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# THE SCHOOLS

## **SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS**

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The School of Liberal Arts offers an education that lasts a lifetime—one that honors cooperative as well as individual achievement. It promotes the application of learning to progressively solve complex problems, and fosters creativity, self-awareness, and civic engagement. No matter what they study—the fine arts, the humanities, the social sciences—liberal arts students not only complete a degree in their chosen academic area, they also learn to think critically, gather and assess information, solve problems, express themselves with clarity and precision, and collaborate effectively with others.

The hallmark of the School of Liberal Arts is the preparation it gives students for lifelong learning. Technical skills may become obsolete over time, but the skills and values gained through liberal arts coursework will not. Almost every profession requires the intellectual habits of rational analysis, integrative thinking, and ethical decision-making. Today's organizations value students with a liberal arts education because their knowledge, values, and skills prepare them for changing economic conditions.

## The Schools

The undergraduate departments, programs, and curricular areas of the school are:

**Anthropology**  
**Art & Art History**  
**Classical Languages**  
**Communication**  
**English**  
**English Composition Program**  
**Ethnic Studies Program**  
**Global and Regional Studies Program**  
**History**  
**Integral Program**  
**Justice, Community and Leadership Program**  
**Kinesiology**  
**Performing Arts: Dance, Music and Theatre**  
**Philosophy**  
**Politics**  
**Sociology**  
**Theology and Religious Studies**  
**Women's and Gender Studies Program**  
**World Languages and Cultures**

Saint Mary's College confers the Bachelor of Arts degree on completion of the general College requirements and a major in one of the following areas: anthropology, art/art history, classical languages, communication, English, French, history, kinesiology, performing arts (music, dance and theatre), philosophy, politics, sociology, Spanish, theology and religious studies, and women's and gender studies. The Bachelor of Arts is also conferred in the Integral Program. Interdisciplinary majors are available in American Studies, Environmental Studies, Global and Regional Studies, Health and Human Performance, and Justice, Community and Leadership. Minors are available in all of the major disciplines as well as in Archaeology, Cinematic Arts, Digital Studies, Ethnic Studies, East Asian Studies, German Studies, Italian Studies, and Law & Society. Academic programs in foreign countries are offered in both semester and summer programs.

In the School of Liberal Arts, Saint Mary's College also offers LEAP (Liberal Education for Arts Professionals), a Bachelor of Arts degree-completion program for current and former professional dancers in San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles, and Las Vegas; a Master of Arts degree in Kinesiology: Sports Studies; a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing; and a Master of Fine Arts in Dance.

For information on the LEAP Program, contact the LEAP Program, at LEAP, P.O. Box 4700, Saint Mary's College, Moraga CA 94575-4700; (925) 631-4538; [leap@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:leap@stmarys-ca.edu).

For information on the Master's degree in Kinesiology: Sports Studies, contact the Department of Kinesiology, P.O. Box 4500, Saint Mary's College, Moraga, CA 94575-4500; (925) 631-4377; [makin@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:makin@stmarys-ca.edu).

For information on the Master's degree in Intercultural Communication, contact the Department of Communication, P.O. Box is 4730, Saint Mary's College, Moraga, CA 94575-4730; (925) 631-4048; [macomm@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:macomm@stmarys-ca.edu).

For information on the Master of Fine Arts Program in Creative Writing, contact the MFA Program in Creative Writing, P.O. Box 4686, Saint Mary's College, Moraga, CA 94575-4686; (925) 631-4088; [writers@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:writers@stmarys-ca.edu).

For information on the Master of Fine Arts in Dance, contact the Department of Performing Arts, P.O. Box 3001, Saint Mary's College, Moraga, CA 94575-3001; (925) 631-8183; [mfadance@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:mfadance@stmarys-ca.edu).

## SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

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The School of Science has as its primary objective the development of a scientific and mathematical inquiring mind in the context of humanistic values. Students are introduced to fundamental scientific theories and their supporting data, and are encouraged to develop their powers of observation, synthesis and analysis, as well as their quantitative skills. Familiarity with the scientific methods of knowing and investigative inquiry is enhanced through laboratory experiences, and research opportunities.

Incoming freshmen have the opportunity to join a residential community of science students. For details, see Living and Learning Communities.

The departments and programs of the School of Science are:

- Allied Health Science**
- Biochemistry**
- Biology**
- Chemistry**
- Environmental and Earth Science Programs**
- Mathematics and Computer Science**
- Physics and Astronomy**
- Psychology**
- 3+2 Engineering Program**

The academic programs of the School of Science are designed to provide preparation for a wide variety of scientific and professional careers. Graduates obtain advanced degrees (MS, PhD) in many mathematical and scientific disciplines, going on to serve in higher education and research. Graduates enter professional schools in health care areas such as medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, physical therapy, and pharmacy. They may pursue careers in all of the major fields of engineering through the 3+2 Engineering Program. Many graduates of the School of Science find satisfying careers in secondary schools, in business and industry, and in government service.

Saint Mary's College confers the Bachelor of Science degree on completion of the general College requirements and a major concentration in one of the following areas: biochemistry, biology, chemistry, earth science, environmental science, environmental studies, mathematics, physics and psychology. In addition, the Bachelor of Science degree is awarded upon completion of the interdisciplinary major in allied health science. Students who wish to major in engineering may begin their studies at Saint Mary's through the 3+2 Engineering Program, transferring after their junior year to an affiliated engineering program elsewhere. On completion of the engineering major, they receive a Bachelor of Arts from Saint Mary's in addition to a Bachelor of Science in engineering from the affiliated university. See 3+2 Engineering Program. Saint Mary's also confers the Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics.

### **SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

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Built upon the Lasallian, Catholic, and Liberal Arts traditions of Saint Mary's College, the School of Economics and Business Administration strives to develop business and community leaders with global and responsible perspectives. We prepare our graduates to be professionally skilled, culturally aware, socially responsible, and ethically principled. As teachers, scholars, and mentors, we offer students a rigorous, innovative, and diverse learning experience by leveraging our practice-relevant, pedagogical, and discipline-based research.

The School of Economics and Business Administration is committed to the values that are central to Saint Mary's College: academic excellence, personal integrity, ethical behavior, and respect for human dignity. These values are integrated into an academic program that prepares a student for a successful and meaningful professional career, community contribution, and a life of personal satisfaction and individual fulfillment.

The School of Economics and Business Administration offers distinguished undergraduate programs in Accounting, Economics, and Business Administration. The School confers the following degrees: the Bachelor of Science in Accounting, the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, and the choice of a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Economics. Our Business Administration majors have an opportunity to choose a concentration in any of the following areas: Marketing, Finance, Global Business, Entrepreneurship and Business Analytics. In addition, Business Administration majors can also choose an interdisciplinary concentration, Digital Media. The business administration and accounting programs are AACSB-accredited.

The concepts and analytical approaches drawn from the three disciplines prepare students to understand and function effectively in the highly competitive, technologically complex, politically volatile, and culturally diverse global economy of the 21st century. Consideration of the ethical implications and social responsibilities of economic activity and business enterprise is an integral part of each major.

The curricula in the School of Economics and Business Administration consist of coherent groups of courses that balance the need for developing analytical and presentation skills, theory, and practice. A major strength of the school is that many instructors have years of professional experience in the fields they teach. The subject matter within the three disciplines is discussed thoroughly and systemically, in a way that challenges students to approach problems critically, and to solve them efficiently and effectively. The curriculum provides the mathematical and information-technology skills needed for advanced course work as well as careers, and graduate studies.

Graduates of the School (SEBA) are trained to assume leadership roles as entrepreneur, manager, financier, teacher, lawyer, investor, or researcher.

The School (SEBA) provides internship and experimental learning opportunities as well as the innovative four-year professional development "Career Gateway" program. The "Career Gateway" program offers a wide variety of workshops ranging from interviewing techniques, time management, resume writing, and cross-cultural skills to technology, social media, and other seminars that prepare our students as they pursue different career paths. In addition, a number of student clubs and organizations are available for SEBA students to become involved, either in leadership roles or as active members.

The School of Economics and Business Administration also offers graduate degree programs, which include the Professional MBA, Hybrid Executive MBA, Global MBA, MS in Finance, MS in Accounting, M.S in Business Analytics and MS in Management.

For information on the graduate programs, please send your inquiries to:  
School of Economics and Business Administration  
P.O. Box 4230  
Moraga, CA 94575  
Email: [smcmba@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:smcmba@stmarys-ca.edu)

## KALMANOVITZ SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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The Kalmanovitz School of Education (KSOE) and its programs enjoy a stellar reputation for educational excellence, and innovation due to its unique student-centered learning environment. Through the practice of shared inquiry, active collaborative learning, and community engagement, students are empowered to lead change according to the principles of social justice, and the common good.

Saint Mary's College's commitment to training teachers began in 1967 when coursework and field experiences leading to a secondary teaching credential were established. In 1971, the elementary education program began and master's degree programs formed soon after. Counseling Leadership began in 1978, and the Department of Education became the School of Education in 1985. In 2000, an Education Doctorate (EdD) in Educational Administration, now Educational Leadership, became the first doctoral program at Saint Mary's College; and in 2014, the Graduate Leadership Department, which includes bachelor's and master's degrees in leadership, became part of the KSOE.

KSOE departments include Counseling, Leadership and Teacher Education and they range from teaching and counseling licensure to degrees at the master's and doctoral levels. Innovative programming includes the Center for Environmental Literacy, which explores and promotes educational programming and professional development opportunities for educators to integrate nature and the arts into academic curricula designed for elementary, middle and high school students, as well as for Saint Mary's College research and coursework.

The KSOE prepares students annually for certificates, credentials and degrees. A bachelor's degree in Leadership and Organizational Studies is offered for working adults. Master's degrees are offered in education, teaching leadership, general counseling, marriage and family therapy and professional clinical counseling, school counseling, school psychology, career counseling, college student services, leadership, and educational leadership. The Teachers for Tomorrow program, in collaboration with School of Liberal Art's (SOLA) Justice, Community and Leadership program, features undergraduate teacher education pathways. Credential programs are offered in seven areas recognized by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing: administrative services, teaching leadership, multiple subjects (K-8), single subject (secondary), school counseling, school psychology, and special education. The Educational Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership features an emphasis on social justice, collaborative learning, and community-based research.

Two academic centers are housed in KSOE: The Center for Environmental Literacy (CEL) and The Leadership Center. CEL explores and promotes environmental education in schools and communities worldwide. River of Words, CEL's signature program, provides tools for teaching environmental literacy to children, teens, and teachers through art and poetry. The mission of the Leadership Center is to enhance leadership capacity in order to meet the unique challenges and opportunities in the 21st Century. The programs and services integrate contemporary academic theories of leadership and organizational change with proven, practical, action-based approaches to serving communities, organizations, and society.