

ZARAGOZA

ST. MARY'S UNDERGRADUATE ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Zaragoza, Spain, was the town where Blessed William Joseph Chaminade took time to reflect on his life and was inspired to form the Society of Mary (Marianists), an order of priests and brothers who in 1852 founded the St. Mary's Institute, the forerunner to St. Mary's University.

Blessed Chaminade's experience in Zaragoza parallels the reflection and new direction you will experience as you begin your collegiate career at St. Mary's.

As you make the transition to life at St. Mary's, you will be introduced to the campus, academic programs, faculty members, administrators and other students and their families.

We will welcome you as a member of the University community and will be happy to discuss questions, concerns or curiosities you might have about experiences St. Mary's has to offer. This program will acquaint you with the University and our academics, social life and spiritual resources before classes start.

***The Characteristics of a Marianist Education* articulates the common elements of the Marianist educational philosophy and spirit. These elements are:**

- Educate for formation in faith
- Provide an integral quality education
- Educate in the family spirit
- Educate for service, justice and peace, and the integrity of creation
- Educate for adaptation and change

These approaches to education permeate the St. Mary's University experience, from course work to extracurricular events. The Zaragoza program has been designed with these characteristics in mind.

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
8 a.m.	Check-In and Breakfast Zaragoza begins here. You will receive your program-related materials.	University Center, Second Floor
9 a.m.	Welcome St. Mary's University welcomes you as our newest community members. Tim Bessler, Ed.D., <i>Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students</i> Sanaa Abid and Jose Saavedra, <i>Zaragoza Directors</i>	University Center, Conference Room A
9:30 a.m.	The Marianist Experience Learn more about the Marianists and what it means to be part of a Catholic and Marianist university. The Rev. John Thompson, S.M., Ed.D., <i>Vice President for Mission</i>	University Center, Conference Room A
10 a.m.	Break	
10:15 a.m.	Rattler 101 Learn more about what resources St. Mary's University has to offer. James Villarreal, <i>Interim Director of Student Life</i> Christina Villanueva, <i>Registrar</i> Gracie Lopez-Fuentes, <i>Director of Academic Advising</i>	University Center, Conference Room A
11 a.m.	Check-Out	Cotrell Learning Commons
11:30 a.m.	Campus Tour (optional)	Cotrell Learning Commons
Noon	Lunch (optional) Lunch vouchers are distributed at check-in.	Diamondback Café
12:30 p.m.	Campus Tour (optional)	Cotrell Learning Commons
1 and 3 p.m.	Placement Testing (if required) During online registration for the Zaragoza program, some students selected a time for the Math Placement Test. These students will be escorted to testing locations 15 minutes prior to each test time. A photo ID is required.	University Center, Information Desk