program provides students opportunities to test different areas of interest, gain valuable experience, and make important contacts in the professional world. 94% of Saint Mary's students participate in internships and field experience.

Leaders Who Serve

Saint Mary's graduates develop the skills, knowledge, empathy, and vision to guide their corner of the world forward, whether directing a global organization, serving the needs of humanity, or exploring areas of scientific discovery. Like the sisters who founded the College, Saint Mary's students become engaged citizens who serve and advocate for others. Service learning is an integral part of the undergraduate education program and calls for building inclusive communities, engaging in service to others, and promoting social responsibility. 83% of Saint Mary's students participate in service.

International and Multicultural Services

The International and Multicultural Student Services office is delighted to welcome you as a member of our College community. Our office includes services for international and exchange students and scholars, including immigration services, advice on working and living in the US, and cultural activities.

Studying in a different country is a stimulating and valuable experience. During your time in the United States you may encounter some challenges and difficulties, unlike anything you would experience in your home country. We are aware that adjusting to a new environment is not always easy. International and Multicultural Student Services is here to help make your transition as easy as possible. We will work with you to keep you informed of immigration regulations pertinent to your visa status, while providing resources and programs that help you to engage with the American culture.

Each year, new international students have the option of being a part of the peer mentor program. The peer mentor program matches new international students, or mentees, with current Saint Mary's students. A peer mentor is typically an international student or an American student who has studied abroad.

In 2000, a group of international students founded the Around the World Club to support Saint Mary's international students. It aims at showing the importance of living in a world without boundaries.



Facilities



Office of Graduate Studies



Le Mans Hall



Spes Unica Hall



Science Hall

Madeleva Hall



Havican Hall

Facilities



Regina Hall



Moreau Center for the Arts



Haggar College Center



Student Center



Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex



Library

Student Residence Halls



Le Mans Hall

Known as the castle, Le Mans is the iconic building that greets you as you turn off The Avenue and onto campus. While the bottom floor serves as administration offices, the upper three floors house Belles in truly unique rooms full of character. The floors are divided into sections (the Annex, Infirmary, Library, Queen's Court, and the Mains) which have their own social personality and diverse accommodations.



Holy Cross Hall

Available starting second year, Holy Cross Hall is full of history, character, and tradition. The foyer walls that uplift the tall ceilings of Holy Cross are lined with photos of former residents as it is tradition to take a hall photo each year. Each room, a little different than the next, feels spacious and unique with large windows to let in light.



Regina Hall

One of two residence halls for first-year students, Regina consists of a North and South Tower that each contain a lounge, kitchen, and courtyard in addition to students' rooms.

Student Residence Halls



McCandless Hall

McCandless is the most traditional first-year hall that is known to be a more social experience. McCandless promotes interaction yet provides a quieter study space as well. Each resident is assigned a shared study carrel — an air-conditioned study space with your own desk and chair.



Opus Hall

Reserved for seniors, Opus Hall offers apartment-style living on campus. Apartments are furnished with the standard bedroom furniture plus a couch, end table, and lamps in the living room and the kitchen includes a dishwasher.



Notre Dame Connection



Since the very beginning, Saint Mary's has been connected to the great university across the street. From the original four sisters who traveled from Le Mans, France at the request of Father Sorin, the College has had a long and cherished relationship with Notre Dame and Holy Cross College. The golden dome is a visible reminder of this relationship. In 1882, the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Saint Mary's students, and alumnae all helped gift the statue of the Virgin Mary that sits atop their iconic building.

Today, Saint Mary's women benefit from a college experience that is larger, wider, and more expansive than just the immediate setting. On the Saint Mary's campus, they reap the benefits of small class sizes and individual attention from professors, with additional academic and extracurricular opportunities right across the street at both Notre Dame and Holy Cross College. Saint Mary's students make up an incredible 25 percent of the Notre Dame marching band, they write for the combined student newspaper, and of course attend pep rallies and iconic Fighting Irish football games. In all, there are over 510 student organizations available on both campuses, and Saint Mary's students further benefit from a close connection with the Notre Dame alumni global network.

South Bend Community

- Potawatomi Zoo
- South Bend Civic theatre and Morris theatre- musicals, bands, comedians
- Studebaker National Museum and South Bend History Museum
- South Bend Museum of Art
- St. Joseph County Parks
- Ice Skating
- Bowling
- University Park Mall
- Movie Theatres
- Karaoke



Campus map

Saint Mary's Welcomes You!



The Saint Mary's campus is located in Notre Dame, Indiana—a census-designated place (CDP) next to the City of South Bend. The 140-acre grounds are bordered to the west by the Saint Joseph River and are comprised of the College campus and the convent of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. The College is beautifully landscaped in a park-like manner with many gardens and sitting areas that allow the entire campus community to either quietly reflect or actively enjoy the outdoors.

Regional Map



Located just minutes from historic downtown South Bend, Saint Mary's is nestled within the Michiana metropolitan area, a multi-city region of 500,000 that is the cultural, economic, and transportation hub of northern Indiana. There is plenty to do in the immediate area, and Lake Michigan beaches, Chicago, and Indianapolis are all easy day trips to enjoy.

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