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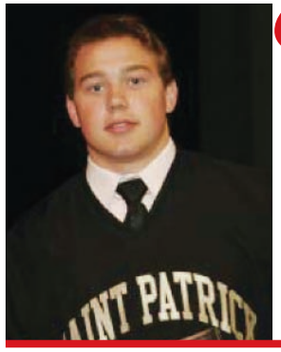

"During my PACC courses, I experienced rigorous coursework with excellent and caring teachers. Because of their mentoring, I am well prepared for the challenges that face me at West Point Military Academy."

— Mike Labek

Saint Patrick High School, Class of 2009 • Chicago, Illinois

WILL MY SAINT MARY'S GRADES AFFECT MY GPA AT THE COLLEGE I EVENTUALLY ATTEND?

Although participating institutions accept the credits, most do not use transfer grades to determine GPA.

ARE ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OBLIGATED TO RECOGNIZE MY CREDIT HOURS?

Credit recognition remains the exclusive prerogative of the institution granting it. College policies vary in regard to transfer credit and may be applied differently from year to year and from student to student. ***It is very important that you check with our website and/or the institution itself for acceptance policies, as they can and do change.***

Many factors affect the decision to accept transfer credit, including the grade the student earned in the course. Usually, however, colleges will accept courses in which you earned a C or above that are a good match for those you would have taken on that campus. ***Course descriptions available on our website are frequently used by colleges to determine how to accept the credits.***

HOW DO I REQUEST MY TRANSCRIPT ONCE MY COURSES ARE COMPLETED?

Many of our participating high schools now feature a Saint Mary's University icon on their home web pages. All PACC information, especially directions for requesting a transcript, is available on that link. Our direct link to a transcript request can also be found on our website: www.smumn.edu/pacc.

Saint Mary's University OF MINNESOTA

Learn more about Saint Mary's, its programs, and locations: **www.smumn.edu**

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Program for Advanced College Credit

Saint Mary's University OF MINNESOTA

"Being able to take classes in high school where the teachers and credits are certified at the university level prepared me for the rigors and expectations of college. It also allowed me to save costs and finish two majors in four years!"

— Mary Gleich

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Class of 2010
Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Fellow
Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School

WHAT IS PACC?

The Program for Advanced College Credit (PACC) provides learning experiences by offering college courses taught in your high school. These varied classes hold the same expectations, workload, learning activities, projects, and exams as the courses taught to first-year students at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota.

PACC supports its partner schools through ongoing educational opportunities based on university standards. ***The program commits to the vocation of teaching in order to awaken, nurture and empower a community of learners for lives of service and leadership.***

WHY IS PACC A GOOD IDEA?

It gives you an 'edge'

As a student, you have a lot to cope with when you first enter college. By taking college courses while still in high school, you have the opportunity to experience the rigors of college coursework and the amount of self-discipline you need to succeed academically in college.

It gives you a 'jump start'

Completing college courses while in high school gives you a jump start on your future college program and offers you more options once you get to college, e.g., acceleration and reduced requirements, saving you both time and money.

It's not just one test

Just like the courses you'll take in college, your grade in a PACC course takes into account the work and effort put into the entire course on various tests and projects. Unlike other advanced credit programs, it does not rely on one test on one day of your life. It is a true reflection of what college will be like.

HOW DO I REGISTER? WHAT COURSES CAN I TAKE?

Saint Mary's offers numerous courses in conjunction with PACC. This means Saint Mary's faculty work closely with approved high school faculty to ensure that the courses are being taught as they would at Saint Mary's. See your high school principal for a list of the PACC courses offered at your high school.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO TAKE SAINT MARY'S COURSES THROUGH PACC?

To be eligible to participate in PACC you must:

- be of junior or senior status;
- have at least a 'B' average and a score in the 50th percentile or higher on a standardized test; and
- return the registration form and tuition fee to your high school by the stated deadline.

Enrollment is at the discretion of the high school teacher and/or administrator.

WHEN I REGISTER FOR PACC COURSES, WHAT IS MY OFFICIAL STATUS WITH SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY?

When you register for a course through PACC, you become a part-time student at Saint Mary's. Your academic records from the course(s) you take will be maintained by the Saint Mary's registrar's office, as are the records of all Saint Mary's students.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

The cost of a PACC credit is $70, so a three-credit class will be $210. The university requires payment for courses to be made in full at the beginning of the semester in which they are taken. Your high school will assist in the registration process.

CAN I REGISTER LATE?

Saint Mary's will process ***registrations received by Friday of the third full week of the fall semester***. The same condition holds for course registration in the spring semester. ***All late registration must be postmarked by the following Monday and include a $15.00 late fee.*** No registrations will be accepted after this date.

WHEN DO I SUBMIT PAYMENT?

Checks covering your tuition must be ***made payable to Saint Mary's University, not to your high school or teacher.*** All checks and registration materials should be returned to the high school by the established deadline. ***Make sure all information on the registration forms is correct.***

HOW WILL I BE GRADED?

At the end of the course you will receive a grade from your course instructor based on Saint Mary's University criteria. This grade will be entered as part of your transcript.

CAN I WITHDRAW FROM A COURSE?

Yes. ***If you withdraw within 10 business days of the registration deadline, you will receive a full refund and no 'W'*** (withdrawal: will appear on your transcript. If you withdraw after 10 business days, no refund will be given and a 'W' will appear on your transcript. The official Saint Mary's course withdrawal form, which is available on the PACC website, must be used. Students who do not withdraw officially by submitting the form are subject to receiving a grade of F.

PACC OFFERS INCREDIBLE SAVINGS OPPORTUNITIES!

3 credit Saint Mary's PACC course	$210.00
3 credit college/university course*	$2,550.00
College Tuition Savings	**$2,340.00**

**Figures are approximate for a 3 credit course*

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT PACC TODAY • CHECK IT OUT AT WWW.SMUMN.EDU/PACC