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Hoger Bereik. Ga ver.

Extension Plus Haut. Allez Loin.

Reichweite Stark. Gehen Sie Weit.

Estensione Più Su. Vada Lontano.

Alcance Más Arriba. Vaya Lejos.



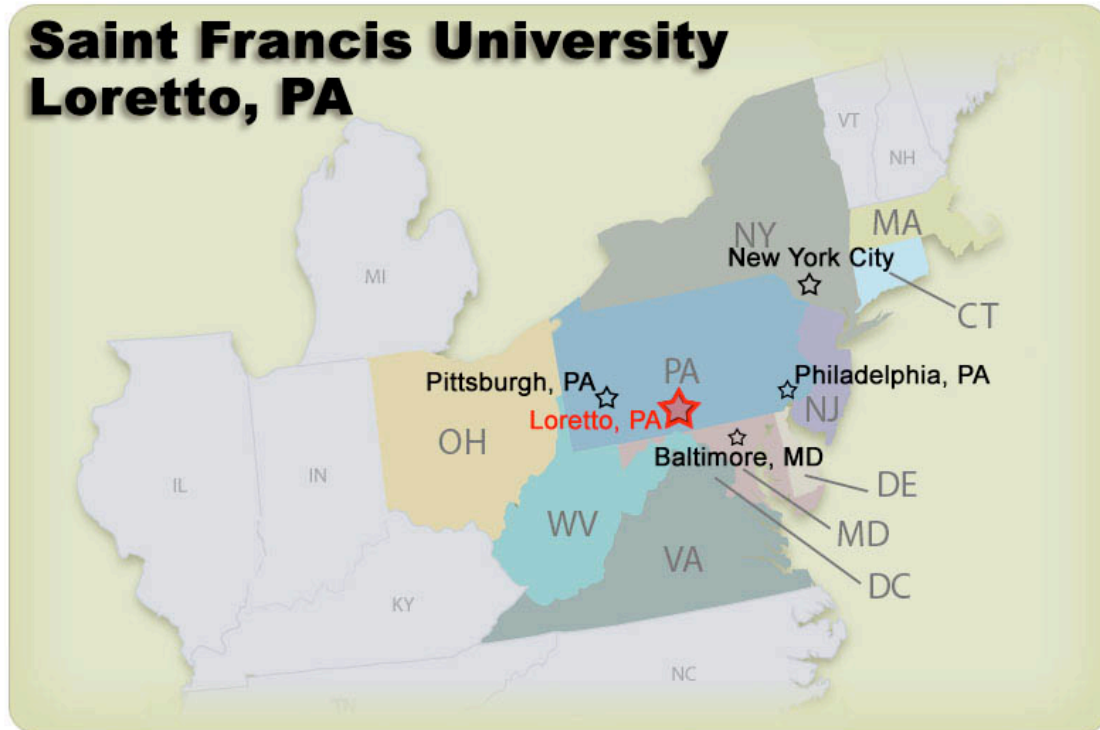
SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY

International Student Information Packet

Materials for the 2012-2013 Academic Year

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Mission and Character

To offer higher education to individuals of all faiths in an environment inspired by Catholic values as expressed through the Franciscan tradition: to integrate theory and practice and to enhance ethical judgment; to provide broad intellectual development and career preparation; to stimulate moral, spiritual, and social growth as well as physical well-being; to instill a love of lifelong learning and service to others; to develop an individual's ability to communicate effectively; to promote opportunities to help people directly; and, to recognize that higher education is a means by which individuals can improve the condition of the human family.

Campus

Saint Francis University is situated on a 600 acre, mountain-top campus with its own lake, nature trails, championship golf course, and access to the central Pennsylvania landscape. There are 10 residence halls accommodating more than 85% of the student body living on campus. Maurice Stokes Athletics Center houses an indoor swimming pool, racquetball facilities, the DeGol Arena for basketball and volleyball, an auxiliary gym, fitness facilities, and an indoor suspended running track. The DeGol Field and outdoor track is home to the Red Flash football, lacrosse, and field hockey teams. Also housed on campus is the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, the Center of Excellence for Remote and Medically Underserved Areas (CERMUSA) which partners with academic programs to provide students the most advanced technology in their field, the Small Business Development Center, and the Center for Global Competitiveness.

Technology

Saint Francis has 25 multimedia classrooms. All residence halls are wired for the Internet and the campus network. Each incoming student is provided with his or her own laptop, and can take advantage of the totally wireless campus. Students also have access to a free help desk if any technical problems occur.

Fast Facts

Academic Offerings

School of Arts & Letters

Undergraduate Programs: American Studies, Education (Early Childhood Elementary (PreK-4) Education, Middle Childhood (Grades 4-8) Education, Secondary Education Certification), English, Communications Arts, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Religious Studies, Social Work, Sociology, Criminal Justice, Spanish

Graduate Programs: Master of Education

School of Business

Undergraduate Programs: Accounting, Economics, Finance, Management, Management Information Systems, Marketing

Graduate Programs: Master of Business Administration, Master of Human Resource Management

School of Health Sciences

Undergraduate Programs: Exercise Physiology, Nursing, Public Health

Graduate Programs: Master of Occupational Therapy, Master of Physician Assistant Sciences, Doctor of Physical Therapy

School of Sciences

Undergraduate Programs: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Sciences, Engineering (3-2), Environmental Engineering, Mathematics, Pharmacy (3+4), Medical Technology

Honors & Achievements

Nationally ranked academic programs offered, with emphasis on the sciences, business and engineering

With international scholarships available, Saint Francis University is very affordable

Located in a "small town America" setting

Exceptionally safe and friendly campus atmosphere and close-knit community

Internationally recognized faculty who are very friendly and caring

A faith-based atmosphere, wide variety of faiths represented

Enrollment: 2,500 students, with an average class size of 22

U.S. News & World Report's top 15 "Best Value" universities in the Northeast region of the US

Ranked among the top ten NCAA Division I schools in the nation for the total number of Academic All-American selections

Templeton Foundation's top 100 Character Building Colleges>

Ranked as one of 12 most environmentally responsible universities in the country.

Saint Francis University was just named a College of Distinction by Student Horizons, a leading University Research Firm

Named as one of the top 400 institutions in the nation in Peterson's Competitive Colleges: Top Colleges for Top Students

Enrollment Profile

Number of Students	2,500	Average H.S. GPA:	3.45
States/Countries Represented:	31 States, 22 Foreign Countries	Average SAT Score:	1061
International Students:	65	Applications received:	1,500
Student/Faculty Ratio	15:1		
Average Class Size	22		
Male/Female Ratio	59% women/41% men		

Tuition & Fees (2012-13)

Tuition	\$27,826
Room and Board	\$9,898
Technology Program	\$1,050
Student Insurance	\$1,600
TOTAL	\$40,374

International Admissions Policies & Procedures



International First Year Students are welcome to apply to Saint Francis University for the Fall or Spring semesters. The university operates on rolling admissions and has a January 15th deadline for Physician Assistant, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy majors.

International Admission Requirements

1. Application for Admission, including a \$30 non-refundable application fee. This application fee is waived if you apply online.
2. Official secondary school (high school) academic records (transcripts, certificates, diplomas, mark sheets) with certified English translations. Transcripts must be translated by the high school or an international credential evaluating agency. World Education Services is recommended
3. If you are a native English speaker or study in a secondary English-speaking school, SAT or ACT are required. Specific majors may require SAT or ACT. Please contact the International Admissions office for details
4. International Students whose native language is not English must submit proof of English language proficiency. The following are ways in which you can satisfy the language proficiency requirement:
5. TOEFL, IELTS or iTEP scores, or IB score of 5 or higher on the English A 1 or 2 exams.
6. Letter of Recommendation from anyone who can speak on your behalf.
7. Personal Statement

For ESL Applications

Any applicant, who does not meet the English proficiency requirement, but, has a strong academic record, may be admitted to the University and will enroll in the University's intensive English program, for appropriate course work, until suitable English proficiency is acquired.

Students seeking conditional admission to the University's intensive English program are not required to submit the Personal Statement in English. You may insert this phrase in the application essay instead of writing your own essay: "I am applying for conditional admission to SFU and want to attend the intensive English program."

Scholarship Opportunities

Saint Francis University has generous assistance available to international students. All international applicants will be considered for merit scholarships ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000. International students may also be eligible for institutional need base grants. To be considered for any institutional grants, all applicants must submit both the International Student Financial Aid Application and Affidavit of Financial Support.

To receive an I-20, a student must complete the steps listed below. Once all information is received, Saint Francis University will issue the I-20.

1. A student must be admitted to Saint Francis University.
2. Submit the Saint Francis University International Student Financial Aid Application.
3. Submit the Saint Francis University Affidavit of Financial Support Form in addition to bank statements from parents or sponsor.

For additional information on immigrations and customs please visit the following website <http://www.ice.gov>



Affidavit of Financial Support



In order to obtain a F-1 Student Visa, Immigration and Naturalization Service requires that you demonstrate that you are financially able to support yourself for the entire period of stay in the United States. You are required to supply documentary evidence of means of support. These documents may be one of the following: Official Bank or investment statements for the last six months. All documents must be current (less than two months old), in English and converted to U.S. dollars. Financial documents must be in the name of the person on your affidavit of financial support. If more than one person is sponsoring your education, each sponsor must complete a separate affidavit and submit financial documents. Total of funds available to you from all sources must meet the total of estimated academic year costs at Saint Francis University.

STUDENT APPLICANT: _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP _____

WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO ENROLL: _____ INTENDED MAJOR: _____

Instructions: Please list below your source/s of funding.

- Source 1:** For privately supported students - Privately supported students receive financial support from their own resources, their parents, or a relative/friend who will provide financial resources.
- Source 2:** For agency supported students - Agency supported students receive support from a government or other agency.

Source 1 - Private Sponsor Support (Convert all funds to U.S. dollars)

As the financial sponsor of the applicant whose name appears above, I attest to my ability to furnish full financial support for all expenses of the above applicant's study and am providing evidence of available funds for the academic year _____.

Sponsor Name: _____
*Sponsor Email Address: _____
Sponsor Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Relationship to Student _____ Funds Available \$ _____
Signature of Sponsor _____
Date _____ Signature and Seal of Notary _____

Source 2 - Agency Support (Convert all funds to U.S. dollars)

As the financial sponsor of the applicant whose name appears above, our organization will financially support the applicant's study at Saint Francis University for the academic year _____.

Name of Agency _____ Funds Available \$ _____
Agency Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Agency Telephone _____ Student Agency Identification Number _____
*Agency Email Address: _____
Signature and Title of Agency Authorizing Official _____

**This email address will need to be verified by the sponsor. Your sponsor will receive an email when your Affidavit of Financial Support is received by the admissions office and they will need to respond with the statement, "This email confirms I am STUDENT NAME sponsor and I agree to the terms and conditions outlined in this document"*

TOTAL OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT (Convert all funds to U.S. dollars)

Source 1: Private Sponsor Funds Available \$ _____ Bank Statement enclosed will be sent
Source 2: Agency Support Funds Available \$ _____ Finance Guarantee enclosed will be sent

TOTAL: Source 1 and Source 2 \$ _____

I certify the information reported on this form is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.
Signature of Student Applicant _____ Date _____

For what term are you applying for financial aid?

Fall 2012 Spring 2013 Fall 2013

STUDENT INFORMATION

LASTNAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

PROVINCE/TERRITORY _____ COUNTRY _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Date of birth: (month/day/year) _____ Country of birth: _____ Citizenship: _____

Students Marital Status: _____

Will you have your first baccalaureate degree (or equivalent) before beginning your studies at SFU? Y/N (circle one)

FAMILY INFORMATION

Do you depend on your family for financial support? Yes No

PARENT LASTNAME _____ PARENT FIRST NAME _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

PROVINCE/TERRITORY _____ COUNTRY _____

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS _____

LIST ALL PERSONS LIVING IN PARENTS/STUDENTS HOUSEHOLD

Name	Age	Relationship To Student	Name and Address of School	Annual Cost
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Students Occupation: _____ Employed by: _____

Spouses Occupation: _____ Employed by: _____

Mothers Occupation: _____ Employed by: _____

Fathers Occupation: _____ Employed by: _____

International Financial Aid Application



ASSET AND INCOME INFORMATION (convert all amounts to U.S. dollars)

PARENTS

	What's It Worth Today	What's Owed On It
Cash, savings, and checking account	_____	_____
Home (renters write A0)	_____	_____
Other real estate and investments	_____	_____
Business Value	_____	_____
Farm Value	_____	_____

STUDENT (& SPOUSE)

	What's It Worth Today	What's Owed On It
Cash, savings, and checking account	_____	_____
Home (renters write A0)	_____	_____
Other real estate and investments	_____	_____
Business Value	_____	_____
Farm Value	_____	_____

Describe and list all sources of income for 2012

PARENTS

Source of Income	Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

STUDENT (& SPOUSE)

Source of Income	Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Describe and list all amounts of taxes paid in 2012

PARENTS

Amount of taxes	Paid to whom
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

STUDENT (&SPOUSE)

Amount of taxes	Paid to whom
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES

This information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Students Signature _____ Date _____

Spouses Signature _____ Date _____

Fathers Signature _____ Date _____

Mothers Signature _____ Date _____

What is the present exchange rate of your countries currency to the US dollar
(for example 3100 pesos=\$1)? _____

International Student Transfer Release Form



As an F-1 international student, you may transfer from one school to another. However, a school change must be recorded within the US Government's SEVIS database. If you plan to transfer to Saint Francis University, please complete section 1 of this transfer release form. Section 2 must be completed by a Designated School Official (DSO) at your previous school. When we receive this form and you have been admitted to Saint Francis University and you have submitted evidence of your financial backing, we will issue a new I-20.

Section 1: To be completed by the student

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Last/family First/given month/day/year

Last day enrolled at your current institution: _____

Section 2: To be completed by DSO or International Student Advisor

Is this student in SEVIS? No Yes

If yes: SEVIS ID _____

When was/will the student be released for transfer in SEVIS? _____

Please release the student for transfer to Saint Francis University.

Dates of any authorized CPT: _____

Dates of any authorized OPT: _____

Comments: _____

Name/title of DSO/International Advisor

Institution

E-mail

Telephone

Signature

Date

Please FAX or mail this form to:

Saint Francis University
Office of Admissions
P.O. Box 600
117 Evergreen Drive
Loretto, PA 15940-0600

University Clearance Form



The completion of this form is necessary for International transfer admission to Saint Francis University. Please fill in your name, address, and dates of attendance on this form and submit it to the Dean of Students Office at all colleges or universities in which you were enrolled for nine or more credits. Please feel free to make copies.

*If you are leaving the institution due to graduation, you do not need to complete this form.

Student's Name _____

Home Address _____

Address Other Than Home _____

Dates of Attendance _____

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, guarantees confidentiality of the student's educational records. In an effort to expedite my transfer;

I, _____ authorize the Dean of Students Office to release all information as it pertains to my conduct and code of behavior.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

TO THE DEAN OF STUDENTS OR OFFICE OF JUDICIAL AFFAIRS:

This student named above has applied for admission as a transfer student to Saint Francis University. Please complete this form and return this form by mail to the Director of Admissions, Saint Francis University, PO Box 600, Loretto, PA 15940. This form can also be faxed to 814-472-3335.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

1. Has this student been dismissed from your institution? Yes ____ No ____
2. Has this student been subject to any non-academic related disciplinary actions? Yes ____ No ____
3. Is this student eligible to return to your Institution? Yes ____ No ____
4. Who may we call for further information? _____ Phone _____

If the answer to (1) or (2) above is yes or the answer to (3) above is no, please explain on the reverse side of this form.

Signed _____ Name _____

Title _____ Institution _____

Contact Information

Admissions

243 Padua Hall
866-342-5738
814-472-3100
Fax: 814-472-3335
intl@francis.edu
www.francis.edu

Address

Saint Francis University
Office of Admissions
P.O. Box 600
117 Evergreen Drive
Loretto, PA 15940-0600

Primary Designated School Official

Mrs. Helen Vizzini
814-472-3105
hvizzini@francis.edu

Director of International Admissions & Student Services/Designated School Official

Brother Shamus McGrenra
814-471-1110
Skype: Shamus467
smcgrenra@francis.edu

Director of Admissions/Designated School Official

Coordinator of International Admissions
Mr. Brett Haselrig
814-472-3374
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SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY Non-discrimination Act Statement

Saint Francis University, inspired by its Franciscan and Catholic identity, values equality of opportunity, human dignity, racial, cultural and ethnic diversity, both as an educational institution and as an employer. Accordingly, the University prohibits and does not engage in discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, sex, age, disability or status as a veteran or disabled veteran. The University is committed to this policy based upon its values and in compliance with federal and state laws. This policy applies to all programs and activities of the University, including, but not limited to, admission and employment practices, educational policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletic or other University-sponsored programs. Inquiries or complaints may be addressed to the University's Director of Human Resources/Affirmative Action/Title IX Coordinator, Saint Francis University, Loretto, PA 15940 (814) 472-3264. For other University information, call (814) 472-3000.