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St. John’s University

International Admissions Guide
Welcome to St. John’s University

St. John’s University is a private, Catholic university in New York City that celebrates diversity in all its forms. St. John’s is home to more than 1,300 international undergraduate students and more than 400 graduate students from 114 countries worldwide. Its three metropolitan locations offer accessibility to Manhattan, a cultural, business, and economic hub. Students can choose from more than 100 bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees in seven distinguished divisions:

St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences offers majors in the humanities, social sciences, and natural and applied sciences.

The Peter J. Tobin College of Business, an elite collegiate school of business with double accreditation by the prestigious AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) offers outstanding connections to New York’s business community.

College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences equips students for challenging careers as pharmacists, physician assistants, medical technologists, and more.

The School of Education offers a pathway to the personal and professional rewards of the teaching profession.

College of Professional Studies combines a strong liberal arts foundation with real-world experience through internships with companies like MTV and Madison Square Garden.

Institute for Biotechnology melds disciplines such as microbiology, biochemistry, and the pharmaceutical sciences, preparing students for careers in clinical labs and large pharmaceutical companies.

The School of Law introduces students to legal concepts and practices through a curriculum that is designed to expose international students to diverse areas of the law and guide graduates toward professional success.
Rome, Italy – Located in the heart of the Eternal City, our Rome campus offers immediate access to cultural and artistic treasures and features a new, ultramodern facility.

Paris, France – Situated in a six-story structure in the St.-Germain district, or sixth arrondissement, our Paris location is across the street from the Metro. With a bilingual staff to assist you, you’ll feel right at home in the City of Lights.

Seville, Spain – This newest European location is situated in southern Spain, which lies in close proximity to North Africa. Students can study here as part of the Discover the World program.
### MAJORS

#### UNDERGRADUATE
- Accounting
- Actuarial Science
- Administrative Studies
- Advertising Communication (Account Management, Creative Track, Media Planning and Buying)
- Anthropology
- Asian Studies
- Biology (Optometry, Podiatric Medicine)
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Clinical Laboratory Sciences
- Communication Arts
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Cyber Security Systems (Business or Digital forensics options)
- Economics
- Education (Adolescent 7–12: Biology, English, Mathematics, Physics, Social Studies, Spanish; Childhood Education 1–6; Childhood Education and Special Education 1–6)
- French
- Government and Politics
- Graphic Design
- Health and Human Services
- Healthcare Informatics
- History
- Homeland Security
- Hospitality Management
- Illustration
- Information Technology
- Italian
- Journalism
- Legal Studies
- Liberal Arts
- Liberal Studies
- Management
- Marketing
- Mathematical Physics
- Mathematics
- Networking and Telecommunications
- Pharmacy (Six-year Pharm.D.)
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Photojournalism
- Physical Science
- Physical Science/Pre-engineering
- Physician Assistant
- Physics
- Psychology
- Public Administration and Public Service
- Public Relations
- Radiologic Sciences
- Rhetoric and Public Address
- Risk Management and Insurance
- Social Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
- Sport Management
- Television and Film Studies
- Theology
- Toxicology
- **Accelerated three-year bachelor’s degrees and five-year bachelor’s/master’s degrees offered**

#### GRADUATE
- St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **MASTERS OF SCIENCE (M.S.)**
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - School Psychology

- **MASTERS OF ARTS (M.A.)**
  - Chinese Studies
  - Criminology and Justice
  - East Asian Cultural Studies
  - English
  - General Experimental Psychology
  - Global Development and Social Justice
  - Government and Politics
    - American Government
    - Comparative Government
    - International Relations
  - Political Theory
  - Public Policy and Administration

- History
- Liberal Studies
- Library Science
- Museum Administration
- Public History
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Theology
- **DOCTORAL DEGREES**
  - Audiology (Au.D)
  - Biology (Ph.D)
  - Clinical Psychology* (Ph.D)
  - English (Ph.D)
  - Modern World History (D.A)
  - School Psychology* (Psy.D)
- * The School Psychology and Clinical Psychology programs are fully accredited by the American Psychological Association

- The School of Education
  - **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION (M.S.Ed.)**
    - Adolescent Education*
    - Childhood Education*
    - Childhood Education and Special Education—Career Change
    - Childhood Education and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) K–12
    - Career Change
    - Early Childhood Education*
    - Early Childhood Education and Teaching Students with Disabilities (B–2)—Career Change
    - Mental Health Counseling
    - School Building Leadership
    - School Counseling
    - School Counseling with Bilingual Extension
    - Special Education—Career Change
    - Teaching Literacy
    - Teaching Literacy B–6 or 5–12 and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (K–12)
    - Teaching Literacy B–6 and Teaching Children with Disabilities in Childhood Education
    - *Also offered as Career Change

- **EXTENSION PROGRAMS**
  - Bilingual/Multicultural Education
  - Gifted and Talented Education

- **DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS**
  - Educational Administration and Supervision (Ed.D.)
  - Instructional Leadership (Ed.D.)
  - Literacy (Ph.D.)
**WE CAN HELP WITH YOUR TRANSITION TO THE UNITED STATES**

The University Freshman Center was created to fulfill the commitment made by St. John’s University to mentor and guide first-year students from all over the globe with their transition from high school to college. Our mission is to welcome each and every student into the St. John’s community and support their overall transition, acclimation, and integration into the University setting in New York City.

**IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH WITH THE LANGUAGE CONNECTION**

We’re committed to our students’ success, so we offer an extensive support system, which includes The Language Connection.

The Language Connection offers English as a Second Language (ESL) courses, ranging from beginner’s to university preparatory level.

For more information, e-mail esl@stjohns.edu or visit stjohns.edu/TLC/esl.

**YOU WILL NOT BE ALONE**

St. John’s offers more than 180 student organizations that celebrate the educational and cultural richness of the University. Students are encouraged to get involved and develop socially alongside students who share common interests. Furthermore, the neighborhoods immediately surrounding our metropolitan campuses offer tastes of home for students from all over the globe.
PROGRAM DEADLINES

These deadlines are general and may not apply to certain programs:
- Fall semester for international students interested in on-campus housing: February 15
- Fall semester for international students not interested in on-campus housing: May 1
- Spring semester for international students: November 1

For more deadlines and requirements for specific programs, visit us online. Undergraduate: stjohns.edu/undergraduate-deadlines Graduate: stjohns.edu/graduate-deadlines

INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Academic Merit Scholarships – No additional application is required. Awards range from $5,500 per year to full tuition for four years of undergraduate study. Opportunities include the Presidential Scholarship, Provost Scholarship, Scholastic Excellence Scholarship, St. Vincent de Paul Scholarship, Student Success Award, University Promise Award, and Academic Achievement Award. Please note that SAT scores are required to qualify for a merit scholarship.

Application Scholarships – An additional application is required. Opportunities include the Catholic Scholars Program, Ozanam Scholars Program, and Fine Art Scholarship.

Transfer Merit Scholarships – Transfer students must have earned a minimum of 12 credits from an accredited institution of higher learning and must have an average GPA of over 2.5. GPA.

Scholarship Awards for 2014-15 Academic Year:
- GPA of 2.5-2.99 was awarded $7,000
- GPA of 3.0-3.39 was awarded $10,000
- GPA of 3.4-4.00 was awarded $15,000

Graduate assistantships and fellowships are offered based on merit and availability.

For more specific information, visit stjohns.edu/scholarships.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

International students need a Form I-20 Certificate of Eligibility for F-1 student status in order to obtain an F-1 student visa or retain lawful F-1 status when changing schools within the US. To receive your Form I-20 (or Form DS-2019 for J-1 visa), you must be accepted to a full-time program of study at St. John’s and prove you can fully meet the costs of living and studying in the US. For more information, visit stjohns.edu/ISSSO.

St John’s University requires all international students with F-1 and J-1 visas to purchase the University’s medical insurance plan for international students.

All F-1 and J-1 students are automatically provided with and charged for health insurance each semester. The fee for basic coverage is added to the semester invoice, which is due and payable with the tuition and fee charges. For more information, visit stjohns.edu/healthinsurance.
**AVERAGE LIVING EXPENSES**

Average living costs for a nine-month year (off campus) are estimated below, based on 2015–2016 rates. This is a modest, “no extras” budget. It does not include such items as telephone calls, for example. We highly recommend that you bring at least 10 percent more.

This estimate does not include the three summer months. If you plan to stay in the US for the summer, estimated living costs will be **$6,865** for those three months.

**On-Campus Housing and Utilities:** $9,960

**Off-Campus Housing and Utilities:** $10,341

Based on the average cost of a shared room rented in a private home, for international students not living on campus.

**Off-Campus Food:** $2,084  
*(For those living in our residence halls, a meal plan is required.)*

**Personal Items and Clothing:** $1,058

**Transportation:** $930

This includes local transportation only. Travel to and from your country, or the costs of owning a car, are additional expenses.

**Books and Supplies:** $610

Art majors must prove they can support the additional cost of art supplies, which are estimated at $2,000 annually.

**On-Campus Total Living Expenses:** $18,078

**Off-Campus Total Living Expenses:** $14,413

For a complete breakdown of our total cost of attendance, including average tuition, please visit stjohns.edu/tuition.

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**NYC FACTS**

**Weather**

In July, summer temperatures average 76.5 °F (24.7 °C), although heat waves in the 90s and high humidity are not unusual. The average temperature in January, our coldest month, is 32.1 °F (0.1 °C). Spring and autumn are usually moderate and pleasant.

**You’ll Be Near Everything**

The Queens, Staten Island, and Manhattan campuses are all located near city bus and/or subway stops for easy commuting. All are just minutes from the excitement and cultural richness of Manhattan and its many neighborhoods.

St. John’s also offers free shuttle bus service between the Queens and Staten Island campuses. The University Concierge offers discounted tickets to Broadway shows and other exciting events.

**You’ll Be Part of a Community**

The Queens and Staten Island campuses are residential campuses located in gated, suburban communities. Public Safety is on campus and available 24/7, and both campuses offer Health and Wellness programs to help students from all over the world acclimate to college life in the US.

The community within St. John’s is highly diverse, and like-minded students are sure to connect through one of the 180+ student organizations. Residences on both campuses are modern, safe, and close-knit communities that foster social growth and emotional support.
APPLICATION CHECKLIST

APPLICATION
Undergraduate
• Complete and submit an online application at stjohns.edu/apply (application fee is waived for online applications).
• An essay and recommendation letters are encouraged, but not required, for all programs except for Pharmacy, which requires both.
• Certain programs may have additional requirements, so visit stjohns.edu/majors and select your major to see if more application materials are required.

Graduate
• Complete and submit an online application at stjohns.edu/apply.
• An essay and recommendation letters are required for all programs.
• Certain programs may have additional requirements, so visit stjohns.edu/gradprograms and select your major to see if more application materials are required.

TRANSCRIPTS
Undergraduate
• Official secondary school results in original language with official English translation
• Official examination results (if taken) from the examining board (i.e., International Baccalaureate, General Certificate of Education, Caribbean Examinations Council, West African Examinations Council)
• Statement of activity if you have a gap in your education of more than three months between your graduation date and date of application submission

Graduate
• Official university and postsecondary transcripts, as well as degree conferrals/diplomas

TEST SCORES
Undergraduate
• TOEFL or IELTS exam is required to demonstrate English language proficiency for students from a non-English-speaking country. For students from an English-speaking country, SAT score is required. Use the St. John’s school code 2799.
• If TOEFL or IELTS exam is provided, the SAT becomes optional, unless the student is applying to the Pharmacy, Physician Assistant, Bio-Podiatry, Bio-Optometry, Actuarial Science, three-year undergrad programs or five-year combined degree programs; desires academic scholarship consideration; or comes from an English-speaking country.

Graduate
• TOEFL or IELTS exam to demonstrate English language proficiency
• Some programs require GRE/GMAT scores
• When submitting test scores, please use the St. John’s school code 2799.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT
Applicants who have attended an American high school abroad or an American university, or who are from any of the following countries: American Samoa, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada (except Quebec), Dominica, Grand Cayman, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Liberia, New Zealand, Sierra Leone, Trinidad/Tobago, United Kingdom, and US Pacific Trust, can have the TOEFL/IELTS requirement waived, but will be required to submit SAT or ACT test scores.

UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER APPLICANTS
Students who have attended an international university not accredited by the United States or whose academic records are in a language other than English must submit a foreign credential evaluation. Please refer to naces.org for a listing of credential evaluating agencies from which we can accept course-by-course evaluations. The evaluations must contain US grade and credit equivalents. For more information and individual program requirements, refer to the St. John’s undergraduate and graduate bulletins at stjohns.edu/bulletins.

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION
Conditional admission is an option in most undergraduate programs and some graduate programs.