Admission to the College

**Admission to the Freshman Class**

Marist College is committed to enrolling a diverse group of young men and women whose backgrounds and talents will enhance each other's educational experience. Moreover, the College seeks students who are eager to participate in the campus community and who wish to make a positive contribution to the student body. Typically, candidates accepted for admission rank in the top 25% of their high school class, possess a grade-point average of 87 or higher, have a composite SAT score over 1650 (or ACT score over 24), and present strong personal and leadership qualities. Test scores, although considered, are not the primary factor in the selection process. The secondary school record and the quality of courses completed are our principal concern.

All those applying to Marist must have graduated from an accredited high school or possess the appropriate high school equivalency and have completed 17 units, of which 15 must be in academic subjects. The following is the distribution of units:

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These high school units should be viewed as guidelines for admission to the college.

Accompanying the official Admission application form, obtainable from the Office of Admission, must be the following:

1. Official transcript of high school record.
2. Results of SAT or ACT Test Scores.
3. Recommendation of the high school guidance counselor or college advisor.
5. Essay
6. A nonrefundable $50.00 application fee.

All students interested in Marist are encouraged to visit the campus. The Office of Admission welcomes students and their families Monday through Friday during the summer. From mid-September until early December the Office of Admission will be open seven days a week, with the exception of Mid-Semester Break and Thanksgiving week when the Office is closed. After January, and through the spring, the Office is open Monday-Friday and on select Saturdays. Call our toll-free number (800) 436-5483, or (845) 575-3226 to schedule a visit at a time that is convenient for you.

**International Students**

In addition to meeting the academic standards for admission, international students applying for undergraduate admission to Marist College should supply the Office of Admission with the following:

2. An official translated transcript from any college or university attended.
3. Score reports of any national examinations administered by the applicant’s home country. Advanced credit for international diplomas is possible if all other academic prerequisites have been met.
4. Official results of the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT), if available, or the official results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
5. A statement of financial support indicating sufficient funds to cover educational and living expenses. A notarized statement of financial support by a sponsoring organization will suffice.
NOTE: International students should take into account that tuition and fees (see page 243) are based on one year of study. Additional costs will also be incurred due to cost of living increases and travel expenses.

Applicants from other countries should submit the necessary Admission form at least three months prior to the start of the semester. Accepted students receive a letter of admission, an enrollment form, and an I-20 form which enables them to apply for an F-1 Student Visa at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

International students should plan to arrive several days before classes begin in order to participate in the Marist International Student Orientation Program which takes place before fall and spring semester classes begin. The orientation session is designed to introduce students to the academic policies and procedures at Marist College, and to familiarize them with the campus, the surrounding community, and with the United States. During orientation, all students are individually tested for language proficiency to determine the appropriate course entry level. Additional prerequisites may be required. International students are required to participate in a U.S. culture and language seminar during the early part of their first semester at Marist College.

EARLY DECISION
Candidates applying for Early Decision are restricted to Marist as their single choice college. Students who are admitted to Marist under the Early Decision program are required to withdraw all applications to other colleges. The application deadline for Early Decision is November 15, and notification will be made by the end of December. Accepted Early Decision candidates will be asked to make a deposit by February 15.

EARLY ACTION
Candidates applying for Early Action are not restricted to Marist as their single choice college. The application deadline for Early Action is December 1st, and notification will be made by the end of January. Accepted Early Action candidates will be asked to make a deposit by May 1st.

MATRICULATION POLICY
To be matriculated means that a student has officially been recognized and accepted as a degree candidate at Marist. A student must be matriculated in order to be eligible for various types of financial aid.

Occasionally, a student wishing to study for a degree at Marist College, but failing in some way to meet ordinary admission requirements, is permitted to take courses as a non-matriculated student. Upon completion of 12 credit hours with a 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., the student may matriculate. Failing this, he or she is required to obtain permission from the School of Continuing Education to continue further coursework.

The College is also prepared to admit a limited number of qualified applicants who wish to take selected courses for credit but who do not wish to study for a degree at Marist College. Such applicants are subject to the usual admission requirements.

Visiting Students from Other Colleges:
A student in regular attendance at another college may register for courses at Marist to make up deficiencies or accelerate his or her program. Such a student should have permission from his or her Dean and should ascertain that the home college will accept the transfer credits. Students should contact the School of Continuing Education for more information.

TRANSFER STUDENTS
Marist College welcomes and encourages applications from transfer students. Each year, approximately 250 students from two-year and four-year colleges throughout the United States choose to transfer to Marist. Transfer admission is done on a rolling basis, beginning in February for the fall semester, and in October for the spring semester. Students interested in housing or financial aid are urged to submit applications as early as possible to ensure full consideration for these resources.

Transfers from two-year colleges must complete at least 50 credits hours at Marist. Transfers from four-year colleges must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at Marist. Up to 70 credits may be accepted from a community college or accredited two-year institution, although fulfilling requirements toward a student's degree is dependent on meeting all specific program requirements for that degree.

All transfer students must complete a minimum of 12 hours of upper-level credits in the major field. A maximum of eight transfer credits can be accepted towards a minor, concentration, or certificate. Marist maintains articulation agreements for selected majors with Dutchess and Columbia-Greene Community Colleges. Students with Associate degrees in selected majors with a 2.8 overall grade-point average are awarded a minimum of 60 credits toward the Marist degree requirements. Marist will accept selected Associate degrees as satisfaction of the Marist Core/Liberal Studies requirements, with the exception of PHIL 103 World Views and Values and the Capping course in the major. Ideally, students will be able to complete the Marist degree in two years of full-time study.

Other students will have their courses evaluated as stipulated below:
(1) The course(s) must be similar in scope and content to courses offered at Marist.
(2) Only courses in which a C or better has been obtained may be transferred to meet major, related field, and Core requirements. Credit for C– grades may be awarded on the elective credit category only.
(3) If transferable credits total 24 or more, students will be required to take PHIL 103 World Views and Values; if transferable credits total 23 or less, students will be required to take PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy and PHIL 300 Ethics. Transfer students who have completed Intro to Philosophy and Ethics, or comparable courses, with a C or better are not required to take World Views and Values.
(4) Transfer courses applicable to a student's academic program will be accepted from accredited colleges and universities that meet Marist College's transferability standards. (Check with the Office of the Registrar for a complete list of acceptable accrediting agencies.)

All students will receive an official transcript evaluation for the program to which they apply. The evaluation will specify how many credits are transferable toward the baccalaureate degree at Marist, how many credits may be accepted but not applied toward the baccalaureate degree, and the remaining courses necessary to fulfill Marist degree requirements. The awarding of a baccalaureate degree is dependent on meeting the specific requirements for that degree. Consequently, it may be possible, under exceptional circumstances, for a student to have completed 120 or more credits and not be eligible to be awarded a degree. Grades for courses taken at other institutions are not included in the computation of the student's grade-point average at Marist.

The evaluation will be mailed to each candidate after all records are received. Any questions pertaining to the evaluation should be directed to the appropriate admitting office. Students are advised not to register for any course to which transfer credit may be applied. In addition, students should be sure that the necessary prerequisites for the course have been met. After the first date of attendance, the student must use the degree audit to track degree completion requirements. Degree Audits can be found on the Marist website: http://www.marist.edu.

Applications for transfer admission and further information are available through the Office of Admission. Students who are 22 or older should contact the Office of Graduate and Adult Enrollment.

PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS
The College grants credit to matriculated students for Advanced Placement (AP), College Proficiency Examinations (CPE), NYS Regents College Exams, ACT-PEP, and the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) on an individual basis. The acceptable grade and credit assignment shall be determined by the department concerned with the subject area in which credit is sought. Please see the Marist website for more information: http://www.marist.edu/admission/transfer/credits.html.

To cover administrative costs, the College will charge $25.00 for each credit accepted.

CREDIT FOR DEMONSTRABLE KNOWLEDGE GAINED FROM LIFE/WORK EXPERIENCES
A matriculated undergraduate student may apply for a limited number of credits for knowledge acquired from adult life/work experiences which occurred prior
to matriculation. The student must be able to demonstrate and verify learning and/or skills comparable to the outcomes of courses at postsecondary levels of instruction. Application for credits should be made following matriculation into the college. An administrative fee per application will be required plus a tuition fee for each credit awarded. Additional information may be obtained from the School of Continuing Education.

**CREDIT FOR COURSEWORK AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS**

Successfully completed studies at another institution prior to senior year will be accepted as partial fulfillment of the requirements for graduation if: (1) the student, while in residence at Marist College, qualified for and was accepted into an established program such as the Marist Abroad Program or the Visiting Student Program or (2) the student, while an undergraduate at Marist, offered sufficient reason to the Registrar and Dean of School/Division to gain prior approval for summer or intersession courses at another institution or (3) the student began his undergraduate education at another college or university and transferred to Marist College (see the section on Transfer Students).

Students who have 70 or more credits on record at Marist will be permitted to do work only at other four-year accredited institutions. The final 30 credits for all students, which are equivalent to the senior year, may not be taken at another institution. No full-time, matriculated student at Marist is permitted to do coursework concurrently at another institution.

Only those courses with a C grade or better may be transferred. Courses with C- grades will only be awarded credit for elective courses.