

St. Mary's College of Maryland Info Guide

General Information

- Location: St. Mary's City, Maryland
- 361-acre campus in Southern Maryland (Rural)
- Along the St. Mary's River, minutes away from the Chesapeake Bay
- School Type: Public Liberal Arts College, Nonsectarian, Coed
- School Size: 1,510 Undergraduate Students
- Students come from 26 states and 8 countries
- Student-to-Faculty Ratio: 9:1
- Average Class Size: 12
- Acceptance Rate: 84.3%
- Graduation Rate: 73%
- In-state Tuition & Fees: \$31,089
- DC Resident Tuition & Fees: \$41,089
- Out-of-state Tuition & Fees: \$47,715
- Average cost after aid: \$20,637
- President: Dr. Tuajuanda C. Jordan (since 2014)
- Founded: 1840

Application Information

- Accepts Common App or St. Mary's App
- Application Fee: \$50
- SAT Range: 1090-1250
 - SAT Math: 520-620
 - SAT Reading/Writing: 550-660
 - Percent Submitting SAT Scores: 85%
- ACT Range: 23-29
 - ACT Math: 20-26
 - ACT English: 22-30
 - Percent Submitting ACT Scores: 22%

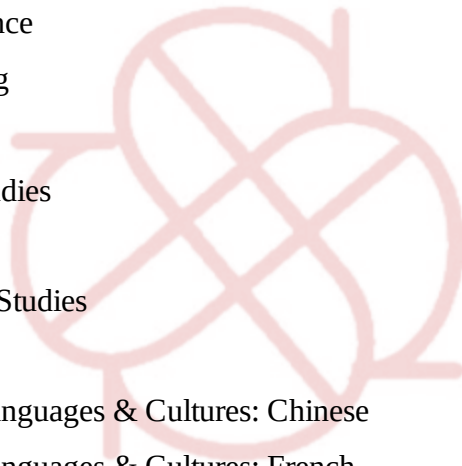
- Average GPA (on 4.0 scale): 3.44
- Test Optional (SAT/ACT will be considered if submitted)
- Personal Statement (Common App Essay) and Supplemental Essay Required
- 1 Secondary School Report and 1 Teacher Recommendation Required
- 1 Additional Teacher Recommendation and 1 Other Evaluation Optional
- Early Decision Deadline: November 1
- Early Action Deadline: November 1
- Regular Decision Deadline: January 15

Academics

- LEAD Academics (Learning through Experiential and Applied Discovery)
- 14 current faculty who are Fulbright Awardees
- 98% of faculty hold the highest degree in their field
- Core Curriculum consists of core seminar, core knowledge and methods, language study, and professional pathways
 - Core Seminar:
 - CORE 101 and CORE 301
 - Freshmen required to take CORE 101
 - Transfer students required to take CORE 301
 - Topics covered include critical thinking, information literacy, written expression, and oral expression
 - Core Knowledge and Methods:
 - Fulfilled through completing Core Exploration or a Core Inquiry
 - Core Exploration includes completing courses in the following areas: Arts, Cultural Literacy, Humanities, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Social/Behavioral Sciences
 - Core Inquiry includes completing 4-5 courses relevant to a theme chosen by the student
 - Language Study:
 - Fulfilled through completing one language course at 102 or 110 level or higher

- Professional Pathways:
 - Courses dedicated to help students to gain professional experience, build a professional network, and consider their career options
 - These classes begin during a student's first semester
 - Assignments are flexible to aid students anywhere in their career development process
 - Externship services available to connect students with internships and employers.
- Each student must complete a Capstone Project prior to graduation
- Each student is guaranteed the opportunity to complete an internship, research, or study abroad
- Bachelor of Science & Bachelor of Art degrees available
- 22 Majors
 - Anthropology (concentration: archaeology)
 - Art
 - Asian Studies
 - Biochemistry
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Computer Science
 - Economics
 - English
 - Environmental Studies
 - History
 - International Languages and Cultures: Spanish
 - Marine Science
 - Mathematics
 - Neuroscience
 - Philosophy
 - Physics (concentration: Applied Physics)
 - Political Science

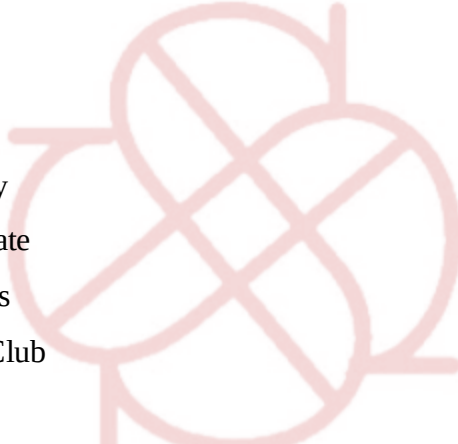
- Psychology
- Public Policy Studies
- Sociology
- Student-Designed
- 29 Minors
 - African and African Diaspora Studies
 - Anthropology
 - Art
 - Asian Studies
 - Biology
 - Business Administration
 - Computer Science
 - Creative Writing
 - Economics
 - Educational Studies
 - English
 - Environmental Studies
 - History
 - International Languages & Cultures: Chinese
 - International Languages & Cultures: French
 - International Languages & Cultures: Spanish
 - Materials Science
 - Mathematics
 - Museum Studies
 - Music
 - Musical Arts Administration
 - Neuroscience
 - Philosophy
 - Physics
 - Political Science
 - Sociology



- Special Education
- Theater Studies
- Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- 7 Pre-Professional Programs
 - Pre-Dentistry
 - Pre-Engineering
 - Pre-Law
 - Pre-Medicine
 - Pre-Optometry
 - Pre-Pharmacy
 - Pre-Veterinary Science
- 1 Masters Program
 - Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)
- 3 Programs in Development
 - Applied Data Science (anticipated start date in Fall 2022)
 - Business Administration (anticipated start date in Fall 2022)
 - Performing Arts (soon to be in development- includes Music, Theater and Dance)

Student Life

- 25 Study Abroad Programs
- 21 Varsity Athletics Teams
 - Baseball (Mens)
 - Basketball (Mens and Womens)
 - Cross Country (Mens and Womens)
 - Field Hockey (Womens)
 - Lacrosse (Mens and Womens)
 - Rowing (Mens and Womens)
 - Sailing (Womens and Coed)
 - Soccer (Mens and Womens)
 - Swimming (Mens and Womens)
 - Tennis (Mens and Womens)

- Track & Field (Mens and Womens)
 - Volleyball (Womens)
 - 13 Club Sports
 - Climbing
 - Coed Soccer
 - Equestrian
 - Fencing
 - Hawkettes (dance-based cheer)
 - Jiu-Jitsu
 - Men's Rugby
 - Men's Ultimate
 - Sculling
 - Track
 - Windsurfing
 - Women's Rugby
 - Women's Ultimate
 - 70+ Student Lead Clubs
 - Anthropology Club
 - Art Club
 - Association of Computing Machinery for Women and Minorities (ACM-WAM)
 - Avatar
 - Biomolecular
 - Organization of St. Mary's Students
 - Creative Writing
 - Economics Club
 - Education Club
 - History Club
 - Math Club
 - Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students (MAPS)
 - Model UN
 - Philosophy Club
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- Physics Club
- Pre-Vet Club
- St. Mary's American Chemical Society (SMACS)
- African Student Association (ASA)
- Asian Pacific American Club (APAC)
- Black Student Union
- Catholic Seahawks
- Jewish Student Union
- Latinos Unidos
- Minority Students in the Social Sciences Association (MSSSA)
- Transgenda
- Burlesque Club
- Cultural Dance Club
- Dance Club
- Hawk Radio
- Hawkettes Dance Team
- Interchorus (Coed A Cappella)
- Modern Underground Dance (MUD)
- SMC Men (A Cappella)
- St. Mary's Drum Corps
- Take One! Improv
- The Nightingale A Cappella (TNA)
- White Room
- Best Buddies
- Circle K International
- Feminists Unite for Sexual Equality (FUSE)
- Habitat for Humanity
- hawkTHON
- Intersivity Christian Fellowship
- Knits for the Needy
- Love Your Melon

- Relay for Life
- St. Mary's River Project
- St. Mary's Triangle and Rainbow Society (STARS)
- Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC)
- Active Minds
- American Sign Language
- Animal Advocates
- Art Activist Club
- BioPUMP
- Chancellor's Point Club
- Chess Club
- College Democrats
- College Republicans
- Dumbledore's Army
- Flag Football
- Historical Swordsmanship
- Humans vs Zombies
- Literature Club
- Magic: The Club
- Maryland Students for Sensible Tuition
- National Society of Leadership and Success
- Nerf Wars Club
- Otaku! Anime Club
- Outdoor Adventure Club
- Point News Publications (college paper and yearbook)
- Campus Traditions
 - Float Fest (bring an innertube!)
 - Hawktoberfest (families and alumni join students for homecoming, crab feast)
 - Hidden Grave (it's a challenge to find this location)
 - Shoe Tree (celebrate your graduation)
 - Ponding (get thrown into St. John's Pond on your birthday)

- Watching waterfront sunrises and sunsets
- Extra Campus Features
 - Fraternities and Sororities are NOT present on campus
 - Shopping Shuttle service available for students
 - Bike storage rooms and racks throughout campus
 - Free water equipment rental for students (must pass a swim test)
 - Includes kayaks, paddleboards, windsurfing equipment, and sailboats
 - Cole Cinema is a 100+ seat movie theatre free of charge on the weekend
 - The Michael P. O'Brien Athletics & Recreation Center has a climbing wall

Housing and Dining

- 4 years of housing guaranteed
- 78% of students live on-campus
 - Freshman Dorms
 - Caroline Hall (Coed by floor: 158 students)
 - Dorchester Hall (All-male: 158 students)
 - Prince George Hall (Coed by wing, Open housing available: 165 students)
 - Queen Anne Hall (All-female: 154 students)
 - Upperclassman Housing
 - Lewis Quadrangle (211 students)
 - Waring Commons (336 students: 24 apartments and 39 suites)
 - Greens Townhouses (41 houses)
 - Crescent Townhouses (North and South)
 - Specialty Housing
 - Seahawk Scholars LLC
 - Women in Science LLC
 - Eco House LLC
 - Substance and Alcohol-Free Environment (SAFE) Housing
 - Open Housing
 - Nearby Off-Campus Apartments
 - Abberly Crest Apartment Homes: 5.3 miles away

- Queen Anne Park Apartments: 6.8 miles away
- Indian Bridge Apartments: 6.9 miles away
- St. Mary's Landing Apartments: 8.1 miles away
- Spark Pax River: 5.4 miles away
- Spyglass at Cedar Cove: 7.2 miles away
- Park Villas Apartments: 7.6 miles away
- Lexington Village Apartments: 8.1 miles away
- Dining
 - All meal plans include flex dollars that can be used at smaller dining areas:
 - The Daily Grind
 - Grab-n-Go
 - The Pub
 - Silver, Gold, and Platinum meal plans offered (all of which have unlimited meals, flex dollar amount varies)
 - Limited Meal Credit plans also offered
 - Bon Appetit is the main dining hall
 - Vegetarian Food Co-op in Queen Anne Hall
 - Enso Kitchen offers fresh baked goods and sandwiches

Post-Graduation

- 94% of graduates say they would attend SMCM all over again if they could
- 93% of students are employed, continuing education, or in the military 6 months after graduation
- Recent grads attend graduate schools such as:
 - American University
 - Cornell University
 - Dublin City University
 - Johns Hopkins University
 - University of Cambridge
 - University of Pennsylvania
 - University of Virginia

- Vanderbilt University
- Yale University
- Recent grads are employed in companies such as:
 - AmeriCorps
 - BNY Mellon
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - Department of Defense
 - FEMA
 - JP Morgan
 - Kennedy Krieger
 - National Institutes of Health
 - Target Corporation
 - Ulman Cancer Fund
 - US Department of State
- Notable Alumni Include:
 - Ashani Weeraratna ('91) - Bloomberg Distinguished Professor of Cancer Biology
 - Julie Croteau ('93) - First woman to play/coach NCAA Division I Men's Baseball
 - Elizabeth Graves ('95) - Editor-in-Chief of *Martha Stewart Living*
 - Brandon Scott ('06) - 52nd Mayor of Baltimore City
 - Stephon Dingle ('12) - Broadcast News Associate at CBS News, D.C. Bureau

By the Numbers

- Ranked 5th for Happiest Students (The Princeton Review)
- Top 25 Healthiest Colleges in the US (Greatist)
- Top 25 Hidden Gems for Women in STEM (collegeraptor.com)
- #1 Best College Food in Maryland (Niche)
- #1 Lowest Average Student Debt in Maryland (Baltimore Business Journal)
- #2 Best Affordable Schools in Maryland for Bachelor's Degree (affordableschools.net)
- #5 Top Public Liberal Arts Colleges (US News)
- #7 Best Beach College (collegeconsensus.com)
- #8 Best Affordable Out-of-State Public School (affordablecolleges.com)

Sources:

Common Data Set 2020-2021

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Key Facts

<https://www.smcm.edu/about/key-facts/>

First-Year Applicants

<https://www.smcm.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/first-year-students/>

Test Optional Policy

<https://www.smcm.edu/admissions/test-optional-policy/>

Majors and Minors

<https://www.smcm.edu/academics/majors-minors-concentrations/>

LEAD Academics

<https://www.smcm.edu/academics/lead/>

Transport

<https://www.smcm.edu/sustainability/campus/transportation/>

Waterfront

<https://www.smcm.edu/waterfront/>

Housing

<https://www.smcm.edu/campus-life/housing/>

Dining

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Campus Life

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Alumni

<https://www.smcm.edu/search/?q=notable+alumni>

SMCM Website

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