



# SCHOOL PROFILE 2019-2020

## MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Mary's School, a community dedicated to academic excellence and personal achievement, prepares young women for college and life. To accomplish our mission, Saint Mary's School challenges each young woman to embrace the habits of an intellectual life, engages her with the past and the emerging future, and empowers her to serve and shape her world; fosters in each young woman a spirit of connection to others, guides her in developing her spiritual and ethical integrity, and prepares her to take responsibility for herself and her future.

## FACTS & FIGURES

- Founded in 1842
- 4<sup>th</sup> oldest girls' boarding and day school in the country
- Enrollment:
  - 297 students representing 14 states and 6 countries
  - 84 members of the Class of 2020
  - 9% international students
  - 13% domestic students of color
  - 49% boarding students and 51% day students
  - 32% of students receiving financial aid
- 100% of graduates admitted to 4-year colleges
- 7:1 student-to-faculty ratio; average class size is 15 students
- 80% of faculty hold advanced degrees in their fields, including 6 PhD's
- Accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS)
- Member of the National Coalition of Girls' Schools, National Association of Independent Schools, Southern Association of Independent Schools, North Carolina Association of Independent Schools, the National Association of Episcopal Schools, The Association of Boarding Schools
- College Counselors are members of the National Association for College Admission Counseling, the Southern Association for College Admission Counseling, and the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

- Saint Mary's School does not calculate class rank.
- **The curriculum consists of rigorous college-preparatory academics in all subject areas. As such, all courses are taught at either the Advanced Placement (AP) or Honors level. In 2018-19, we removed the "Honors" label on course titles but continue to add weighting in the GPA.**
- 19 AP and 61 honors courses
- All students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP exam.
- **AP course limits: two in junior year, four in senior year.** Exceptions are made on an individual basis. Enrollment in an AP course before 11<sup>th</sup> grade is highly unusual.
- A copy of the Curriculum Guide, including course offerings by department, is available [online](#).

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- **Special Programs:**

- Seminar: A required course for all students, Seminar is designed to develop the [10 key competencies](#) through intentional partnerships with outside organizations and is team-taught by our faculty. Seminar is graded on a Pass/Fail basis and one-half credit is awarded per semester.
- Pathways: Available to Juniors and Seniors, students work on an intensive project in one or more of the following areas: academic, creative, service, and career. Pathways projects receive one-half credit per semester (Pass/Fail).
- Independent Studies: Available to students as an in-depth study of an academic interest with a faculty mentor. Independent Studies are graded and receive one-half credit per semester.
- Through our partnerships with [One Schoolhouse](#) and [Laurel Springs](#), students are permitted to enroll in online courses with approval from the Dean of Teaching and Learning. Online courses are listed on the transcript but do not contribute to the Saint Mary's GPA.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2020

The school year is divided into two semesters, and the expected course load is seven courses per semester. Diploma requirements include a minimum of 20 units, including:

English	4 units
Social Studies	4 units, including .5 unit of religion/philosophy and .5 unit of US Government
Mathematics	3 units, including 1 unit beyond Algebra II
Science	3 units, including 1 unit of biology and 1 unit of a physical science
World Language	2 units (consecutive units of the same language)
Visual & Performing Arts	1 unit
Electives	3 units

### Class of 2020 | STANDARDIZED TESTING\*

SAT Middle 50%: 1100-1330

ACT Composite Middle 50%: 20-30

*\*based on testing data available through Sept. 2019*

#### Grading Scale

97-100	A+	79-77	C+
96-93	A	76-73	C
92-90	A-	72-70	C-
89-87	B+	69-65	D
86-83	B	64-0	F
82-80	B-		

#### GPA Weighting

Through 2017-18:

2 quality points - AP Courses

1 quality point - Honors courses

*Courses with no designation as Honors or AP received no weighting*

Fall 2018 and beyond:

2 quality points - AP Courses

1 quality point - all graded courses

#### AP COURSES

AP English Language and Composition  
 AP English Literature and Composition  
 AP United States History  
 AP United States Government and Politics  
 AP Comparative Government and Politics  
 AP Psychology  
 AP Statistics  
 AP Calculus AB  
 AP Calculus BC  
 Multivariable Calculus (*post AP*)  
 Linear Algebra (*post AP*)  
 AP Computer Science A  
 AP Biology  
 AP Chemistry  
 AP Physics I  
 AP Environmental Science  
 AP French Language and Culture  
 AP Spanish Language and Culture  
 AP Latin  
 AP 2-D Art and Design  
 AP Drawing

## COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY MATRICULATIONS | Classes of 2017-2019

The 61 members of the Class of 2019 are attending 39 different colleges in 18 states and Canada, with 49% enrolled at institutions outside of North Carolina.

Appalachian State University (7)	Princeton University
Auburn University (2)	Rhodes College (3)
Barton College	Saint Anselm College
Baylor University	Savannah College of Art and Design (2)
Bentley University	Sewanee: The University of the South (7)
Boston College (3)	Southern Methodist University
Boston University	Sweet Briar College
Brandeis University	Texas Tech University
Brown University	University of Alabama (3)
Bryn Mawr College	University of British Columbia
Bucknell University	University of California, Los Angeles
Campbell University	University of California, Santa Barbara
Carnegie Mellon University	University of Chicago
Clemson University (2)	University of Colorado at Boulder
Coastal Carolina University	University of Denver
College of Charleston (2)	University of Georgia (2)
College of Saint Benedict	University of Melbourne
College of the Holy Cross	University of Michigan
Colorado College	University of Mississippi (3)
Cornell University	University of Missouri Columbia
Dartmouth College	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Davidson College (4)	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (24)
Denison University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte (3)
Duke University	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
East Carolina University (9)	University of North Carolina at Wilmington (6)
Eckerd College	University of Notre Dame (4)
Elon University (6)	University of Pittsburgh
Emory University	University of South Carolina (2)
Furman University (2)	University of Southern California
George Washington University (3)	University of St Andrews
Georgetown University	University of Texas, Austin (2)
Georgia Institute of Technology (2)	University of Toronto
Georgia State University	University of Wisconsin, Madison (2)
High Point University	Vanderbilt University
Howard University	Villanova University
Louisiana State University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Macalester College	Virginia Tech
Marymount Manhattan College	Wake Forest University (5)
McGill University	Wake Technical Community College
Meredith College (5)	Washington and Lee University (2)
Methodist University	Washington University in St. Louis
Miami University, Oxford	Wellesley College
New York University (2)	Western Carolina University
North Carolina A&T State University	Wofford College (6)
North Carolina State University (20)	
Northeastern University (2)	
Oxford College of Emory University	
Pennsylvania State University	