The mission of Saint Mary’s Hall is to prepare our students for success in college and fulfillment in life. With a rich, rigorous curriculum, insightful discourse, and expansive opportunities for exploring the world and discovering oneself, Saint Mary’s Hall sends forth confident graduates, armed with the skills, knowledge, and self-awareness needed to thrive in college and find fulfillment in life.

CHARACTERISTICS
- Saint Mary’s Hall was founded in 1879 on the principles of knowledge, self-confidence, and respect for others.
- The school is an independent, coeducational day school for students of all faiths serving prekindergarten through seniors in high school.
- The mission of Saint Mary’s Hall is to prepare our students for success in college and fulfillment in life.
- 100% of our students attend college.
- 24% of our students receive financial aid.
- 42% of our students identify as people of color.
- 15:1 Student teacher ratio.
- Total enrollment of 746, with 262 in Upper School.
- Saint Mary’s Hall is accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS), and is a member of NACAC, TACAC, and ACCIS.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW
- Calendar | Semester
- Saint Mary’s Hall does not rank.
- Students are expected to carry a minimum of 5 academic subjects each year.
- Students enroll in Honors and AP classes based on faculty recommendations.
- Effective 2022-2023 school year: AP classes and Calculus III will receive an additional 1.0 weight and Honors classes will receive an additional .5 weight into the GPA. While this policy is not retroactive, this weighting effectively and appropriately reflects the rigor of our courses.
- 9th graders are not eligible for AP classes.
- As applicable 10th graders can take AP classes in social studies/world languages.
- Students enrolled in AP classes are not expected to take the exam.
- GPA is cumulative and weighted and includes only work completed at Saint Mary’s Hall.

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS
Research Science Scholars: The Research Science Scholars program is a selective opportunity designed to equip students to engage in a real lab space in an informed and proactive way. Selected students partner with Saint Mary’s Hall science instructors to discuss, practice, and experience lab techniques, etiquette, and applications in preparation for official internships in labs in various scientific fields. Students engage in their internship for the duration of the academic year.

School Year Abroad (SYA): SYA is a cultural immersion program that allows high school students the opportunity to study in Europe or Asia for an entire academic year. Saint Mary’s Hall is one of 40 independent schools across the United States and parts of Europe that are part of the SYA consortium. There are currently five schools in four countries to which students can apply: China, France, Italy, and Spain. SYA grades are not included in the GPA reported by Saint Mary’s Hall.

Fine Arts: At the Tobin Fine Arts School at Saint Mary’s Hall, we invite students to innovate, take risks, and channel their creative power in exciting ways. Students at Saint Mary’s Hall grow through an exceptional arts training that fosters their ability to think, speak, and work creatively, starting from day one.

Arts Mentorship Program (AMP): The AMP provides mentorship and real-world experience for fine arts students with an interest in arts management. Selected students work in a learning capacity at a local art museum or gallery and present a culminating capstone project.

Health and Wellness Block: The SMH Wellness Program seeks to help each student develop the mindset and skills needed to live a healthy life, now and in the future. At every grade level, students are taught how to care for their bodies and social-emotional skills that promote mental health.

Student Experience: Student Experience wellness electives speak directly to the Saint Mary’s Hall motto, Find Delight in Simple Things. This unique and innovative program cultivates enhanced opportunities for real-world engagement, collaborative understanding, leadership application, interdisciplinary exploration, personal fulfillment, and creative expression.

Global Seal of Biliteracy: The Global Seal of Biliteracy showcases our students’ language skills in a universally consistent credential.
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: 26 TOTAL CREDITS

English: 4 credits
World Languages and Cultures: Must complete the third level of a language and be enrolled in a language through Form 10
Social Studies: 3 credits
Mathematics: 4 credits of math while in Upper School
Science: 3 credits
Fine Arts: 2 credits
Physical Education/Athletics: 2 credits

REPORTING OF DISCIPLINE

Good citizenship is an expectation of all students at Saint Mary’s Hall. Accordingly, we report discipline in alignment with the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission.

COURSE OFFERINGS BY DEPARTMENT

Science (3 Credits)
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Computer Science A
- Astrophysics
- Biology I*
- Botany
- Chemistry I*
- College Level Research Science Scholars
- College Level Organic Chemistry
- College Level Data Structures & Algorithms
- Introduction to Computer Science
- Meteorology
- Principles of Engineering
- Physics I*

Mathematics (4 Credits)
- Algebra I
- Algebra II*
- Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- Calculus
- College level Multivariable Calculus
- Geometry*
- Pre-Calculus*
- Principles of Finance & Investing
- Statistics

Social Studies (3 Credits)
- American Government
- AP American Government & Politics
- AP Economics
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Modern European History
- AP United States History
- AP World History
- College Level History of Modern Africa
- Essentials of Entrepreneur
- Global Studies I, II, III, & IV
- Introduction to Psychology A&B
- Justice & Politics Through Film Honors
- Modern United States History
- Studies I, II, III, & IV

English (4 Credits)
- AP English Language & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition
- Creative Writing
- Feminism & Literature
- Rhetoric, Composition & Literature I-IV

World Languages (3 Credits or through the 3rd level)
- AP Latin Literature: Caesar & Virgil
- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- AP Spanish Literature & Culture
- AP French Language & Culture Latin I
- College Level French V
- College Level Latin V
- College Level Spanish V
- French I, II
- French III *
- French IV, V
- Latin II*
- Latin III*
- Latin IV*
- Latin V
- Spanish I
- Spanish II*
- Spanish III*
- Spanish IV
- Spanish V

Fine Arts (2 Credits)
- AP Art History
- Advanced Digital Cinema
- Advanced Drawing & Painting
- Advanced Photography
- Advanced Sculpture & Design
- Advanced Theater Project
- Acting I-III
- Chamber Orchestra Strings
- College Level Studio Practice in Digital Cinema
- College Level Studio Practice in Drawing & Painting
- College Level Studio Practice in Photography
- College Level Studio Practice in Sculpture & Design
- Dance
- Dance for Fitness
- Digital Cinema*
- Digital Imaging*
- Drawing & Painting*
- Jazz Band
- Introduction to Art
- Intro to Theater Performance
- Music Theory
- Photography Darkroom
- Sculpture and Design*
- Speech & Debate I*
- Speech & Debate II-v
- Technical Theater
- Theater Production*
- Vocal Ensemble
- Yearbook

Athletics (2 Credits)
- Participation on any SMH Athletic Team After School Dance: Ballet and Modern Dance for Fitness
- Introduction to Athletic Training US Strength & Conditioning
- Pep Band
- Approved Off-Campus Athletics

Interdisciplinary Studies
- Echoes In The Borderlands
- Identifying, Cultivating, Exploring Leadership & Character
- Transdisciplinary Research
- Unheard Voices In The History of Science

* Offered at the honors level as well.