

PACC

PROGRAM FOR ADVANCED COLLEGE CREDIT

Earn college credit in high school —
save time and tuition!



Saint Mary's University
of MINNESOTA

What is Program For Advanced College Credit (PACC)?

The Program for Advanced College Credit (PACC) provides unique learning opportunities by offering college courses taught in your high school. These varied classes hold the same expectations, workload, learning activities, projects, and exams as college courses. Saint Mary's University faculty work closely with approved high school faculty to ensure that the courses are being taught as they would at Saint Mary's.

PACC supports its partner schools through ongoing educational opportunities based on university standards.

Benefits of PACC

- Take college courses while still in high school.
- Save money on college tuition.
- Attain part-time Saint Mary's University student status.

Eligibility Requirements

- Have at least a 'B' average.
- Submit the name and email address of one non-family member who can recommend you for college-level work.

Financial Information

- Each PACC credit is \$100 (a 3-credit course will cost \$300; a 4-credit course costs \$400).
- Courses must be paid in full at the beginning of each semester.
- Make checks payable to your high school, NOT Saint Mary's University.
- All checks and registration materials should be returned to the high school by the established deadline.
- If you withdraw from classes after 10 business days, NO refunds will be given.

PACC OFFERS INCREDIBLE SAVINGS OPPORTUNITIES

3-credit Saint Mary's PACC course	\$300.00
3-credit college/university course*	\$4,050.00
College Tuition Savings	\$3,750.00

**Figures are approximate for a 3-credit course*



Julie Pierce
DeLaSalle High School

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The PACC program allowed me to begin my college career a semester ahead and graduate early. I felt very prepared when I arrived at Saint Mary's since I had already participated in college-level courses. My advice is to take as many PACC courses as possible!

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Registration

- See your high school PACC representative for a list of courses offered through PACC.
- Registration materials should be returned to the high school by the established deadline.
- Find registration materials at smumn.edu/pacc, or your high school PACC representative can also provide them.

Transcript Requests and Grading

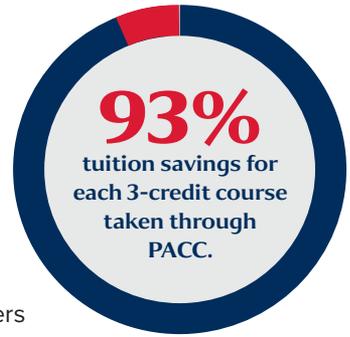
- Transcript requests can be made at smumn.edu/transcripts.
- Grades will be granted by your course instructor based on Saint Mary's University criteria.
- Grades will be entered as part of your Saint Mary's University transcript.

Transfer Credits

- Credit recognition remains the exclusive prerogative of the institution granting it.
- Check with the institution of your choice for acceptance policies, as they can and do change.
- Course descriptions available on our website are frequently used by colleges to determine how to accept the credits.

PACC in a nutshell ...

- PACC is among the first private concurrent enrollment programs in Minnesota. It was established in 1986 in accordance with Saint Mary's Lasallian mission to provide private high school students with accessible higher education opportunities.
- Qualified students can earn college credit while taking rigorous courses from credentialed teachers in the familiarity of their own high schools.
- PACC students can save thousands of dollars as they accumulate college credits before even graduating from high school.
- PACC makes it possible for students to get an idea of what full-time college coursework will be like before they leave the comfort of home, resulting in a more seamless transition from high school to college.
- Students are able to complete numerous general education courses through PACC, freeing them to focus more on their areas of academic interest and/or extracurricular activities once they enroll in college.
- Completing even a single PACC course puts high school students ahead of incoming college freshmen, giving them an edge in such things as registering for college classes.
- PACC helps students avoid the duplication of courses taken in high school and in college.
- Unlike those who take an AP exam, PACC students are guaranteed college credit when they earn a C or better.
- PACC students are provided with access to campus resources.
- Students build confidence while building their future!



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