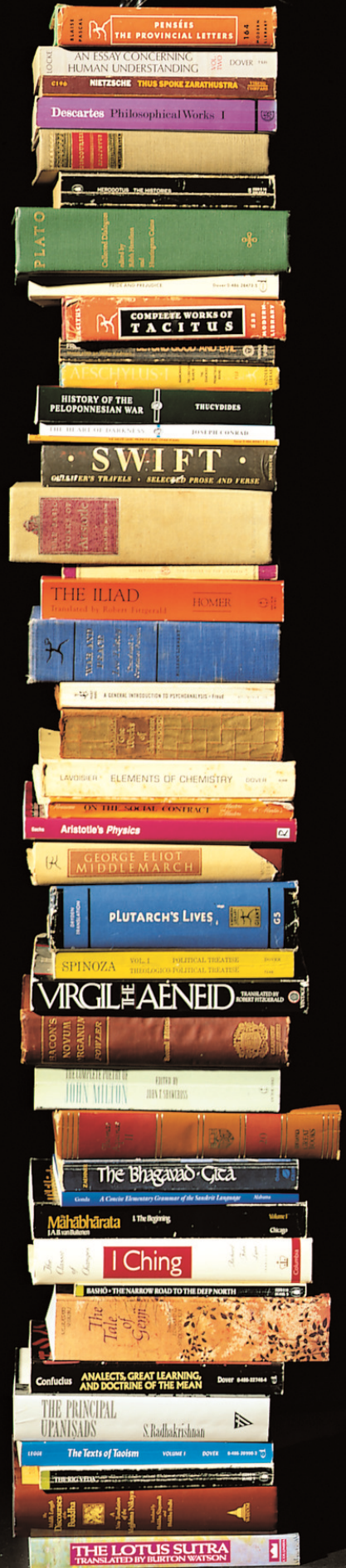


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## 1. Welcome

Welcome to St. John's College! When you arrive at St. John's, you'll be joining a community of learning unified by inquiry, conversation and mutual respect.

This won't simply be the beginning of your college experience, but also the start of a journey centered around our unique academic program. This community—students, faculty, and staff—looks forward to welcoming you into our midst.

For this handbook and more information online, visit [sjc.edu/international-student-services](http://sjc.edu/international-student-services).

## 2. Admission

St. John's seeks to enroll a diverse student body and welcomes applications from international students. Typically, students from 35-40 foreign countries are enrolled at the college. International students find a welcoming atmosphere, an academic experience grounded in reading and discussion, an array of extracurricular activities, and an immersion in American social life.

In order to be considered for admission, international students must have followed a pre-university course of study and must submit the following documents:

- A completed St. John's application form accompanied by the required essays.
- Two letters of reference, at least one of which must be from a teacher of an academic subject.
- An official record of secondary work, with all courses and grades, including the results of the appropriate examinations (e.g. "A" Levels, International Baccalaureate, and so on). This must be accompanied by an explanation of the grading system used and an English translation of records in other languages.
- Results from one standardized test: Pearson's PTE, the College Board's SAT, the American College Test (ACT), the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). (An interview may be used in lieu of standardized testing when the language of instruction for the student's secondary education has been English).

These tests are offered at test centers throughout the world, and information about them can be obtained through American embassies, consulates, and educational resource centers. (St. John's College's test code numbers for the College Entrance Examination Board (SAT and TOEFL) are: Annapolis=5598; Santa Fe=4737. The American College Test (ACT) numbers are: Annapolis=1732; Santa Fe=2649)

## 3. Before Arriving in the U.S.

### a. Visas and F-1 Status

A student is admitted to St. John's College only after he or she receives an official acceptance letter from the Director of Admissions. A student accepts an offer of admission (and an offer of financial aid if applicable) by submitting a \$300 deposit to the Admissions Office. When the deposit and signed award are received, the student is sent a Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status (also known as an I-20 form). The student may then apply for a visa at a United States embassy or consulate.

#### i. What is an F-1 student?

An F-1 student is a nonimmigrant who is pursuing a "full course of study" towards a specific educational or professional objective at a United States academic institution certified by the United States Citizenship

and Immigration Services (USCIS) to offer courses of study to such students. An F-1 student is enrolled in SEVIS (the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) by the academic institution. Once the educational or professional objectives have been attained, the F-1 student is expected by the U.S. government to return to his or her residence abroad.

#### St. John's College Designated School Official

The registrar is the primary designated school official (DSO) for all F-1 visa students with respect to their visa requirements, maintenance of status, optional practical training, and related matters. The information outlined below is not intended to be exhaustive. Students should contact the registrar when they have questions about their F-1 status.

#### ii. What is SEVIS?

The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS –pronounced SEE-vis) is the web-based data collection and monitoring system that creates an interface between institutions of higher education, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), consulates and embassies abroad, ports of entry, and other U.S. government and security agencies.

The term SEVIS refers to both the database and the regulations guiding F-1 visa students.

#### iii. How to Obtain and Maintain F-1 Status

- An F-1 visa is obtained after a student's visa application has been approved by a U.S. Consular official. (Note: A visa is not required for Canadian citizens to enter the U.S. in any nonimmigrant category; the prospective student, however, must possess a valid I-20.)
- An F-1 visa is laminated into the applicant's passport by the U.S. Consular Officer, noting the period of its validity and the number of entries allowed.
- During the F-1 process, the I-20 form, originally issued by the college and used in the visa application process, is returned to the student. The I-20 and the F-1 visa must be presented to the U.S. Port of Entry Officer who makes the final determination about entry into the U.S.
- As of January 1, 2003, students may be admitted to the U.S. no sooner than 30 days before the "report date or program start date" indicated in SEVIS and on form I-20.
- At the port of entry the student must present to immigration officials:
  - A passport valid for at least six months;
  - An F-1 visa on which the name of the school must match the name of the school on the I-20;
  - Evidence of financial support, including the same financial support information used to obtain the F-1 visa;
  - And an original form I-20 properly signed by the DSO and by the student (a copy of the I-20 will not be accepted by immigration officials).
- Upon admitting the student to the U.S., the immigration officer issues the student the departure portion of form I-94, marked with the date and place of entry, the person's status as an F-1 student, a unique 11-digit admission number, and the period of admission known as "duration of status," indicated by the notation "D/S."
- "Duration of Status" consists of:
  - The time spent pursuing a full-course of study (as indicated on the I-20 form);
  - Time spent in practical training after completion of studies;
  - A 60 day "grace period";
  - And any extensions of duration of status granted under the regulations.
- The duration of studies and status for F-1 students attending St. John's College is four years.

It is extremely important for an F-1 student to maintain status while in the U.S. Failure to maintain the terms and conditions of nonimmigrant status is grounds for deportation under USCIS regulations. An F-1 student maintains status by:

1. Reporting to the DSO for Initial Registration in SEVIS upon arriving at the school.
2. Attending the school identified on the visa and on the I-20.
3. Pursuing a full course of study at the school listed on the currently valid form I-20 during every academic session or semester except during official school breaks, or unless approved under a specific exception, in advance, by the DSO.
4. Making normal progression towards completing the course of study, by completing studies before the expiration of the program completion date on form I-20.
5. Keeping form I-20 valid by following proper procedures for extension of stay, change in educational levels or program of study and transfer of schools.
6. Remaining in the U.S. for no longer than 60 days after completing the full course of study, unless prior to that time the student has followed proper procedures for applying for optional practical training, moving educational levels, or school transfer.
7. Reporting a change of address to the DSO within 10 days of the change, so that SEVIS can be updated.
8. Abiding by rules requiring disclosure of information and prohibition of criminal activity.
9. Abiding by any special requirements, such as Special Registration requirements.
10. Keeping a passport valid at all times unless exempt from the passport requirement.
11. Working only in on-campus employment unless otherwise allowed by the USCIS regulations.  
An F-1 student can work on-campus up to 20 hours per week while school is in session and full-time during official school breaks. (However, it should be noted that St. John's College allows students to work only 10 hours per week on campus during the regular academic semesters and that on campus employment is not guaranteed.)

#### iv. Visits Abroad and Re-entry in F-1 Status

If an F-1 student wishes to visit another country other than his or her home country while in F-1 status, he or she must check with the Embassy of the country he or she would like to visit to inquire about specific entry procedures. Usually, an F-1 student returning to his or her home country for a visit will be allowed to enter that country if he or she holds a valid passport or other travel document issued by that country. (Please keep in mind that Mexico and Canada have distinct entry requirements, which must be investigated by F-1 students wishing to visit there.)

To re-enter the U.S. after a temporary absence of 5 months or less and to resume his or her program of study, an F-1 student must have a valid passport or travel document and a valid F-1 visa unless exempt from the passport and visa requirement. If an F-1 student's visa has expired, he or she must go to the U.S. Consulate office in his or her home country to obtain a new visa. An F-1 student must also have a properly endorsed (by a DSO) form I-20. An F-1 student should bring his or her I-20 to the Office of the Registrar for signature every time he or she plans to leave the U.S.

For more information, please visit the U.S. State Department's Education USA website at [educationusa.state.gov](http://educationusa.state.gov) for assistance with the application process and information on how to contact an advising center in your country.

#### **b. F-1 Student Employment**

In order to maintain valid F-1 status, a student must not work in the United States, unless the employment is specifically authorized under one of the following five categories:

1. On-campus employment
2. Employment authorized because of severe economic hardship
3. Special Student Relief program employment, which is based on the on-campus and economic hardship employment categories
4. Certain employment sponsored by international organizations
5. Practical Training (curricular and optional practical training)

All these categories require that the student maintain a currently valid F-1 status. A student who is out of status is not eligible for F-1 benefits, including employment.

F-1 students are generally permitted to work part-time on the premises of the school that issued their currently valid I-20, while they are attending that school and maintaining their F-1 status.

On-campus employment carries:

1. Preconditions: Eligible immediately upon obtaining F-1 status; there is no waiting period.
2. Location: Must be considered 'on-campus.'
3. Duration: Can be used throughout period the student is pursuing a full course of study.
4. Hours per week: Limited to 10 hours per week while school is in session; can be full-time during official school breaks. (St. John's College limits students' on-campus work to 10 hours per week while school is in session. On-campus employment is not guaranteed.)
5. Field/level of work: Can be in any on-campus position that does not displace a U.S. worker; does not have to be related to the course of study.
6. Offer of employment: Not required as a condition of eligibility.

Optional Practical Training (OPT) permits off-campus employment and is defined as temporary employment for practical training directly related to the student's major area of study.

F-1 students must have been enrolled for at least one academic year and be in good academic standing before they can be authorized to work off-campus. Given the nature of the St. John's College program of studies, the fields of employment are many.

OPT is for a cumulative maximum of 12 months and can be authorized before or after the student's completion of studies or a combination of both. OPT is recommended by the DSO, proper forms are filed by the student and the DSO with the USCIS. Upon review of all documentation, the USCIS issues an Employment Authorization Document (EAD). Off-campus work cannot begin before issuance of the EAD.

Optional Practical Training can be part-time (max. of 20 hours per week) while school is in session and full-time during official breaks or after completion of degree requirements. OPT authorization is required for any "off-campus" job or internship, both while classes are in session or during class breaks. OPT time used during the four years of study at St. John's will be subtracted from the maximum of 12 months allotted to each F-1 student.

Check with the registrar with questions about on and off-campus employment and what is legal with the F-1 visa.

### **c. Social Security Numbers**

A Social Security number is assigned to people who are authorized to work in the United States. It is used to post wages to Social Security records so workers can become eligible for Social Security benefits. If a student plans to work (and F-1 students can only work on campus unless under special circumstances – see

employment section), he or she needs a Social Security number, which can be obtained if St. John's has authorized such work. This number is issued free of charge.

In order to apply for a Social Security number, a student must provide original documents showing his or her age, identity, F-1 immigration status and proof that his or her school has authorized him or her to work.

- Age: Birth certificate preferred, but passport accepted
- Identity: Document other than birth certificate that shows the name you want on your Social Security card. Recently issued document with a photograph (i.e. passport, school ID) preferred.
- F-1 Immigration Status: DHS document issued to you when you arrived in the US (the I-94, Arrival/Departure Record showing F-1 status) and the student copy of the student's I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status
- Eligibility to Work: to get a Social Security number for work, he or she must provide either:
  - A letter from the student's designated school official stating that he or she is authorized to work, is enrolled in a full course of study, and has been hired for an on-campus job; or
  - A letter from the student's designated school official stating that he or she is authorized to work (OPT approved status) and a certified college transcript that shows he or she is currently enrolled in a full course of study; or
  - A pay stub or letter from the student's on-campus employer verifying his or her employment, along with a certified transcript that shows he or she is currently enrolled in a full course of study; or
  - A letter from the student's designated school official stating that he or she will receive a scholarship in exchange for teaching services, along with a certified transcript that shows the student is currently enrolled in a full course of study.

#### **d. Financial Aid for International Students**

Financial aid for attending St. John's College is available for international students. Financial aid packages for international students may include scholarships, grants, loans, and campus employment. Additional funding is available for students from United World College schools.

Students are also eligible to apply for summer employment at St. John's, but the availability of jobs cannot be guaranteed. Students interested in work must complete the campus employment application from their campus. If attending the Annapolis campus, please see the [Forms and Resources \(sjc.edu/finaid/forms\)](http://sjc.edu/finaid/forms) page to complete the online application. If attending Santa Fe, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

In order to apply for financial aid, please complete the CSS Profile online at [profileonline.collegeboard.com](http://profileonline.collegeboard.com). The CSS Profile is available online beginning October 1. You will be asked questions about your finances during your country's most recent tax year, previous tax year, and upcoming tax year. In addition to the online CSS Profile, you will need to complete the [Certification of Finances form sjc.edu/certification-finances](http://sjc.edu/certification-finances) and return it to the Financial Aid Office.

Please complete the CSS Profile application as soon as possible. You do not need to wait until you have been admitted to the college to complete the application. If you are unable to complete the Profile online, please contact the Financial Aid Office for further instructions. Offers of financial aid will be made once the student has been admitted to the college.



**Davis United World Scholars Program:** St. John's is one of only 65 colleges and universities in the United States committed to enrolling graduates of the United World Colleges. Each graduate of the United World Colleges who has been accepted is eligible for \$10,000 Davis Scholarship for each year of enrollment at St. John's. This scholarship is awarded in combination with merit and grant aid offered by the college.

#### **Helpful Links for International Students**

- International Student Loan Center - [internationalstudentloan.com](http://internationalstudentloan.com)
  - Free, searchable database of scholarships for international students [InternationalScholarships.com](http://InternationalScholarships.com)
  - General resource site - [InternationalStudent.com](http://InternationalStudent.com)
- Questions? Contact the Financial Aid Office – [sjc.edu/finaid](http://sjc.edu/finaid) 410-626-2502

#### **e. Obtaining a Maryland Driver's License**

If under the age of 21 and obtaining your first driver's license:

You must first obtain a learner's permit (Type 1 for those who have never had a license before) by going to the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) office and submitting these materials:

- 1) Completed learner's permit application
- 2) Document to prove age and identity (passport/visa)
- 3) Valid social security card
- 4) Proof of lawful presence in the U.S. (passport/visa)
- 5) 2 different documents proving Maryland residency (bank account statement with school address and a piece of government or first class mail sent to your name at the school address)

After obtaining a permit:

- Complete an approved driver's education course which includes 30 hours of in-person classroom time and six hours of behind-the-wheel training with a certified instructor.
- Complete 60 hours of supervised driving with a driver who is at least 21 years of age and has held a license for 3 years.
- Schedule an appointment at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to pass knowledge and driving test. (A permit must be held for at least 9 months before you can test for your license. A permit expires after 2 years.)

Exchanging foreign-issued license for a Maryland driver's license:

- Must pass vision test.
- Must pass knowledge and driving test. The foreign-issued license can be valid or expired but not suspended.
- If applicant has never held a US driver's license before, they must complete a 3-hour drug and alcohol education program.
- If applicant hasn't had their foreign-issued license for at least 18 months, then a provisional license will be issued.

#### **Maryland Vehicle Administration (MVA)**

<http://www.mva.maryland.gov/drivers/apply/international-applicants.htm#internationalstudents>  
410-768-7000

#### **Maryland Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)**

<http://www.dmv.org/md-maryland/drivers-permits.php>

**Annapolis DMV/MVA** (*both the DMV and MVA offices are housed in the same location*)  
160 Harry S. Truman Parkway  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
410-768-7000

Office Hours: Monday-Friday (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)  
Saturday (8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

**f. Obtaining a Maryland State Identification Card**

Some students decide to obtain a Maryland ID card so that they don't have to carry their passport around as photo identification to prove their identity, age, or address. If you live in Maryland, you may apply for a Maryland ID card at the Motor Vehicle Administration. There are no age requirements to apply for the card. When you visit the office, you will need to bring documents proving your identity and date of birth, your lawful presence in the U.S., your Maryland residency, your Social Security card (or proof of your ineligibility to work in the U.S.) and payment to pay the fee for the card. The fee is \$15 if you're younger than 18 and \$24 if you're between ages 18 and 65. Visit the website for more information, including a complete list of acceptable documents needed to prove eligibility.

**4. Living in the United States**

**a. Currency**

U.S. currency is produced at U.S. Treasury locations in Washington, D.C., and Fort Worth, Texas. The coins and bills have many variations since the mint will issue special commemorative coins and bills to celebrate historical events. The coins and bills will stay the same size and same basic design. Below are the most common currencies in circulation.

**Common Coins:**

100 cents are equal to 1 dollar. Every coin has the phrase "IN GOD WE TRUST" and "E PLURIBUS UNUM" (Latin for the phrase "From many, one").

**Penny**

Worth 1 cent. A penny is a copper-plated zinc coin.

It has Abraham Lincoln on the front and the Lincoln Memorial on the back.



**Nickel**

Worth 5 cents. It is made of a nickel and copper blend.

It is larger than a penny. It has Thomas Jefferson on the front and Monticello (Jefferson’s colonial plantation) on the back.



**Dime**

Worth 10 cents. It is made of a nickel and copper blend.

NOTE: It is smaller than a penny or a nickel, and although somewhat counterintuitive, the dime is worth more than either the penny or nickel.

It has Franklin D. Roosevelt on the front and a torch on the back.



**Quarter**

Worth 25 cents. It is made of cupronickel. It is larger than a nickel. It about the same size as an Indian 50 paise coin.

It has George Washington on the front and either a United States emblem or a design of one of the 50 states on the back.

It is a very useful coin, as many coin-operated machines, such as washers/dryers, candy machines, airport trolleys, and parking meters accept only quarters.



**Dollar Coin**

Worth \$1.00. This coin has a copper and nickel core clad with manganese brass, giving it a distinctive golden color. It is the largest of the United States coins, larger than the quarter.

It has the profile of Sacagawea with her child, Jean Baptiste Charbonneau.

The coin has a limited circulation, but is useful for vending machines and mass transit systems despite being unpopular with the public.



**Bills**

All bills are the same size, irrespective of denomination.

**Dimensions:** Width 2.61 inches x length 6.14 inches.

**Thickness:** 0.0043 inches.

**Paper:** 25 percent linen, 75 percent cotton.

Red and blue synthetic fibers of various lengths are distributed evenly throughout the paper

All denominations are the same size. The older bills are green in color while the newer bills have a great variation in colors. The backs of the bills are a mostly greenish in color. The amounts are clearly printed on the bills (currency notes are called bills in the U.S.). The designs are also similar. Pay careful attention when counting out paper money. It is easy to confuse the denominations and to make a mistake, giving a \$10 bill, for example, when you intended to give \$1. Below is a sample of the various designs.

**\$1.00**



George Washington



Great Seal of America

**\$5.00**



Abraham Lincoln



Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C.



\$10.00



Alexander Hamilton



U.S. Treasury

\$20.00



Andrew Jackson



The White House, Washington, D.C.

\$50.00



Ulysses S. Grant



U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C.

\$100.00



Benjamin Franklin



Independence Hall, Philadelphia, PA

## b. Health Care

The services of the Health Center are free of charge to all international students through the college health insurance. All international students must sign up for the college health insurance plan, and it is not possible to waive this, even if the student has insurance in their home country. All students must be covered by health insurance; for information on the policy available through the college, contact the Health Center at 410-626-2555.

Mental health counselors are also on staff. Students come to counseling for a variety of reasons, including struggles with alcohol or drugs, difficult life events, depression, anxiety, sexual assault or other forms of abuse, interpersonal challenges, identity issues, body image and eating concerns, procrastination, grief, and stress management. You don't have to have a crisis or diagnosable mental health condition to make an appointment; students come in to discuss a range of concerns, large and small. Appointments can be made directly by students by dialing 410-626-2552. The counselors make appointments with the psychiatrist as necessary.

If the student takes medication of any sort, and needs to obtain more of it while at school, he or she should check with the Health Center to see if the particular medication the student is on goes by a different name in the United States.

If you would like to learn more about the American Health Care System, the Health Center carries a

copy of The Health Care Handbook. There, you can find information on inpatient and outpatient health care and delivery systems, the different types of health insurance and how they're structured, health policy and government health care programs, including the Affordable Care Act, concise summaries of 31 different health professions, economic concepts and the factors that make health care so expensive, and the Pharmaceutical and Medical Device industries.

**c. Transportation**

**Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI)/ BWI Amtrak Station**

BWI is the closest, most convenient airport to Annapolis. An Amtrak station is also located nearby.

**BY CAR:**

Take Rowe Blvd. to 50 West. Go .5 miles, exiting onto 97 heading toward Baltimore. Continue on 97 for 15 minutes, watching for BWI signs (there will be plenty.) It is a 30 minute drive by car, but leave time for traffic.

**BY SHUTTLE:**

There are two private shuttle services that run between Annapolis and BWI.

1. The Airport Shuttle 1-800-776-0323 [www.theairportshuttle.com](http://www.theairportshuttle.com)  
The Airport Shuttle provides door-to-door service. It is \$23.00 per passenger. You must reserve 48 hours in advance with a major credit card. You will be charged for the trip unless you cancel within two hours of pick up. Service not available from midnight - 3 a.m.
2. BWI Super Shuttle 1-800-258-3826 [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com)  
Super Shuttle provides door to door service at any hour. It is \$35.00 dollars for one passenger. You must reserve 48 hours in advance for service to the airport, but you do not need to reserve if you are traveling from BWI back to Annapolis. A Super Shuttle counter can be found at the airport. Each additional passenger is \$12.00.

**BY CAB:**

To/From Annapolis, the trip costs at least \$60 dollars. See the Appendix for a list of taxi cab companies.

**Reagan National Airport**

An airport located in Washington, D. C., on the Metro Line.

**BY CAR:**

Take Rowe Blvd. to 50 West, heading towards Washington. Stay on 50 West into DC, where, upon entering the city, the road becomes New York Avenue. After passing a major intersection at North Capitol Street, work your way into the left-hand lane. The two lanes farthest to the left automatically lead you onto 395 South, a road that takes you under the city. Follow 395 South heading south and west towards Virginia. Look for airport signs. 395 South joins Southwest Freeway taking you over 14<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. Get in the right-hand lane. Follow signs directing you to the airport.

**BY METRO:**

Get to New Carrollton Metro Station [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com). Take the Orange Line Metro (toward Vienna) from New Carrollton Station to L'Enfant Plaza. At L'Enfant Plaza, switch trains to either the Blue Line (toward Franconia) or the Yellow Line (toward Huntington Station). The airport is a 40-50 minute Metro Trip from New Carrollton. Prices vary on the time of day, \$2.75 (off-peak) to \$4.90 (peak).

**BY SHUTTLE:**

The Airport Shuttle 1-800-776-0323 [www.theairportshuttle.com](http://www.theairportshuttle.com)

Provides door to door service to National. **It is \$85 for one passenger. Each additional passenger is**

**\$15.00.** You must reserve 48 hours in advance with a major credit card, but actual payment can be made with card or cash. You will be charged for the trip unless you cancel within two hours of pick up.

**BY CAB:**

To/From Annapolis, a cab costs \$60 dollars.

**Dulles International Airport**

Note: Dulles is the least convenient of the three airports around Annapolis. What you save in airline prices, you generally waste in time and money in getting there.

**BY CAR:**

Take Rowe Blvd. to 50 West, heading towards Washington. After 20 minutes, take the exit for 95 North. You are now on the "Washington Beltway." Continue on the beltway heading North. Follow the beltway west on 495 West. Look for the Dulles exit-the Dulles Toll Road on Route 267. Follow sign. The drive from Annapolis will take 90 minutes.

**BY SHUTTLE:**

The Airport Shuttle 1-800-776-0323 [www.theairportshuttle.com](http://www.theairportshuttle.com)

Provides door to door service to Dulles. **It is \$95 for one passenger. Each additional passenger is \$15.** You must reserve 48 hours in advance with a major credit card, but actual payment can be made with card or cash. You will be charged for the trip unless you cancel within two hours of pick up.

**BY BUS:**

The Washington Flyer (703) 685-1400 is a bus service that runs between a DC Metro stop (West Falls Church) and Dulles. West Falls Church is on the Orange Line, so you can ride directly to New Carrollton. A one way ticket costs \$9 and roundtrip is \$16. One-way trips between the West Falls Church Metro Station and Dulles take approximately 20-30 minutes. Coaches depart the Airport from Arrivals Level Door 4 of the Main Terminal Building, and from the West Falls Church Metro station on the side of the station used by the Fairfax Connector/Reston buses. You can pay with cash, Visa, or MasterCard.

**BY METRO:**

Travel from New Carrollton to West Falls Church Metro stop. **The train ride is 55 minutes and costs between \$2-\$4 depending on time of day.** Once at West Falls church, take the Washington Flyer bus service to Dulles. You catch the bus on the side of the station used by the Fairfax Connector/Reston buses. Follow the signs marked "Dulles Airport Shuttle". The stop is the very first shelter on the left hand side after exiting the station building. **A one way ticket is \$9, roundtrip \$16. It is a 20-30 minute bus ride from West Falls Church to Dulles.** All in all, the trip from Annapolis to Dulles will take over two hours.

**BY CAB:**

To/From Annapolis the trip costs over \$100.

**Baltimore**

**BY CAR:**

Take Rowe Blvd. to 50 West. Go .5 miles, exiting onto Rt. 97 heading towards Baltimore. Exit onto 695 West, follow that until exiting onto 295 North, also called the Baltimore/Washington Parkway. 295 North runs right into downtown Baltimore. Turn right onto Pratt Street, the major light after Camden Yards baseball stadium, to get to the Inner Harbor.

**BY BUS/METRO:**

LocalLink 70 is a bus line that picks up from St. John's Street and rides to the Patapsco Light Rail stop. From there you can take the light rail to Baltimore. To view all Baltimore Link transit maps, visit their website at [www.baltimorelink.com](http://www.baltimorelink.com). For help planning your trip to Baltimore using public transportation, visit the website of the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) at <https://mta.maryland.gov>

**TRANSIT WITHIN BALTIMORE**

Once in Baltimore, the Charm City Circulator is a free bus that travels 4 different routes within Baltimore City. Visit their website for more information on their routes.

<http://www.charmcitycirculator.com>

**New Carrollton Metro/Train Station to Washington, D.C.**

New Carrollton has an Amtrak station and is a Metro stop on the Orange Line that goes directly to stops on the Washington, D.C. mall and can connect you to other Metro lines in Maryland, D.C., and Virginia.

**BY CAR:**

Take Rowe Blvd. to 50 West continuing for 20 minutes. Take the New Carrollton Metro exit 7B. The Metro station is just off the exit. It is around a 30 minute drive.

**BY BUS:**

There is a commuter bus service to New Carrollton called Young Transportation Service that runs every day except federal holidays. Tickets cost \$10 one-way and can be purchased online. The closest bus stop to St. John's is the West Street/Calvert Street stop, about a 5 minute walk from campus up West Street. It also may be helpful to note that this commuter "bus" is really a 15-passenger van, so luggage space may be limited. You should show up early to secure a seat. You can find a complete schedule of Young's Bus Service at Switchboard, or online at <https://www.ytsonline.net/schedule>, or you can call them at 410-647-2321. Tickets are now available online at [www.ytsonline.net/tickets](http://www.ytsonline.net/tickets).

There is another commuter bus service called Dillon's Bus Service that runs Monday through Friday. Both the 220 and 230 bus routes run Monday through Friday and pick up passengers at the intersection of West Street and Calvert Street in downtown Annapolis and drop off at various locations in Washington, D.C. Keep in mind that because it's a commuter bus, it does not run late into the night. Both bus routes make their final trip back to Annapolis around 6 or 7 p.m., so plan accordingly. Fare costs \$5 for a one-way trip, and tickets must be purchased with cash in exact change.

<http://www.dillonbus.com/scheduledinfo.asp>

**TRANSIT WITHIN D.C.:**

The D.C. Metro is a network of rail lines and buses that connect to places within the city as well as the surrounding areas. To ride the Metro, at the station you must purchase a SmarTrip card, which is a permanent and rechargeable card that keeps track of the value of the card. Depending on the distance and time of your trip, fares may vary between \$1.75 and \$5.90 per trip. Go to the website below for a Metro map, information on delays, and help planning your trip. <http://www.wmata.com>

**Additional Advice**

If you are traveling to the airport during the holidays or long weekends, it is much cheaper to share a cab or shuttle service with fellow St. John's students than to ride alone. Look on the Coffee Shop blackboards, or the Facebook class pages, where students looking to share rides often write their contact information and the date and time they are departing. Occasionally, students will also be looking for car rides home or extra passengers to share in the gas prices. It is always a good idea to check in the week or so leading up to break.



#### **d. Sales and Income Tax**

Sales tax is added to the price of most goods sold in the U.S. The advertised price on the shelf is without tax. Sales tax is 6% in Maryland.

Income tax is a tax paid on income received from U.S. sources (i.e. wages, scholarship, internships or fellowship grants, etc.). There are two types of income tax: federal and state. Some cities have an additional local income tax. If a student earns income from U.S. sources, he or she will need to complete federal and state income tax returns the following year. An income tax return shows the total amount of the student's income, any allowable deductions, exemptions or exclusions he or she may claim, and his or her ultimate tax liability. If the student worked, his or her employer should have withheld income taxes from each paycheck. If he or she received a scholarship, taxes should have been withheld from those payments as well. If too much tax was withheld, his or her tax return will show a refund is due. If not enough was withheld, he or she will need to pay the difference. Students who are citizens from other countries may not be subject to federal taxes when they work while classes are in session, but these persons must file an income tax return in order to receive credit for any taxes deducted.

If you have any questions about filing taxes, please contact the Business Office at 410-626-2514.

#### **e. American Holidays**

There are six major national legal holidays in the United States: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Not all Americans observe the same holidays, and there are many holidays that are not legal holidays. Also, some holidays are celebrated only by certain religious or cultural groups. Some of the more common U.S. holidays and religious holidays are:

- New Year's Day (January). The big celebration is the night before, New Year's Eve. The New Year is often "rung in" with bells and noisemakers. On New Year's Day itself, there are many parades and college football games on television.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (mid-January). This holiday celebrates the birth date of one of the leaders of the American civil rights movement.
- Valentine's Day (February 14). A day to celebrate love. Cards are given to close friends and loved ones.
- St. Patrick's Day (March 17). An Irish holiday brought to America by immigrants. The U.S. version of this holiday includes wearing something green, eating corned beef and cabbage, and drinking green beer.
- Easter (March or April). Although primarily a Christian holiday, it is widely celebrated in the U.S. This is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. The secular Easter tradition is to dye eggs different colors and give baskets of candy to children.
- Passover (March or April). A Jewish holiday celebrated in commemoration of the Hebrews' liberation from slavery in Egypt.
- Memorial Day (late May). This day is dedicated to the memory of all soldiers who died during wars.
- Independence Day (July 4). The celebration of the day the American Declaration of Independence was signed.
- Labor Day (early September). This day honors the country's working men and women.
- Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (September or October). The Jewish New Year and Day of Atonement, respectively, are the High Holy Days in the Jewish religion.
- Veteran's Day (November 11). A day set aside to honor all men and women who served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

- Halloween (October 31). A day when children (and adults) dress in costumes and have parties. Children go “trick-or-treating” to homes for candy, and pumpkins are carved into “jack o’lanterns”.
- Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November). This holiday dates from America’s earliest days, when the Pilgrims had a feast to celebrate their first good harvest and give thanks. Large family dinners are common, with turkey and pumpkin pie; more Americans will travel home for Thanksgiving holidays than for Christmas.
- Hanukkah (late November or early December). An eight-day Jewish holiday marking the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem.
- Christmas Day (December 25). The celebration of the birth of Christ in the Christian faith. This is also a time when families decorate trees and exchange gifts. One Christmas tradition is that Saint Nicholas brings gifts to good children.

Classes continue at St. John’s for all but a few of these holidays. Students who plan to observe their own cultural or religious event should advise the assistant dean in advance.

## **5. Before You Arrive...**

### **a. About the Dormitories**

All freshman students are required to live on campus. This helps to create a sense of community among those attending the college and helps new students to adjust better to college life.

Exceptions are rarely granted, but married or older students seeking a waiver to this rule should send a letter of request to the director of student services. Permission to live off campus must be obtained in writing from the Director. About 82% of undergraduate students at the college live on campus.

All dorms are air-conditioned and non-smoking. Dorms are co-ed, usually by floor.

There are eight dormitories: Humphreys Hall (1837), Chase-Stone House (1857), Paca Carroll House (1857), Pinkney Hall (1858), Randall Hall (1903), Campbell Hall (1954), Gilliam Hall (2004), and Spector Hall (2006). Historic buildings have lots of charm but they require regular maintenance. The college is constantly upgrading the dormitories and you may find a mix of old and new facilities in each.

Freshmen always have at least one roommate. Once roommate assignments have been made (usually in early August) the director of student services will provide the names and contact information of roommates who give permission for us to release this. You will be given your dormitory and room assignment on registration day. Dorm rooms are open for occupancy after registration.

Heavy luggage or packages may be sent to the college two weeks before registration day. Ship such packages to the following address: Your Name, St. John’s College, 60 College Ave., Annapolis, MD 21401-1687. Label the packages "Hold for Registration." There is no limit on the number of boxes that may be shipped. Large boxes will be held and distributed from a storage room on campus. Signs will be posted at the registration table designating pickup places, dates and times. Small boxes will be held and stored in the college mailroom and a package slip will be put in student mailboxes with pickup information.

### **b. Dorm Supplies**

For your convenience we have compiled a list of items that you might need and can be purchased easily at reasonable prices in the Annapolis area. Based on experience we suggest that you buy these items in the U.S. unless you can conveniently pack them in your luggage. For more information about the price in the U.S., you may go online and check the price at Target ([www.target.com](http://www.target.com)) or Walmart ([www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com)) to have a better idea of the common household products.

Every dorm room is furnished with a bed frame, bare mattress, desk, desk chair, lamp, dresser drawers, closet, wastebasket, and bookshelves. Any additional items must be purchased at the student's expense.

#### Essential Items

- Sheets (extra-long twin sized sheets)
- Towels
- Pillow
- Blanket
- Comforter or spread
- Small rug, other comfortable items like floor pillows or backrests
- Clothing, including winter jacket and formal wear for waltz parties and special occasions
- Hangers
- Shoes (including special shoes for sports and/or the gym)
- Raincoat and umbrella
- Computer and printer (They are not required for work at St. John's, but most students bring their own. There is a computer lab available on campus.)
- Books, CDs, posters
- Hobby or special interest equipment (camera, musical instruments)
- Sports equipment and apparel
- Toiletries (and a tote to get them to the shower)
- Mug, fork, spoon, knife, plate, bowl, and food storage containers to use in your room
- Laundry detergent, laundry basket or bag
- Plasti-tak or other removable adhesives for mounting posters, etc. (tape is not allowed because it damages the walls)
- Key chain for the key card required to enter your dormitory and the key for your room (for sale in the college bookstore)
- Alarm clock
- Travel Adapters/Converters if you have electric appliance that is different than the U.S. system. (110 Volts)
- Backpack or tote bag
- Mobile phone (Some students may want to bring their mobile phones from their home countries to the U.S. However, they may not work in the U.S., since there are different phone companies (such as AT & T or Verizon) here. Some cellphones may not be compatible with the phone networks here in the U.S. There will be additional information about mobile phones later in the handbook.

Once settled in your dorm room, you may find that you wish to purchase some non-essential items to make your quarters more comfortable. Included below is a list of some of the items you may wish to purchase. The college runs shuttles to all the major shopping areas in and around Annapolis. To save money, try to coordinate with your roommate or new friends to split the cost of some of these items. Products like rugs, carpets, televisions, refrigerators, and electronics can be purchased new at stores like Target, Walmart, and Bed Bath and Beyond, or used at thrift stores such as Goodwill.

#### Non-Essential Items

- Storage box or trunk
- Bulletin board or message board for your door
- Medium-sized luggage bag for overnight trips
- Television and refrigerator (can be bought at reasonable prices during the spring semester when seniors sell their belongings), water-boiler or electric kettle
- Sewing kit

- Students often bring mementos from home such as gifts, photograph(s) of family and friends, favorite CD's, favorite books, some traditional things from your country (toys, books posters, magazines, a flag, traditional instruments, etc.).

### c. **Clothing**

Remember to take the weather into account before deciding what clothes to bring from home (you can refer to the information in the appendix about the weather). Since the weather during the academic year ranges from warm temperatures in the upper 80-low 90° F (26-32° C) to cold temperatures in the low-to-mid 20° F (-6° C), it is a good idea to bring clothes that you can wear in layers. For example, when it's very cold, you could put a long-sleeved blouse over a short-sleeved one and a sweater on top of that. When it's warm, you only need the short-sleeved blouse.

In recent years we have had colder winters than usual. During the winter you will need a very warm coat and warm, waterproof boots, as well as a scarf, hat, and gloves to protect you from the cold and inclement weather. If you are coming from a hot climate, you might want to shop for your winter clothes in the U.S. during the fall. You will have a wider variety from which to choose and you won't have so much to carry. Though it might be a bit more expensive, it is advisable to purchase a winter coat here.

The style of dress on campus is casual and comfortable. Corduroy trousers, jeans, sweaters, and shirts are commonly worn in the spring and autumn, and short-sleeved shirts, T-shirts, tank tops, shorts and light cotton skirts and trousers are great for the late spring and summer. You might also want to bring along your national or traditional dress to wear every day, at parties, international dinners, or other special occasions. For job interviews or formal events, it's also advisable to bring a nice suit with you.

Remember to keep a change of clothing in your carry-on bag, along with other essentials, such as important documents (including your I-20), medication, money, etc. Sometimes your luggage doesn't arrive with you and you may not get it until a few days after you arrive on campus.

The following is a list of suggested clothing to bring. It may vary depending on how you dress:

- Sweaters, jackets
- Long and short-sleeved shirts and blouses, T-shirts
- Underwear, thick and thin socks, tights
- Skirts, dresses
- Trousers, jeans, sweats, shorts
- Mittens, hat, scarf, waterproof boots, shoes (dress and casual), slippers, good winter boots
- Warm winter coat, raincoat
- Nightgowns or pajamas, bathrobe, towels
- Sneakers with white rubber soles for gym
- A swimming suit
- National dress, traditional dress, a semi-formal dress, business attire, jewelry and accessories

### d. **Cell Phones**

Many students decide to purchase a cell phone instead of relying upon the hall phones in the dormitories. Not all of the cell phone companies have plans which will work in student rooms, basements or in other buildings on campus. Therefore, we recommend that you purchase your cell phone and plan through either AT&T (<http://www.wireless.att.com>) or Verizon (<http://www.verizonwireless.com>).

You should be aware that students who do not have a credit history or a credit card will have to pay a significant deposit fee before they can obtain the cell phone. The fee might even be as high as \$800.00.

This money is refunded to the student at the end of the plan period.

Note that you will likely need a social security number in order to purchase a cell phone and plan. This means that in most cases you will have to wait until you apply for and receive your social security card before you can purchase your cell phone. Most of the cell phone companies have family plans. If you have family in the US, you might also consider joining their family plan, if they have one.

## 6. Important Campus Contact Information

Shipping and Mailing address: **Student's Name or Department Name**  
St. John's College  
60 College Avenue  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1687

**Main Switchboard** 410-263-2371

### **Advancement**

410-626-2507  
advancement@sjc.edu

### **Alumni**

410-626-2531  
alumni@sjc.edu

### **Art Gallery**

410-626-2556  
hydee.schaller@sjc.edu

### **Assistant Dean's Office**

410-626-2512  
frances.vanness@sjc.edu

### **Bookstore**

410-626-2540  
bookstore@sjc.edu

### **Business Office**

410-626-2514  
student.accounts@sjc.edu

### **Buildings & Grounds**

410-626-2545

### **Campus Reservations**

410-626-2547  
diane.ensor@sjc.edu

### **Career Services**

410-626-2500  
jaime.dunn@sjc.edu

### **Communications**

410-626-2539  
communications@sjc.edu

### **Community Programs**

410-626-2536  
molly.burnett@sjc.edu

### **Counseling Services**

410-626-2552

### **Dean's Office**

410-626-2511

### **Dining Services by Bon Appétit**

410-295-6925

### **Graduate Institute**

410-972-3303  
giadm@sjc.edu

### **Gym/Athletics & Intramurals**

410-626-2558  
chris.krueger@sjc.edu

### **Health Center**

410-626-2553  
nancy.calabrese@sjc.edu

### **Personnel Office**

410-626-2504  
lynn.hobbs@sjc.edu

### **Library (Greenfield Library)**

410-626-2548  
cara.sabolcik@sjc.edu

**Observatory**  
410-626-2888  
stars@sjc.edu

**President's Office**  
410-626-2510  
presidents.office@sjc.edu

**Public Safety**  
410-626-2533 or 443-336-2348  
security-office@sjc.edu  
or Ext. 2000 from campus phones

**Print Shop**  
410-626-2546  
printshop@sjc.edu

**Registrar**  
410-626-2513  
registrar@sjc.edu

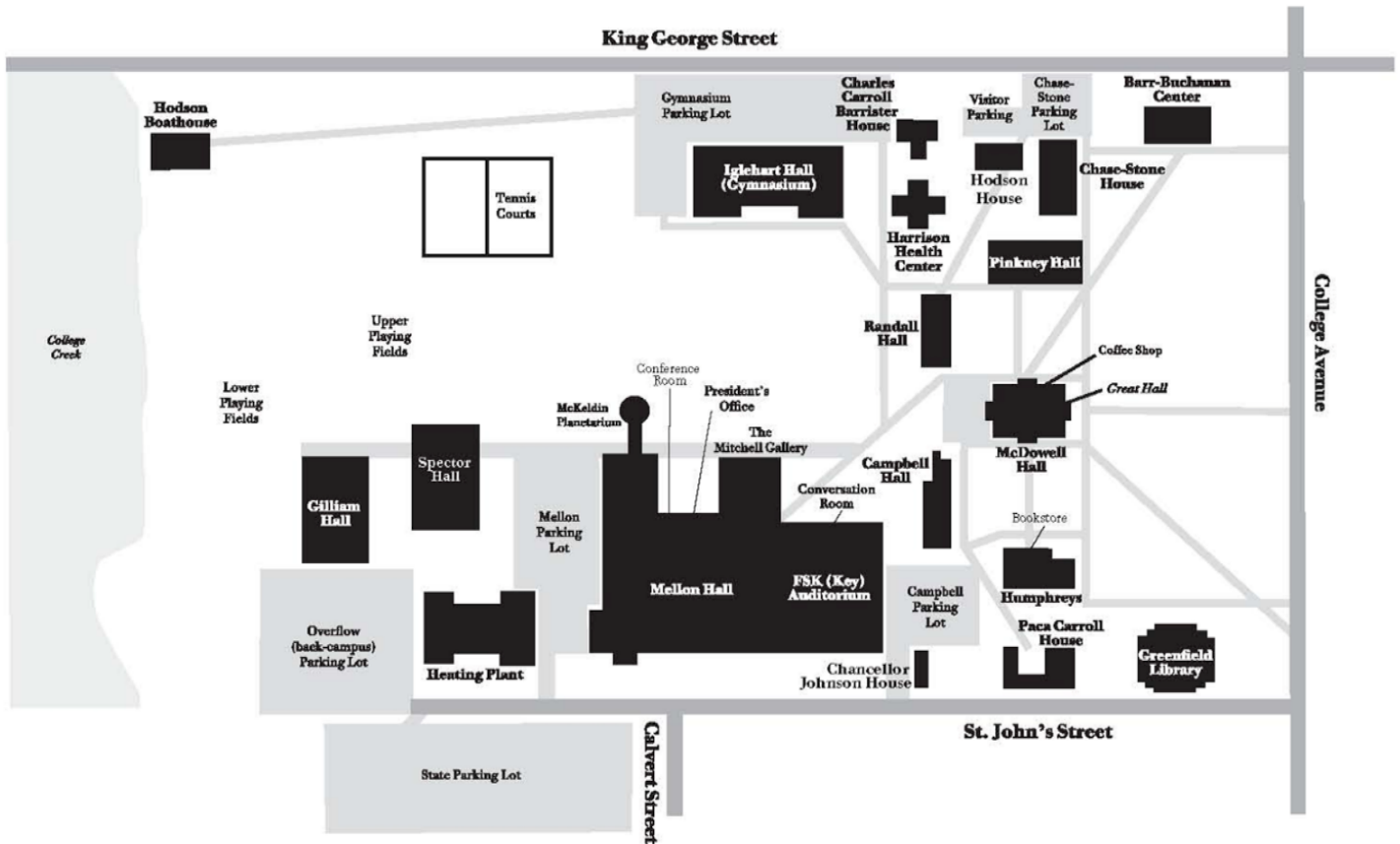
**SJC Annapolis ICard**  
866-568-5121  
mycard@stjohnscollege1card.com

**Student Services Coordinator**  
410-972-4104  
victoria.wick@sjc.edu  
sjc.edu/annapolis-student-services

**Residential Life & Student Services**  
410-626-2512  
taylor.waters@sjc.edu

**Office of the Treasurer**  
410-626-2515

## 7. Campus Map



## 8. Annapolis

### a. Safety

St. John's places a high priority on the personal well-being of all students, faculty, staff and visitors. In support of this commitment, the Office of Public Safety is dedicated to providing a protective campus environment through the delivery of quality security services and prevention programs.

St. John's College is located in an easily accessible open urban area, and the college community is subject to the same hazards as are the citizens of Annapolis. Although Annapolis is generally considered a safe town, it is not prudent to consider ourselves safe in a city where public safety, crime, vandalism and the loss of property are regular problems. The Office of Public Safety can only be effective in maintaining safety and security on campus if it has the cooperation and assistance of all members of the campus community. It is in your own interest to be aware of security problems, and to aid us in crime prevention. We encourage you to join us in our efforts to provide a safe and sound environment for you. It is therefore imperative to immediately report all criminal offenses to the St. John's Office of Public Safety, the assistant dean, or the director of student services.

On the Crime Awareness page of the St. John's College website, you will find a description of the security practices and procedures at St. John's College and the crime statistics for the past three calendar years. This information also meets all compliance standards as established by the federal Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 including the 1998 Amendments. Printed copies are available to all current students and employees. Upon request, it is also provided to any applicant for enrollment or employment.

Although each individual is ultimately responsible for his or her own personal well-being, by learning and practicing basic safety and security precautions, each individual will help make St. John's College a safer place to live and to learn. This information is intended to provide a general description of policies of SJC Office of Public Safety. It is not intended to serve as a contractual agreement between the college and the recipient. Security procedures are subject to change without notice.

For more complete information, please see the SJC Office of Public Safety webpage at [sjc.edu/student-life/annapolis/campus-safety/office-public-safety](http://sjc.edu/student-life/annapolis/campus-safety/office-public-safety).

### b. Weather and Climate

Annapolis has a temperate mid-latitude climate with warm, humid summers and mild winters. The weather during spring and autumn is generally pleasant. There are no pronounced wet and dry seasons, but summer often bring sudden heavy showers, damaging winds, and lightning. Breezes from the Chesapeake Bay and nearby creeks moderate the city's temperature. Regional rainfall averages slightly more than 39 inches annually, while snowfall averages below 15 inches per year.<sup>1</sup>

### c. Getting Around

St. John's offers complimentary weekly shuttle service to the Annapolis mall/Shopping centers. Look for fliers and emails about the shuttle service. You can also take Annapolis Transit, which runs five fixed routes (Gold, Orange, Green, Yellow, and Red) and a hybrid fixed-route (Brown route.) **Fare is \$2.00, with a day pass for \$4.00. You should have exact change.** You can use Annapolis transit to get to the Annapolis Mall and other areas of interest. Most busses stop at Church Circle, which is a 5 minute walk from campus. You can visit the MTA website for help planning your bus route using Annapolis Transit. <https://mta.maryland.gov>.

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<sup>1</sup> Courtesy of the City of Annapolis' Annapolis Weather and Climate page  
(<http://www.ci.annapolis.md.us/government/hot-topics/local-info/weather-and-climate>)

If you are interested in transportation outside of Annapolis, please refer to the Section on Transportation in Living in the United States, above.

**d. Drinking water**

The tap water in the United States is clean and safe to drink.

**e. Living in Annapolis**

**i. Dining Out**

**1. A Note about Tipping**

In America, many waiters are paid below the minimum wage because they are regularly tipped by the customers they wait on and that makes up their salary. A standard tip for good service is approximately 20% of the total bill, before any taxes, coupons, or discounts are applied. Although it is not necessary in fast-food restaurants, a good rule of thumb is that if someone is serving you while you sit at a table, they should be tipped.

*If you do not have enough money to afford a tip, you do not have enough money to dine out.*

**2. Annapolis Restaurants<sup>2</sup>**

**Café Normandie**

French/Seafood

*185 Main St., 410-263-3382. Moderate.* This cute and cozy Main Street mainstay has been around forever and is wildly popular with locals, maybe because it offers a number of opportunities for decent dining (along with huge portions) at bargain prices.

**Carrol's Creek Waterfront Restaurant**

American/Seafood

*410 Severn Ave., Eastport, 410-263-8102. Moderate.* This contemporary restaurant has plenty going for it, including its location just over the Eastport bridge. The restaurant's design makes the most of that location. With plenty of windows facing Spa (originally Carrol's) Creek and tables on different levels and at different angles, almost everyone has a water view. The menu is large with traditional seafood and steak, alongside soups, salads, and other light fare.

**Galway Bay**

Irish

*63 Maryland Ave., 410-263-8333. Moderate.* This replica of a typical Connaught pub boasts a fine bar and plenty of booths in which to relax with a pint and friends. But it also contains a spacious, casual dining room that can accommodate large parties and families. The menu abounds with classics like shepherd's pie and fish and chips, but also more ambitious items like fresh fish and grilled lamb chops.

**Joss Café and Sushi Bar**

Japanese

*195 Main St., 410-263-4688. Moderate.* Pretty much everything you order here, whether it's one of the sparkling fresh seaweed salads or a selection from the daunting array of rolls, is guaranteed to be perfectly prepared. Everything is pretty wow here, including the service, faster than a speeding bullet train.

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<sup>2</sup> Cafe Normandie, Carrol's Creek Waterfront Restaurant, Galway Bay, Joss Cafe and Sushi Bar, Lemongrass, and Reynold's Tavern reviews courtesy of Baltimore's 21 Annapolis Eats" ([www.baltimoremagazine.net/food-and-dining/2008/06/21-annapolis-eats](http://www.baltimoremagazine.net/food-and-dining/2008/06/21-annapolis-eats))



### **Lemongrass**

Thai

*167 West St., 410-280-0086. Moderate.* An easygoing, Far-East atmosphere and food that practically pops with flavor are the two characteristics that define Lemongrass. Service is friendly and welcoming, and one is immediately at ease in a dining room that is bright and cheery without being kitsch or formal. The menu overflows with Thai-inspired cooking, and everything is scrumptious.

### **Reynolds Tavern**

Eclectic

*7 Church Circle, 410-295-9555. Moderate.* The elegant dining rooms in one of the town's oldest buildings remind you why you're in the Colonial capital—to get a taste of its charms. There are several choices for an English tea, including afternoon tea (an assortment of sweet and savory nibbles), champagne tea (a glass of bubbly and chocolate-covered strawberries with the afternoon tea), and high tea (choice of soup, salad, or quiche with tea).

## **3. Annapolis Fast Food**

### **Moe's Southwestern Grill**

Fast Food/Mexican

*122 Dock St, 410-990-9292. Cheap.* Good burritos, on a budget--expect no surprises, but on Mondays they have a special for any burrito, drink, chips, and salsa for \$5.95. Ideal for those days when you just need something different.

### **Subway**

Fast Food/Sandwiches

*228 Main St, 410-990-0095. Cheap.* Sometimes you want a good, no-nonsense sandwich. Here is where you can get one. The Spicy Italian is especially good.

## **4. 10 Meals Under \$10 within walking distance of campus**

by Katherine Rees (A17)

### **(1) Sakura Cafe**

105 Main Street

(41-263-0785

Sakura is known for its wide variety of Asian food and late delivery hours. Although lots of popular items cost just over \$10 (see the Bento Box, a huge meal for \$13.95) the lunch specials for the Sushi Bar and Kitchen cost \$9.95 each. Sushi rolls range from about \$7 to \$15.

**Vegetarian options?** Vegetarian options present.

**Student discount?** Yes, 15% off between 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m.

**When should I go?** Sakura is great for a late dinner with loud friends; bring people with whom you can readily laugh, yell, and eat cheap tuna rolls.

### **(2) Harry Browne's**

66 State Circle

(410) 263-4332

Harry Browne's is usually too expensive for Johnnies to eat at regularly, but they also offer a happy hour menu between 4 and 7 p.m. on weekdays in "the lounge," a seating area upstairs. Everything is around \$6, including mussels, calamari, buffalo wings, and their somewhat famous cheeseburger.

**Vegetarian options?** Salads can be made vegetarian.

**Student discount?** No.

**When should I go?** Enjoy happy hour with a friend before seminar. You've probably already done the reading twice by now!

### **(3) Pip's Dock Street Dogs**

118 Dock Street  
(410) 990-9009

Absolutely everything on the Pip's menu is under \$10, from polish sausage to chili cheese fries. Pip's is known for their cheap, greasy hot dogs, and that's pretty much what one should expect; vegetarian options are only really present in imitation meat. They offer local delivery for orders over \$6 after 3 p.m.

**Vegetarian options?** Fries, onion rings, veggie sausage.

**Student discount?** No.

**When should I go?** Try Pip's when you've only had dining hall salad for a few weeks and want something salty to keep you going. If you do bring a friend, make sure you don't make eye contact while eating. The guys at Pip's do not mess around with their toppings. Pip's dogs are delicious, yes, but not pretty.

### **(4) The Market House**

25 Market Space

The Market House has been newly renovated. It offers a variety of grilled sandwiches, salads, seafood, and pasteries. There is beer and seafood bar. Plus, a small bread, cheese, and produce shop. There is plenty of casual seating available.

**Vegetarian options?** Vegetarian options present.

**Student discount?** No.

**When should I go?** Grab a gelato or sandwich while you're shopping and walking around downtown on the weekend.

### **(5) The Big Cheese and Sammy's Deli**

47 Randall Street  
(410) 263-6915

The Big Cheese offers a huge variety of deli sandwiches using a variety of homemade bread and cheese. They also sell gifts, wine, beer, and pastries. Most of their sandwiches range from about \$6 to \$9. There is no inside seating, but they are located near City Dock downtown.

**Vegetarian options?** There are several vegetarian sandwiches, but no vegan options.

**Student discount?** No.

**When should I go?** These hearty sandwiches are great for impromptu quad picnics or lunch by the water downtown.

### **(6) Chick & Ruth's**

165 Main Street  
(410) 269-6737

Chick & Ruth's is one of the oldest, cheapest restaurants on Main Street. It boasts a menu almost as large as its "6 lb. milkshake." Breakfast is served all day. Almost everything on the menu is under \$10 (except some pricier sandwiches).

**Vegetarian options?** There are all of the vegetarian options one would expect in an all-day breakfast deli, including omelets, wraps, and sandwiches. The only vegan alternatives appear to be salad.

**Student discount?** No.

**When should I go?** Get breakfast for dinner here with your core in the middle of the week — the bright yellow interior will imbue you with positivity for your upcoming classes!

**(7) Potato Valley**

47 State Circle  
(410) 267-0902

Located right off of State Circle, Potato Valley sells over twenty kinds of baked potato. They also offer salads, soup, and sandwiches.

**Vegetarian options?** There are several vegetarian potatoes and salads available.

**Student discount?** No.

**When should I go?** Head here after a frustrating afternoon class has left you with the need to completely, thoroughly demolish a cheesy potato. You have unanswered questions? “Caribbean Chicken and Cheddar” has answers.

**(8) Sofi’s Crepes**

1 Craig Street  
(410) 990-0929

Sofi’s Crepes provides a satisfying, cheap way to consume both savory and sweet crepes. Sweet crepes range from about \$5-\$7, and savory crepes cost between \$7-\$9.

**Vegetarian options?** There are lots of vegetarian crepes but no vegan alternatives.

**Student discount?** No.

**When should I go?** Grab a crepe on Saturday morning to start off a refreshing weekend full of steady studying, invigorating conversation, and Nutella.

**(19) Mangia (Charlie’s Bar at Mangia)**

81 Main Street  
(410) 268-1350

Although pricing can get steeper upstairs in Charlie’s Bar, you can grab fresh calzones and pizza by the slice downstairs in Mangia. The pricing varies between \$4-\$6 depending on the type of pizza or calzone.

**Vegetarian options?** There is almost always a vegetarian or plain cheese pizza available.

**Student discount?** No.

**When should I go?** Steal away to Mangia’s when you just want some pizza without sharing with your whole dorm. College students become incredibly social when they detect a Domino’s driver pulling into the Campbell parking lot. That’s not necessarily a bad thing, of course, but sometimes a slice and some silence are all you need.

The Westfield Mall boasts a cornucopia of fast food options, including McDonald’s, Chik-fil-a, Five Guys, Noodles and Company, Jasmine Smoothie World, Bubble Tea Stand, and more.

**ii. Shopping/Entertainment**

St. John’s College runs a free shopping shuttle twice a week. At the beginning of each school year, there will be a notice of the times to meet the shuttle.

**1. Westfield Mall**

Westfield Mall contains a great variety of shops for all sorts of products: clothing, food, specialty toiletries and cosmetics, electronics, home furnishings, and more. There is also a Bow Tie cinema.

**2. Target**

Inexpensive clothing, electronics, small appliances, home furnishings, groceries, and school supplies. A good general store. If you’re looking for something to make your room more comfortable, Target probably has it.

**3. Bed Bath and Beyond**

A store carrying goods primarily for the bedroom and bathroom, as well as kitchen and dining room. Linens, dishes, drinkware, gadgets and gizmos abound.

**4. Goodwill**

A thrift store. Many state Senate employees donate their clothing to this thrift store, so the products are usually of good quality and are very inexpensive.

**5. Trader Joe's**

Specialty grocery store. Excellent, knowledgeable staff and tasty products you won't find anywhere else in Annapolis.

**6. Giant Food**

General grocery store. Contains all the staples of the American diet. If you intend to shop there often, get a Giant card and enjoy discounted prices on many items.

**7. CVS**

Pharmacist and drug store. Toiletries, snacks, and first aid products within walking distance of St. John's.

**iii. Banks and Banking**

Most students find it useful to have a bank account while attending college, especially if they do not intend to write home for funds frequently. A bank account is very useful to have for depositing cash, to cash checks, or to have money transferred from home.

- Bank of America: 10 Church Circle, 410-295-3489, bankofamerica.com
- PNC Bank: 236 Main Street, 410-268-4285, pnc.com
- Suntrust Bank: 152 Main Street, 410-224-6250, suntrust.com

Keep in mind that banks sometimes charge monthly maintenance fees for checking accounts, minimum balances and ATM (Automated Teller Machine) usage. ATMs are small stalls outside of banks and in other locations. They are open 24 hours a day. ATM machines can be found in many other cities or places that you visit. Usage of the ATM, however, is subject to fees, which vary from bank to bank.

One can make deposits through ATMs, in-person, online, or by mail. For further details, you should contact your specific bank.

Once you have opened a bank account you can have money sent directly to your bank account from abroad. The length of time it takes for money to reach the U.S. bank varies widely from as little as three days to as long as several weeks. The time varies depending on the country and city from which the money is sent. Money can be sent by a bank draft to you, or by electronic transfer. Your bank can provide you with details that are more specific. Bank drafts sent to you

are best sent by registered mail. Although this may take longer, it is much safer. Banks usually charge a fee for conducting some of these transactions.

**iv. Places of Worship**

**Congregation Kneseth Israel**  
**1125 Spa Road**  
**Annapolis, MD 21403**  
**Phone: 410-263-3924**

**Web Site:** [www.KnesethIsrael.org](http://www.KnesethIsrael.org)

Our synagogue is named after the traditional description of the Jewish people Kneseth Israel. Our religious mission is to live up to our name and have our Congregation be a spiritual home for all Jews. Located in Annapolis, we have served the Jewish community longer than any other synagogue in Anne Arundel County. A traditional synagogue, we welcome Jews of all affiliations, and invite you to join us for a warm, fulfilling service.

### **Downtown Hope**

**255 West Street**

**Annapolis, MD 21401**

**Phone:** 410-575-3842

**Web Site:** [www.downtownhope.org](http://www.downtownhope.org)

Downtown Hope is a collection of communities with a shared vision to see hope thriving in the cultural tribes of the city of Annapolis, the Middle Atlantic and the world. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are joining God in the renewal of all things locally and globally by following the central commands of Jesus around the gospel, the great commission and the great commandment. We are daily receiving the gospel, responding to the gospel by loving God and people, and reproduce disciples of Jesus. We summarize our shared vision and how we pursue this vision together as follows: That the people of our neighborhoods, city, region and world might thrive with the hope of the gospel.

### **Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Annapolis**

**710 Ridgely Avenue**

**Annapolis, MD 21401**

**Phone:** 410-266-8090

**Web Site:** [www.eppannapolis.org](http://www.eppannapolis.org)

EP Church is a community of God's people seeking the renewal of Annapolis and the surrounding community as we are moved by the Gospel into a greater...

- Devotion to Jesus Christ,
- Love for His Family, and
- Service to His World...

that Christ would be glorified, and that people from every nation, tribe, and tongue would worship and serve the living God.

### **Revolution Annapolis**

Sunday Meetings at Annapolis High School

**2700 Riva Road**

**Annapolis, MD 21403**

**Phone:** 410-837-5031

**Web Site:** [www.RevolutionAnnapolis.com](http://www.RevolutionAnnapolis.com)

Revolution exists to lead people into a revolutionary relationship with Jesus. The church is modeled after the way he lived – we want to serve people without reserve and without judgment, we want to love each other the way Jesus loved his friends and followers, and we want to help people experience God.

If you are interested in God but not so sure about church, you should check out Revolution. We strive to create a safe environment to ask the hard questions about God and faith.

### **St. Anne's Parish**

**199 Duke of Gloucester Street**

**Annapolis, MD 21401**

**Phone:** 410-267-9335

**Web Site:** [www.StAnnes-Annapolis.org](http://www.StAnnes-Annapolis.org)

St. Anne's Parish translates the messages of scripture in our worship into compassionate outreach in

our wider community both locally and globally. Embracing a wide range of programs with energy and enthusiasm, St. Anne's has much potential to make an even greater impact on the community.

**St. Martin's Lutheran Church**

**1120 Spa Road**

**Annapolis, MD 21403**

**Phone:** 410-263-4723

**Web Site:** [www.StMartinsOnline.org](http://www.StMartinsOnline.org)

In this work as church and school, we participate in a Christian heritage and a Lutheran tradition which reach back many centuries. We are grateful to God for both of these. We participate humbly and gratefully in a great company of Christian people, people made right with God through the gift of His grace in Christ Jesus. We participate humbly and gratefully in a wonderful Lutheran tradition of Scripture-based law and gospel theology, Christ-centered education, uplifting worship and servant ministry.

**St. Mary's Parish**

**109 Duke of Gloucester Street**

**Annapolis, MD 21401**

**Phone:** 410-263-2396

**Web Site:** [www.StMarysChurch.org](http://www.StMarysChurch.org)

We welcome you and hope that you will find not only a parish but also a home here. For 150 years St. Mary's Parish has proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Catholic community of Annapolis and surrounding areas. We are a vibrant faith community served by the Redemptorists, the School Sisters of Notre Dame, staff, and members reaching our 70 ministries, clubs and organizations. We look forward to your presence as we gather to pray and worship as a community.

**Trinity United Methodist**

**1300 West Street**

**Annapolis, MD 21401**

**Phone:** 410-268-1620

**Web Site:** [www.TrinityAnnapolis.org](http://www.TrinityAnnapolis.org)

God has assembled this group of people in this place at this time for a reason. We want our lives to count for something more than just maintaining the status quo. We want to be part of the answer to Jesus' prayer, "God's kingdom come, God's will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." We're all on a journey to eternity. Come find out if our paths intersect! As a Church, we recently reaffirmed our covenant with God by reading John Wesley's Covenant Prayer.

**e. Alcohol**

The minimum age for the purchase or public possession of any alcoholic beverage in the U.S. has been established nationally as 21. State laws prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors; purchase of alcohol from vendors; possession or handling of alcohol by minors; consumption of alcohol by a minor; and they also penalize minors who present false identification or otherwise represent themselves as being of legal purchase age. Violators of state and/or alcohol laws may be subject to criminal penalties.

Such penalties against vendors or minors are processed through state or local criminal courts and include fines, jail sentences and diversion programs, such as community service, or deportation.

**9. Frequently Asked Questions**

**Can I stay at St. John's College during the winter, spring, and summer breaks?**

During winter and spring breaks, it is possible to rent dorm rooms for a nominal fee and stay in Annapolis. During summer breaks, students are responsible for making their own housing arrangements off campus.

**Can I store any of my possessions over summer break?**

No. Students are responsible for making their own storage arrangements. Please see the Appendix for storage information.

**Do you have a study abroad program?**

Additionally, many of our students study or travel abroad during the summers. Our Career Services office keeps information on study abroad programs offered through other institutions and can help St. John's students find suitable opportunities.

**Do you accept AP credit or IB credit?**

St. John's does not accept any sort of credit (even for work done at other colleges) or advanced placement because our curriculum is all-required, but we do recognize the level of work represented by AP or International Baccalaureate courses and we take that into account in reaching application decisions. Students who have completed such work would not be "repeating things" at St. John's because our approach to the material and the kinds of issues we try to consider are not primarily rooted in an accumulation of facts or technical information.

**Will my credits transfer to other colleges if I leave St. John's?**

All work done at the college is fully accredited and transferable to other colleges and universities. The college provides the receiving institution with a key that breaks our program down into conventional units by subject area. Students may visit the Registrar for a break-down of credit earned in the undergraduate program.

**How do your students go on to graduate school without any majors?**

It is a common misconception that to enter a particular field of graduate or professional study you need a corresponding undergraduate major. Our students regularly go on to advanced study at leading institutions all across the world in almost any field imaginable, even though they have all followed the same undergraduate program. The college, in fact, ranks in the top 3% of all colleges and universities in the United States in the percentage of its students who earn doctoral degrees. See Career Services section for more information.

**Can I apply for early entrance (without finishing high school)?**

Each year the college admits a handful of students who do not plan to complete a high school diploma. Usually, these students are coming to college midway through their senior year or directly from 11th grade. Applicants for early entrance should have strong records and good reasons for leaving high school early. Typically, these applicants have completed all the solid academic work available to them in their high schools and need to move on to be challenged.

**Do I or don't I need to submit Standardized test scores?**

No one is admitted or denied admission simply on the basis of such scores; they are only one of many factors we consider. However, students must submit the results of one standardized test unless they have attended and English medium school for at least two years (in which case an admissions interview may be submitted.)

**Do you accept homeschooled International students?**

The college welcomes homeschooled students. Applications from homeschoolers must include the results of a nationally recognized standardized test (SAT, PSAT, or ACT) and a detailed account of the curriculum followed. Otherwise, the application procedure is the same as for regular applicants.

**What is your minority enrollment?**

Typically, about 20% of students identify themselves as members of a minority. Because everyone in the college is taking the same program, minority and international students find that they are

immediately part of mainstream campus social and academic life rather than members of some identifiable subset.

## 10. Appendix

### a. Taxi Cab Companies

There are 12 cab companies in the City of Annapolis giving us around 200 cabs and drivers to service our area. There are also 25 independent Cab owners.

- A&W Taxi 410-263-8715
- ABC Green Cab 410-897-1010
- Academy Cab 410-969-2666
- Annapolis Cab - Diamond Cab 410-573-0000
- Annapolis Flyer Cab 410-766-7433
- Bay Area Cab 410-267-7004
- Got 2 Go Now 443-871-6220
- La Union 410-212-3555
- Neat N Klean 410-320-3374
- Reliable Cab 410-268-4714
- Yellow Checker Cab 410-268-3737
- Annapolis Taxi Service 443-995-1400

### b. Storage Information

You are responsible for finding storage for your items over the summer break. If you would like, get some friends together to split the cost of renting a portable storage unit this summer. The companies below will deliver storage units to campus for fill up and store them in a facility during the summer break. The companies will have them back on campus in time for registration.

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| <p><b>PODS</b><br/> <a href="http://www.pods.com">www.pods.com</a><br/>           888-297-9883<br/> <i>12'x8'x8'</i><br/>           \$199.49 Monthly Rental<br/>           + \$92.39 Initial Delivery<br/> <i>16'x8'x8'</i><br/>           \$189.99 Monthly Rental<br/>           + \$92.39 Initial Delivery</p> | <p><b>Zippy Shell</b><br/> <a href="http://annearundel.zippyshell.com">annearundel.zippyshell.com</a><br/>           301-329-2046<br/> <i>7'x7'x7'</i><br/>           \$109.00 Monthly Rental<br/>           + \$99.00 Initial Delivery<br/> <i>15'x7'x7'</i><br/>           \$139.00 Monthly Rental<br/>           + \$99.00 Initial Deliver</p> |
| <p><b>U-Box from U-Haul</b><br/> <a href="http://www.uhaul.com/Ubox/">www.uhaul.com/Ubox/</a><br/>           1-800-468-4285<br/> <i>8'x5'x7'6"</i><br/>           (1) \$84.95<br/>           (2) \$169.90<br/>           (3) \$254.85<br/>           (4) \$339.80</p>  | <p><b>Door to Door</b><br/> <a href="http://www.doortodoor.com">www.doortodoor.com</a><br/>           866-872-2120<br/> <i>8'x7'x5"</i><br/>           \$79.00 Monthly Rental<br/>           + \$99.00 Initial Delivery</p>   |



## MAP DIRECTORY

### **Barr-Buchanan Center**

Graduate Institute Offices, Classrooms, Computer Center

### **Campbell Hall**

Dormitory, Switchboard, Baldwin Room

### **Chancellor Johnson House**

Meeting Rooms, Tutor Offices

### **Carroll Barrister House**

Admissions

### **Chase-Stone House**

Dormitory

### **Colby Print Shop**

Print/Copy Shop

### **Francis Scott Key Auditorium & Mellon Hall**

Classrooms, Labs, Hodson Room, Music Library, Administrative Offices, President's Office, Conference Room, The Mitchell Gallery, Conversation Room,

### **Greenfield Library**

### **Gilliam Hall**

Dormitory

### **Harrison Health Center**

Nurse/Infirmary, Apartments

### **Heating Plant**

Print Shop, Buildings & Grounds, Boiler Room, Facilities

### **Hodson Boat House**

### **Hodson House**

Advancement, Alumni

### **Humphreys Hall**

Dormitory, Bookstore

### **Iglehart Hall**

Gym

### **McDowell Hall**

Classrooms, Great Hall, Basement: Coffee Shop, Mailroom

### **Paca-Carroll House**

Dormitory

### **Pinkney Hall**

Dormitory, Financial Aid, Personnel, Career Services, Public Safety

### **Randall Hall**

Dormitory, Kitchen, Dining Hall, Private Dining Room, Basement: Business Office, Campus Reservations

### **Spector Hall**

Dormitory

