

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE
College Student Survey Summary

Planned Graduate Major and Probable Career

(Numbers in Percents)

2010	2008	2005	2003
Seniors	Seniors	Seniors	Seniors

Student objectives noted as "very important" or "essential"

Becoming accomplished in one of the performing arts (acting, dancing, etc.)	15.0	10.5	20.3	12.2
Becoming an authority in my field	66.1	66.1	72.4	51.6
Obtaining recognition from my colleagues for contributions to	63.8	54.8	65.6	50.0
Influencing the political structure	19.7	28.2	30.9	21.1
Influencing social values	59.1	59.7	59.3	56.7
Raising a family	81.9	80.6	80.5	82.4
Having administrative responsibility for the work of others	--	40.3	39.3	34.1
Being very well off financially	61.4	60.5	51.2	44.0
Helping others who are in difficulty	82.7	81.5	89.3	86.7
Making a theoretical contribution to science	19.7	12.9	16.3	8.9
Writing original works	21.3	19.4	21.1	7.8
Creating artistic work (painting, sculpture, decorating, etc.)	11.8	16.1	17.9	14.4
Being successful in a business of my own	36.2	20.2	24.4	17.6
Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment	33.9	36.3	22.8	20.0
Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	66.2	64.5	63.1	48.9
Participating in a community action program	48.8	48.4	47.2	33.3
Helping to promote racial understanding	48.0	48.4	54.5	40.0
Keeping up to date with political affairs	55.1	52.4	56.9	57.8
Becoming a community leader	47.6	42.7	52.0	38.9
Integrating spirituality into my life	63.0	--	76.4	70.0

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PLANNED GRADUATE MAJOR

Arts and Humanities	--	--	--	7.9
Fine Arts	1.1	1.1	2.5	--
Humanities	7.6	2.3	2.5	--
Biological Science	6.5	1.1	3.7	3.1
Business	13.0	10.2	16.0	9.5
Education	7.6	6.7	16.0	18.8
Engineering	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
Physical Science	2.2	1.1	2.5	0.0
Professional				
<i>Law</i>	3.3	6.8	--	6.3
<i>Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinarian</i>	8.7	6.8	--	3.1
<i>Nursing</i>	8.7	8	--	7.8
<i>Other Health (Technology and Therapy)</i>	3.3	5.7	--	4.7
<i>Health Professional</i>	--	--	22.2	--
<i>Other Professional</i>	2.2	2.3	--	4.7
Social Science	10.9	24.9	12.3	26.7
Technical	1.1	0.0	2.5	0.0
Other	0.0	2.2	12.3	7.8

PROBABLE CAREER

Accountant or actuary	6.3	8.1	--	2.2
Artist	0.8	0.8	8.2	4.4
Business executive (management, administrator)	11.8	7.3	--	13.3
Business	3.2	8.9	14.8	16.7
Business (clerical)	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
College teacher	3.1	2.4	1.6	3.3
Dentist (including orthodontist)	1.6	0.8	--	0.0
Doctor (MD or DDS)	3.9	--	7.4	3.3
Engineer	2.4	0.8	0.0	0.0
Health professional	--	--	3.3	4.4
Lawyer (attorney) or judge	1.6	2.4	1.6	4.4
Military (career)	0.8	0.0	0.8	1.1
Nurse	11.0	9.7	9.8	6.7

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Optometrist	0.0	0.0	--	1.1
Scientific researcher	3.1	0.8	4.1	2.2
Social, welfare or recreation worker	3.9	8.9	4.9	8.9
Therapist (physical, occupational, speech)	2.4	4.0	--	3.3
Teacher or administrator (elementary)	9.4	5.6	13.9	12.2
Teacher or administrator (secondary)	3.1	4.8	5.7	6.7
Other	15.0	12.9	14.8	29.8
Undecided	5.5	10.5	8.2	7.8

Source: Higher Education Research Institute College Student Survey summaries::Institutional Research::css2010_comparison.xls