Welcome

Planning your arrival

International Office

Steps to St. Mary's...

- Admissions, CAS and course start dates

- Visa and immigration

- Accommodation

- Travel and arrival

- Online Enrolment

- Course Induction and welcome

- Any questions

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International Admissions

Are you CAS Ready?

- **Submit your documents**

  - Email Internationaladmissions@stmarys.ac.uk or upload via the St Mary's Applicant Portal

- **Accept your Offer**

  - Log into the applicant portal → "My Application" → "Respond to offer"

- **Attend your SMU Credibility Interview**

  - Be prepared to discuss Your History, Universities and the UK, Your Course, Finances, Student Visa Responsibilities

- **Complete your deposit payment**

  - £8,000 deposit via applicant portal (Unconditional Offer holders)

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How to Request your CAS Statement

Access CAS Shield

- An email from International Admissions titled "Your CAS Request"

- A second email from stmarys@cas-shield.com titled "Welcome to CAS Shield" - Click the invitation link and set your password

- Complete all fields to request your CAS Statement!

Check your spam folder – if you haven't received an invitation within 24 hours, please email internationaladmissions@stmarys.ac.uk

CAS Shield Checklist	
Valid Passport	
Previous UK Visa information	
Academic Documents	
English Language Evidence	
TB Test	
Financial Evidence	

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Financial Evidence and TB Tests

Only required if UKVI regulations apply based on your country

TB Tests - https://www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa

Financial Evidence - https://www.gov.uk/guidance/financial-evidence-for-student-and-child-student-route-applicants

- Funds must be held for 28 consecutive days

- Financial evidence must be no more than 31 days old

- Bank Statements/documents must show an additional £500 for currency fluctuations

- Evidence must be in your name, parent's, or legal guardian's name

- All documents must be officially stamped and uploaded as clear copies

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Submit your Visa application

- **Confirm your CAS Statement**

  Check all details carefully and reply to your Draft CAS Email to receive your Final CAS Statement

- **Submit your Visa application**

  Use your CAS Number to apply for your Student Route visa

- **Update CAS Shield**

  → Visa Decision

  → Arrival Date

  → Visa copy (Share code)

❌ **Do not book any non-refundable flights:** Wait to receive a decision on your visa.

❌ **Do not enter the UK before your visa start date** If you enter the UK too soon, you may need to leave again!

✅ **Remember your latest arrival date:** This is the latest date that you must be in the UK attending classes.

✅ **Contact us if you have any questions!**

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Accommodation

Campus Accommodation

- **E-induction** – Email invitation to complete and **select your arrival time slot.**

- Move In Sunday is the **14th September.**

- Check in Desk will be in the **DV Lounge**

- Collect your **key** and **ID card**.

- **Resident Mentors** and **Senior Residents** will be on hand to help you move in with **trollies**.

- There will be a **free BBQ** for residents and their family and friends assisting with the move.

- Mandatory hall meeting on **Monday 15th September.**

Items to bring	Items to purchase after arrival	Items that are in your room
• Coat and jackets • Shoes (Smart and Trainers) • Flip Flops for shower use • Phone charger with UK adaptor plug • Electronics • Toiletries • Backpack • Reusable water bottle • Small gifts from home • Comfort items – favorite book, photos	• Bedding – Duvet, Pillows, Duvet Cover, Pillowcases, Towels • Kitchen Equiptment - Crockery, Cutlery, Microwavable dish, Washing up liquid, Kitchen roll and a Tea towel • Room Decorations – Free standing picture frames, Posters for the notice board, Fake Plants, Storage boxes, Calander, Rug and Blanket • Basic room essentials – Coat hangers, Fan, Extension plug	• Desk and chair • Bed and mattress • Wardrobe • Drawers/bedside table • Waste bin • Shelving • Desk lamp • Notice board

UniKitOut

You can order bedding kits as well as kitchen and bathroom kits ahead of time from our partners at UniKitOut and have everything delivered before you arrive at your accommodation.

Shop now and save 10% on your order with the discount code **STMARYS10**.

https://www.unikitout.com/?partner=St%20Marys%20University%20Twickenham

It's not too late to find Accommodation!

- **We have limited availability in campus accommodation**
- **We can support you with finding accommodation in the private sector**

Accommodation@stmarys.ac.uk

020 8240 4034

Travel and Arrival

Essential Planning

In the weeks before you travel:

- Read our **pre-departure advice** at https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/international/prepare/get-ready.aspx

- Plan how to access **money** until you can open a bank account. Have a credit card and/or a prepaid debit card for emergencies (Visa or Mastercard).

- Fill any necessary **prescriptions** and take care of **healthcare** appointments

- Confirm your **accommodation** and plan how to get there when you arrive (contact international@stmarys.ac.uk if you need support)

- Follow your travel provider's **coronavirus testing** protocols, if they have any. There are currently no coronavirus entry requirements in England

Booking travel

Before you buy a ticket:

1. Have your visa, if necessary. Make sure to arrive after your entry clearance starts.

2. Have a confirmed place to live

3. Check your start date:
   https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/about/term-dates.aspx

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Entering the UK

- E-mail international@stmarys.ac.uk if you need advice about travel arrangements

- Carry paper copies of your **St Mary's offer letter, proof of finances and accommodation** in your hand luggage

- See a Border Force Officer to **check if you need a passport stamp** and **keep your boarding pass** to show when you arrived

- **Your ID check**: The St Mary's University visa team must meet with you face-to-face during the enrolment period for your ID check. You must present yourself with your passport and your share code.

- Further guidance at ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Visas-and-Immigration/Immigration-on-arrival

- Directions to campus: www.stmarys.ac.uk/contact/directions.aspx

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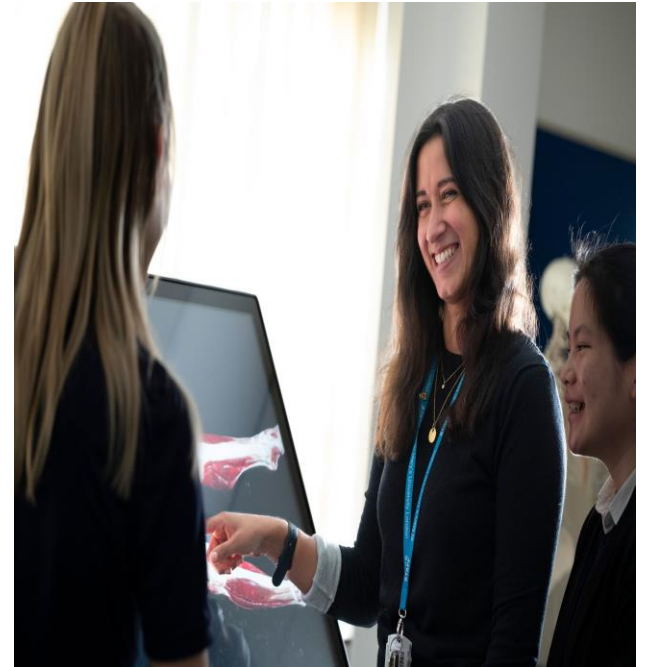175 Years of Inspiring Excellence

Getting Settled

After you arrive

You can do some things only after you're here:

- Please download **MySMU app**: required for attendance, time-table and regular updates.

- **Open a bank account**: After you enrol online, you can request a banking letter through your e:Vision student portal. See https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/international/student-life/%E2%80%8Bopening-a-bank-account.aspx for details.

- **Register with a GP (doctor):** This will also give you access to the COVID vaccination programme. For details, see www.stmarys.ac.uk/international/student-life/%E2%80%8Baccessing-health-services.aspx

- **Get a National Insurance Number** (if you have permission to work): You need to apply for this before you start work. Full instructions here: https://www.gov.uk/apply-national-insurance-number

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Induction

- Mandatory course induction schedule: https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/welcome/course-information.aspx

- Choose which Student Life and Student Essentials talks to attend

- Online international induction week commencing 16th September: https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/welcome/international.aspx and emails from the team for further details

- Welcome Week is a great way to meet people: https://www.stmaryssu.co.uk/your-opportunities

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Starting on the Campus

- On-campus accommodation arrival day: **Sunday 14th September**

- Follow your teaching timetable

- Get the MySMU app to check in for lectures

- Collect your ID card from our Security team when you arrive

- Personalised online campus tour at

  https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/virtual-tour/explore.aspx

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Succeeding at St. Mary's – our top tips

- Join a sports club and/or student society: www.stmaryssu.co.uk/

- Register with a doctor (GP) right away: www.stmarys.ac.uk/international/student-life/%E2%80%8Baccessing-health-services.aspx

- Use study support early and often: www.stmarys.ac.uk/student-support/learning-development/study-support.aspx

- Protect yourself by knowing our academic integrity rules (plagiarism, etc.): stmarys.libguides.com/c.php?g=291307&p=1940644 and www.stmarys.ac.uk/policies/academic-regulations.aspx

- Explore London and the UK: www.visitlondon.com and www.visitbritain.com

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Key contacts

- CAS and Admissions queries: internationaladmissions@stmarys.ac.uk

- Arrival support: international@stmarys.ac.uk

- Academic questions: Your Course Lead

- Visa queries after you arrive, including BRP: studentvisas@stmarys.ac.uk

- Queries about University and private housing: accommodation@stmarys.ac.uk

- Problems logging into online resources: helpdesk@stmarys.ac.uk

- Wellbeing or disability support: studentservices@stmarys.ac.uk

- Tuition fee queries: feesoffice@stmarys.ac.uk

- Registration queries: registryservices@stmarys.ac.uk

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Key contacts

- International Admissions: internationaladmissions@stmarys.ac.uk

- South Asia team: southasia@stmarys.ac.uk

- Pakistan and Southeast Asia: undaleeb.qazi@stmarys.ac.uk

- Africa and Middle East: gregory.barron@stmarys.ac.uk

- The Americas: bill.richards@stmarys.ac.uk

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Questions?

See you soon!