CAMPUS LIFE
Quality of Life Rating 93
Fire Safety Rating 97
Green Rating 60*
Type of school Private
Affiliation No Affiliation
Environment Town

STUDENTS
Total undergrad enrollment 434
% male/female 55/45
% from out of state 78
% frosh from public high school 47
% frosh live on campus 96
% ugrads live on campus 69
# of fraternities (% ugrad men join) 0 (0)
# of sororities (% ugrad women join) 0 (0)
% African American 1
% Asian 4
% Caucasian 69
% Hispanic 5
% Native American <1
% Pacific Islander 0
% Two or more races 2
% Race and/or ethnicity unknown <1
% international 18
# of countries represented 29

ACADEMICS
Academic Rating 95
% students returning for sophomore year 79
% students graduating within 4 years 70
% students graduating within 6 years 76
Calendar Semester
Student/faculty ratio 6:1
Profs interesting rating 99
Profs accessible rating 98

MOST POPULAR MAJORS
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Liberal Studies

ABOUT THE SCHOOL
Great books are the bedrock of a St. John’s College education. At this Annapolis institution (which also has a campus in Santa Fe, New Mexico), the interdisciplinary curriculum is based around important books and ideas of Western civilization “fostering the best educational experience any lover of learning could ask for.” All students share the same course of study—“the Program”—fully conducted in seminar-style courses in the humanities, literature, and philosophy with three years of laboratory science, four years of math, three years of language, and two years of music. Students “don’t memorize formulas, we learn the logic and reason through the steps.” Professors are called tutors here, and they are “always thoughtful and well-spoken, incredibly intelligent, and interested in being a part of the community.” St. John’s is “unique in its approach but is so oddly accessible,” and its educational model really gives the student control. It “allows the student to solve problems and answer their own personal questions... in such a way that one truly feels empowered in one’s education.”

BANG FOR YOUR BUCK
St. John’s was founded in 1696 and received its charter in 1784 and has a longstanding tradition of churning out incredibly bright, capable critical thinkers who have no aversion to hard work. In fact, 70 percent of students continue their studies after graduation in graduate or professional school programs. The college’s financial aid program both rewards academic merit and recognizes financial need. To that end, St. John’s awarded over $3.7 million in merit scholarships to students in the most recent incoming class. All students who apply are considered for merit-based scholarships.

STUDENT LIFE
The St. John’s student body is unique because “our social and our academic [lives] are completely blurred.” Due to the unusual nature of the curriculum, everyone has read the same books so socially, “most things revolve around the Program,” and a popular student in this “curious bunch” is one who does their work. Campus boasts a smorgasbord of activities for eager students, including those put on by the Waltz committee, which organizes a ton of swing dances each semester. “The entire college (almost) knows how to swing dance.” The school also has a “robust intramural program,” as well as an intercollegiate croquet team for which the school is famous, and the community formed within “leads to many friendships that would not have happened otherwise.” There is also a very active theater program, which usually holds four shows a year, and four publications on campus.

CAREER
Simply by getting everyone to talk to one another in their seminars, the Program “allows the community the freedom and opportunity to shape St. John’s into what they want and need it to be,” and even if career paths aren’t as apparent, students leave happy. The Career Services Office is ready to help any student with finding an internship, application strategies for graduate programs, or securing research positions. Information sessions, workshops, and career and “experience fairs” showcasing student projects are held throughout the year, and a newsletter is published twice a month with information about career development opportunities, internships, graduate school, and life planning.
GENERAL INFO  
**Activities:** Choral groups, dance, drama/theater, literary magazine, music ensembles, student government, student newspaper, student-run film society, yearbook. 55 registered organizations, 5 religious organizations.  
**On-Campus Highlights:** Mitchell Art Gallery, Greenfield Library, McDowell Hall, Caroll Barrister House, French Monument. The entire campus is a registered national landmark.

FINANCIAL AID  
*Students should submit:* FAFSA, State aid form. Priority filing deadline is 2/1. The Princeton Review suggests that all financial aid forms be submitted as soon as possible after October 1.  
*Need-based scholarships/grants offered:* Federal Pell, FSEOG, state scholarships/grants, private scholarships, college/university scholarship or grant aid from institutional funds.  
*Loan aid offered:* Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, Direct PLUS loans, College/university loans from institutional funds. Applicants will be notified of awards on a rolling basis beginning 12/15. Federal Work-Study Program available. Institutional employment available.

BOTTOM LINE  
Tuition at St. John’s is a steep $51,200 per year with about $12,000 in room and board and a $470 activity fee. Take note: Around 95 percent of St. John’s student receive assistance, with the average financial aid package coming in at $41,324. Additionally, the Maryland Higher Education Commission offers a variety of state scholarships for residents of Maryland.

CAREER INFORMATION FROM PAYSCALE.COM  
- **ROI Rating:** 88  
- **Bachelor’s and No Higher**  
  - Median starting salary: $51,800  
  - Median mid-career salary: $101,900  
- **At Least Bachelors**  
  - Median starting salary: $53,000  
  - Median mid-career salary: $104,100  

FRESHMAN PROFILE  
- **Range SAT (pre-2016 redesign)**  
  - Critical Reading: 610–730  
  - Math: 570–710  
  - Writing: 600–700  
- **Concordant SAT**  
  - Critical Reading: 660–740  
  - Math: 590–740  
  - Writing: 27–33  
- **Average HS GPA:** 3.5

DEADLINES  
- **Early action:** 11/15  
- **Regular:** 12/15

FINANCIAL FACTS  
- **Financial Aid Rating:** 85  
- **Annual tuition:** $51,200  
- **Room and board:** $12,233  
- **Required fees:** $470  
- **Average UG need-based scholarship:** $32,168  
- **% needy frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid:** 99  
- **% needy UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid:** 98  
- **% needy frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid:** 27  
- **% needy UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid:** 19  
- **% needy frosh rec. need-based self-help aid:** 96  
- **% needy UG rec. need-based self-help aid:** 97  
- **% frosh rec. any financial aid:** 82  
- **% UG rec. any financial aid:** 71  
- **% UG borrow to pay for school:** 83  
- **Average cumulative indebtedness:** $18,165  
- **% frosh need fully met:** 32  
- **% ugrads need fully met:** 23  
- **Average % of frosh need met:** 83  
- **Average % of ugrad need met:** 81