

## **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**

Saint Mary's College believes that living on campus gives students the opportunity to be fully engaged in academic and student life and to exercise adult freedoms responsibly with professional and peer support. A diverse community full of various viewpoints, goals and styles prepares students for future relationships, diverse careers and living in a dynamic global society.

As a women's private, Catholic, residential, undergraduate college, Saint Mary's College requires all students--starting with the Class of 2011--to reside in college-owned housing (including housing provided during study abroad programs) for six (6) semesters, unless the student meets one of the following exceptions:

1. Resides with a parent or guardian within 30 miles of the campus.
2. Has resided in a college residence hall for at least six (6) semesters prior to making a request for exception.
3. Has reached the age of 23 prior to the term(s) for which the request for exception is made.
4. Is married.
5. Is enrolled in eight (8) or less credit hours.
6. Has received written permission from the Director of Residence Life & Community Standards for special circumstances.

Students must request permission to live off-campus by submitting the circumstances and documentation for request, in writing, to the Director of Residence Life & Community Standards. This includes all students living with a parent or guardian within 30 miles of the campus. Please note that a request for an exemption must be submitted each year.

*NOTE: Eligibility for Opus Hall is contingent upon six (6) semesters of on-campus residency.*