



ALUMNI AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

TRAINING MANUAL

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Alumni Volunteer Checklist

Below is a checklist of items you must complete in order to be trained and ready to participate in recruitment events. Some of these items you'll have already completed by the time you receive this manual, whereas some of them require action by the Undergraduate Recruitment Team. As always, if you have any questions about these items or are having issues completing one of them, please contact the Director of Alumni Ambassador Program.

- Register as an Alumni Volunteer
- Receive Welcome email from Director, Alumni Ambassador Program
- Watch Training Videos (found in Welcome email)
- Review Training Video's, Training Manual and Code of Conduct (Annually)



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Information contained in this manual is intended solely for training purposes. If you have specific questions about any of the information in the training manual, contact Director, Alumni Ambassador Program at (845) 575-3986.

Admission Requirements

The Marist application is available on our Web site at marist.edu/admission/undergraduate/apply. Marist will also accept the Common Application with supplement.

A typical candidate for admission to Marist University will rank in the top 25 percent of his or her graduating class and hold a grade point average of 3.6/B+ or better. Students who have undertaken a challenging curriculum, including Honors/AP/IB/college level courses, are better positioned for admission.

Candidates should meet the following minimum requirements to apply:

- 4 YEARS OF ENGLISH
- 3 YEARS OF SCIENCE
- 3 YEARS OF MATH
- 3 YEARS OF SOCIAL STUDIES/HISTORY
- 2 YEARS OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

The quality or level of difficulty of each class is considered as well. Last year, the average admitted student typically took seven honors and four Advanced Placement (AP) courses. This varies depending on high school offerings.

ACT & SAT scores are optional, and we do not have additional requirements for students who choose not to submit their test scores. They simply need to select their test preference on their application. Admitted students who choose to enroll at Marist must have official scores sent directly from the testing agency.

The student's essay, leadership qualities, high school activities, and level of interest are also important.

AVERAGE CANDIDATE

**This information is included in the Facts & Information Brochure.*

This year's first year students include over 1,300 students from all corners of the map. In the current first year class alone, 44 states and 58 countries are represented. The overall Marist student body represents 49 states and 64 countries.

- GPA* 91–94 (3.5–3.8)
- SAT* 1240–1300
- ACT* 27–29

**These numbers represent the middle 50% of accepted students.*

Deadlines

EARLY DECISION I: NOVEMBER 15

Marist offers an Early Decision I option for students who know that Marist is their first choice. Early Decision I is a binding program, meaning that students who are accepted are bound to attend Marist and must withdraw all other college applications. Students are notified of an admission decision in mid- December.

EARLY ACTION: NOVEMBER 15

Marist also offers a flexible Early Action option for students who wish to find out early but are not ready to commit. The deadline for this non-binding option is November 15, and notifications are mailed mid-January. Accepted candidates will have until May 1 to submit a non-refundable deposit. In years past, nearly 50 percent of first-year students were accepted through this program.

EARLY DECISION II: FEBRUARY 15

The second binding Early Decision option is Early Decision II. Early Decision II applications must be completed by February 15, and notifications will be mailed in late February. Accepted candidates are required to submit a non-refundable deposit by March 1.

REGULAR DECISION: FEBRUARY 15

The last deadline for first year applicants is Regular Decision. These non-binding applications must be received by February 15, and notifications are mailed mid-March. Accepted candidates have until May 1 to submit a non-refundable deposit. This deposit is non-refundable after May 1.

Academic Merit Scholarships <i>(Financial need not required)</i>	General Eligibility Requirements	Amount Awardable <i>(Renewable each year for four consecutive years*)</i>
Presidential Scholarship	<i>Students with an "A" average or higher, strong, and rigorous within course selection, often including AP and College Level courses, and consistent involvement in their community are competitive Presidential Scholarship candidates.</i>	\$20,000–\$25,000
Marist University Scholarship	<i>Students with "B+" average or higher, strong curriculum, and involvement in community are competitive Marist scholarship candidates.</i>	\$10,000–\$15,000

** Students must maintain a 2.85 cumulative GPA and full-time status (12+ credits)*

Tuition and Fees

TUITION AND FEES

- Tuition & Fees (annual)\$49,900
- Room & Board (annual)\$19,350
- Books & Supplies\$2,425
- Total tuition, room, board, and fees\$71,675

NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

To qualify for financial aid, applicants must demonstrate the need for financial assistance as the sole path to attendance at Marist University. The College determines your “need” by evaluating the information you provide when you complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and the CSS Profile Form. The Net Price calculator is available on the Marist Web site (marist.edu/financial-aid/net-price-calculator) to help families plan for the cost of their education. FAFSA is for U.S. Citizens only. International students must use the CSS Profile. Additional scholarships are available through ROTC (Army), music (audition based), and theatre (audition based).

Visit Program

The Admission Office offers a two-hour visit program throughout the year. The program includes student- guided tours of campus, an information session presented by a member of the Admission Staff, and a student panel. A student guided tour provides a firsthand look at the academic buildings, dining hall, student center, classrooms, residence halls, and athletic facilities. Tours are approximately 60-to-90 minutes in length. When the tour concludes, tour guides bring the families back to the Admission Office. If they still have questions, a staff member is happy to answer them.

Shadow Days are also available for prospective students. Students will sit in on an academic class with a current student and eat in the dining hall, giving the student an idea of what a day-in-the-life of a Marist student is like. Shadow Days in the fall are open to all students, and in the spring for accepted students only. Students need to fill out the Shadow Day Request form, which can be found on the visit portion of the website in late September.

Throughout the year, the admission office also offers Academic Open Houses for each of our six academic schools. This program includes a presentation from the school faculty and admission staff, followed by a student-guided tour of campus. Please encourage families to check out the visit calendar for additional information and dates.

Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling (845) 575-3226 or by visiting **marist.edu/admission/visit** to register online. Weekends and school holidays are the most requested visit days. Confirmations are e-mailed, including directions, and we request that families arrive 20 minutes prior to the start of the session. If families want to meet with faculty and/or sit in on a class, the Admission Office will direct them to the appropriate school or person. We do not offer on-campus overnight visits.

Please note that our visit program runs seven days a week in the Fall (mid-September–December) and Springs (mid-January-May) and six days a week in the Summer (mid-May–August).

Schools and Majors

Marist offers 47 different majors that fall within our six academic schools, with a variety of concentration areas and pre-professional programs available. Marist also offers several graduate degrees in the fields of communication, business, computer science, psychology, and science, and several 5-year accelerated programs.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND THE ARTS

ADVERTISING

The Advertising concentration within the Communication major is geared toward our students focused on careers in advertising, whether their interest lies in creative, media, strategy, or account management. This concentration provides hands-on exposure to the industry, giving you a competitive edge when you enter the field after graduation. Hands-on internships with newspapers, magazines, transit, TV, radio, and Internet companies. Advertising majors have gained employment as account executives, media buyers, researchers, designers, artists, and copywriters. Students can pursue a 5-year accelerated program with this major in Integrated Marketing Communication. They would also automatically receive a dual concentration in Public Relations.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

The Communication Studies concentration is designed to provide you with the knowledge and skills you need to understand, facilitate, and enhance human communication practices. The fundamentals will supplement and improve any degree and career path.

JOURNALISM

Designed to stir the student's spirit of curiosity, resourcefulness, and concern for the issues of the day. Students practice the fundamentals of thorough news gathering, and concise writing while they also study the history, literature, and law of their field.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Gives students a look at the principles and practices of the public relations field. In doing so, students study the importance of internal and external communication in organizations, PR theory, the history of PR, PR specializations, PR writing, and PR case studies. Students can pursue a 5-year accelerated program with this major in Integrated Marketing Communication. They would also automatically receive a dual concentration in Advertising.

SPORTS COMMUNICATION

Requires the students read and analyze sports in new ways, critically examine the role of sports in society, and consider such areas as gender, race, and public policy in the context of sports.

MEDIA STUDIES & PRODUCTION

For students interested in learning more about the electronic and film media surrounding us. The curriculum offers a balance of theory and practice for a wide variety of careers in mass communication—including on-air performance, behind-the-scenes writing and producing, and criticism of radio, television, film, and new technologies. There are two concentrations offered in this major: Film & Television or Interactive Media & Game Design

GAMES & EMERGING MEDIA

The program provides all majors with a foundation in programming, art, game design, UI/UX, game writing/storytelling, and the business of games. In addition, all students can take courses in the ethics of games, online culture, storytelling across media, artificial intelligence, and other relevant topics.

DIGITAL MEDIA

Allows students the opportunity to explore, in depth, the new and exciting field of digital media under the guidance of recognized working artists, designers, and educators. There are three concentrations offered in this major; Graphic Design, Animation, or Digital Arts.

FASHION DESIGN (PORTFOLIO REQUIRED)

Students develop skills in design, textiles, draping, and flat pattern making, garment construction, and computer-aided design. "Fashion Design majors may opt for a minor in Product Development or Merchandising.

FASHION MERCHANDISING

Concentrates on the planning, procurement, and sales aspects of the fashion business. Fashion merchandising majors receive a business minor. Fashion Merchandising majors can now choose a concentration in Business, Product Development or Fashion Promotion.

FINE ARTS (ART HISTORY)

Students will explore the wide history of visual arts from pre-historic caves and pyramids of Egypt to the challenging and exciting creations of modern and contemporary art. Students are immersed in the heritage, theory, and culture of art's origins and its future.

STUDIO ART (PORTFOLIO REQUIRED FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE)

The curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Studio Art degree offers a balance of courses between the traditional art media areas required by the major and the liberal arts courses required by the Marist University common core.

SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Marist has a joint study agreement with IBM that allows these students access to the most up-to-date computer equipment and state-of-the-art internship opportunities.

APPLIED MATHEMATICS

This program provides a strong foundation in traditional mathematics and addresses the needs of those interested in scientific or operational applications of mathematical techniques. Students in the major can also pursue a secondary school provisional teaching certification.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Students who study Computer Science have access to one of the most technologically advanced departments at a liberal arts institution in the nation. All professors in Computer Science are full-time faculty and offer students access to a full spectrum of state-of-the-art equipment. Students can pursue a 5-year accelerated program with this major in Computer Science and Software Development.

DATA SCIENCE AND ANALYTICS

Students will learn how to implement algorithms for data aggregation, cleaning, and analysis, manipulate large amounts of data and build models from the data which can be used to describe phenomena and make predictions about future occurrences and events, and explore data to identify its meaning and impact, and communicate data analysis findings with appropriate visualizations and graphical techniques.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SYSTEMS

Information Technology and Systems (ITS) is an exciting new major that combines the best of Information Systems and Information Technology. ITS provides a common foundation in computing and business before branching into two concentrations: Information Technology (IT) and Information Systems (IS). Students can pursue a 5-year accelerated program with this major in Information Systems.

MATHEMATICS

This program teaches students critical thinking and problem-solving skills that can be applied with the discipline of mathematics into a wide variety of other areas. Students can pursue a secondary school provisional teaching certification.

CYBERSECURITY

Featured topics include cryptography, cyberwarfare, ethical hacking, penetration testing, computer forensics, mobile and wireless security, and security design/management for databases, web commerce, cloud computing, and the Internet of Things.

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

American Studies

An interdepartmental program involving history, politics, law, literature, philosophy, religion, art, and music. American Studies allows students to transcend narrow disciplinary boundaries in exploring a broad interplay of ideas and events that have shaped the American past.

ENGLISH (LITERATURE/WRITING/THEATRE)

Our curriculum provides solid training in the skills of interpretive reading, oral self-presentation, and writing through a trio of courses required in the freshman/sophomore years in literary analysis, drama, and dramatic performance, and the varieties of writing.

MODERN LANGUAGES (FRENCH/SPANISH)

Communication through a language is at the core of human experience, and the study of foreign language provides a powerful key to successful exchanges. The department particularly encourages all language students to study abroad.

GLOBAL STUDIES

Develop a comprehensive understanding of the intricacies of our complex society with the Global Studies major. Blend your interests and passions for a tailored academic experience. With a curriculum that supports studying abroad, internships, and varied concentrations, you will learn how to analyze complex issues, conduct research, and think critically about worldly problems.

HISTORY

This department sees its mission as one of enabling students to make sense of the world that they are inheriting. The history major systematically exposes students to three principle culture areas: United States, Europe, and the Non-Western World.

PHILOSOPHY

The study of critical reflection on issues of value assessment, methodologies, and transcendental human concerns through core courses and electives of philosophies and religious studies.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

This area aims to provide students with a basic understanding of political systems, major political beliefs, and the fundamental process of politics and governing. Unique opportunities include: the Marist Poll (MIPO), the Albany Semester, the Washington Semester, Marist Abroad Program, the Pre-Law program, plus concentrations in Paralegal Studies, Public Administration, Public Opinion, and International Studies.

PRE-LAW

Although NOT A MAJOR, this course of study prepares students for continuing their studies in law schools across the nation. Pre-law students come from many major areas.

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Marist's School of Management is AACSB accredited, which is the highest accreditation that a business school can receive. This puts Marist's School of Management in the top five percent of business programs globally.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

This program is fully accredited by the AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business). Students can focus in International Business, Finance, Marketing, Human Resource Management, or Entrepreneurship.

ACCOUNTING

The program is designed to prepare accounting graduates to progress into management positions in business and industry, public accounting, and governmental units. Students can pursue an accelerated master's program in Professional Accountancy which students can complete in just under five years. This program includes a winter internship in NYC and provides students with enough credit hours to sit for the CPA exams.

ECONOMICS

This course of study is a broad-based degree that offers a strong foundation in macro and microeconomic theory, and the application of this theory in environmental, financial, public, and international economics.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

ATHLETIC TRAINING

A fully accredited program that includes more than 500 internship hours working with our Division I athletes. Athletic Trainers are responsible for prevention, care, assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of injuries and illness for the physically active. BS in Biology/MS in Athletic Training dual-degree program.

BIOCHEMISTRY (B.A.)

The Biomedical Sciences curriculum is an interdisciplinary science program that includes core courses in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. These courses provide a solid foundation in each of these basic sciences and serve as general prerequisites for admission to most health professional schools.

BIOLOGY

Students in this area of study may select a career path in various health professions ranging from medicine, dentistry, podiatry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, physical and occupational therapy, physician assistant, and other allied health professions.

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

This curriculum is an interdisciplinary science program that includes core courses in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.

CHEMISTRY (B.A & B.S.)

The American Chemical Society-approved curriculum emphasizes extensive hands-on experience with state-of-the-art instrumentation and development of effective communication skills. Computational modeling is integrated throughout the curriculum as one mechanism to blend contemporary practice with traditional methods.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & POLICY

This program helps students acquire an understanding of the natural environment and how humans interact with and alter natural habitats and processes. Concentrations are offered in Science and Policy.

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

Students are broadly educated in the Liberal Arts while taking courses in Biology, Chemistry, Math, and Computer Sciences, to prepare for advanced clinical courses.

Student's complete internships at local hospitals before graduation.

PRE-HEALTH PROGRAMS

Although NOT a major, this program will prepare students for postgraduate study in the health sciences. Marist offers Pre-Medical, Pre-Dental, and Pre-Veterinary programs.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT GRADUATE PROGRAM

The Master of Science-Physician Assistant Studies is a 24-month, full-time program designed to prepare students for the Physician Assistant National

Certification Examination (PANCE). This is NOT a direct admit program, meaning students will need to apply. The program consists of three phases: didactic phase, clinical phase, and capping phase. Students will learn about the ethical responsibilities of the profession, behavioral aspects of health, roles and responsibilities of the physician assistant, and global aspects of health are covered.

DOCTORATE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program is a full-time, 115- credit program designed to prepare students for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE). This is NOT a direct admit program, meaning students will need to apply. The program consists of 36 months of didactic and clinical work. Students will merge hands-on skills, ethical care, clinical judgment, and critical inquiry to promote optimal functioning of current and future clients throughout their lifespan. The clinical phase offers four 8- to 10-week full-time rotations.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION

Marist University offers a direct-admit, 5-year program leading to initial New York State teaching certification in Adolescence Education (7-12) and a Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T). Students can become certified in the following content areas: English, French, History, Spanish, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry

CRIME AND JUSTICE STUDIES

Courses focus on the study of crime from a variety of perspectives: cause of crime, societal reaction, judicial processing, and treatment of offenders, as well as the philosophy of the practice of social control and the administration of criminal behavior. There is an option to complete a five-year Master of Public Administration.

PSYCHOLOGY

This curriculum stresses personal development and the development of a world view grounded in a deep sense of personal values.

PSYCHOLOGY/SPECIAL CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ELEMENTARY EDUCATION)

Students in this area earn a degree in Psychology and earn New York provisional teacher certification for Special and Elementary Education (grades 1-6). Students can apply for a fifth-year master's degree also offered at Marist.

SOCIAL WORK

The mission of the Social Work Program is to prepare students for entry-level social work practice as generalists who can apply a broad base of knowledge within the context of an acknowledged value structure consistent with social work principles and traditions, using a range of skills, techniques, and strategies.



Marist in Florence

THE MARIST-LDM PARTNERSHIP

Students have been traveling to Florence for centuries, inspired by the deep history and rich traditions in art and philosophy. As such, Florence is one of the Marist Abroad Program's most popular study-abroad destinations. Marist undergraduates have attended Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici for more than 15 years.

Marist University and Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici share a similar vision and mission in their approaches to education. These core values of excellence in education, the importance of community, and the principle of service, are the foundation for this unique partnership. Drawing on the strengths of the study-abroad partnership, Marist set out to design a full degree program located at the Lorenzo

de' Medici campus. The Marist-LdM bachelor's degree program was launched in 2006, as was the first four-year bachelor's degree program in Florence. Marist-LdM now offers an entire university infrastructure, a place where students of all ages and interests can explore an international learning community.

The Marist-LdM affiliation includes a series of collaborations with study-abroad providers and other academic and professional organizations. Together, Marist-LdM and its partners work to maximize the cultural and academic experiences for its students.

The Marist-LdM flagship program is the four-year Bachelor's Degree Program. Students choose one of seven fields of study, earning a U.S. bachelor's degree from Marist University while completing their education in Italy. A one-year Certificate in Fine Arts is also available through the undergraduate program.

FIRST-YEAR FLORENCE EXPERIENCE

The FFE is a program designed for highly motivated first-year students who wish to pursue foundation coursework in a study-abroad environment. Students pursue coursework in writing, introduction to philosophy, and other content areas like those found in Poughkeepsie. Students are also required to study Italian language (no previous language skills are necessary to join the program). Students will have access to the vast resources of Florentine life: museums, festivals, music, opera, and an unrivaled architectural history. Excursions, workshops, and events have been designed for Marist freshmen to build a sense of community, encourage cultural immersion, and foster travel opportunities to other parts of Italy and beyond. Students live in apartment-style housing in the heart of the city along with resident directors. Each year, we have between 30 to 40 students participating in this unique program.

FIRST-YEAR DUBLIN EXPERIENCE

Very similar to FFE. FDE will have a capacity of 30 students who will live and learn at the Dublin Business School in Ireland.

Clubs and Activities

Marist has more than 80 clubs and organizations that are organized into six advisory councils by area of interest: Co-Curricular, Production/Performance, Honorary/Professional, Sports, Social/Service, and Greek. Membership in all clubs and organizations is open to students from every background and academic program. The following is a synopsis of some of the most popular clubs at Marist.

THE DANCE CLUB is completely student-run. Currently, there are approximately 250 members. The members range from those who have been through professional training to those who have never taken any sort of dance class. Open dances are available to anyone in the club and closed dances have dancers that are chosen by the choreographer. The dance club performs each semester. A student choreographs every dance in the show.

DANCE TEAM is a select team chosen based upon tryouts. They perform at select home football and basketball games. This is separate from the dance club. This team holds regular practices.

THE MARIST UNIVERSITY BAND involves approximately 100 students performing in a variety of 12 ensembles. The band performs at home football games, home basketball games, Marist basketball games at Madison Square Garden, and at the MAAC Championship Basketball Tournament, which is held on the first weekend in March. Membership in this large ensemble entitles the student to participate as a member of the Brass Ensemble, Low-Brass Choir, Flute Choir, Woodwind Ensemble, Woodwind Quintet, Musical Theater Pit Orchestra, and the Jazz Band known as the "Jazz Foxes." Other ensembles that flourish under the umbrella of the Marist University Band include the Hand Bell Choir, Guitar Ensemble, and a variety of 'Rock' Bands.

THE MARIST UNIVERSITY SINGERS organization involves more than 180 students performing in a variety of 10 ensembles. It performs full choral concerts from the standard repertoire of choral concert literature, tours both here and abroad, and is the centerpiece of the University's annual Ecumenical Service of Lessons and Carols. Membership in this large ensemble entitles the student the right to audition for membership in Chamber Singers, Chapel Choir, Time-Check, and/or The Sirens.

MARIST THEATRE averages 6-8 productions per year, along with several community service activities. It is completely independent of any academic major and welcomes members from all academic disciplines. The proximity of New York City allows MCCTA to hire professional directors, choreographers, and musical directors for several Main Stage dramas and musicals each year.

THE CIRCLE (NEWSPAPER) is weekly (every Thursday), the newspaper serves the college community and has a circulation of 2,000. The Circle is fully staffed by undergraduate Marist students and is advised by Professors Kevin Lerner and Jeffrey Basinger. The Circle utilizes professional publishing software and has evolved into a full-sized broadsheet newspaper. Marist Circle runs dual-distribution online and bi-weekly in print. In 2004, The Circle received a first-place award in the American Scholastic Press Association's annual newspaper competition.

WMAR (RADIO STATION) is a student-run, non-commercial, on-campus FM radio station. WMAR is broadcast around campus at 88.1 on the FM dial. The radio station is also accessible internationally via the Internet. WMAR has also added an AM sister station to serve as an outlet for our sports broadcasts. The new AM station is at 1630 on the AM dial.

CLUB ICE HOCKEY AT MARIST UNIVERSITY offers an intercollegiate club program. Hockey qualified for the ACHA Nationals twice, finishing with the #3 ranking in 1996 and #7 in 1998. The team also won the league title in two of the past five years. The home rink is less than a mile from campus. Questions should be forwarded to ice.hockey@marist.edu. Our Ice Hockey Team plays competitively in both the Division 2 American Collegiate Hockey Association and the Super East Collegiate Hockey League. There are no athletic scholarships available for club sports.

SKI TEAM races in slalom and giant slalom. There are both men's and women's ski teams at Marist. Teams are chosen each year based on tryouts that typically take place the first weekend after Thanksgiving break. Races are usually held at Mad River Glen, Middlebury Snow Bowl, Killington, Pico, and Mount Snow. Elected team captains manage the ski team and organize travel and competition. A few of the ski team competitors are Brandeis, University of Maine, University of New England, University of Rhode Island, Springfield, Vassar, Wesleyan, Castleton State, and Yale.

EL ARCO IRIS LATINO ("ARCO") APPRECIATING RACES, CREATING OPPORTUNITIES unifies and strengthens the presence of the Latin community of Marist University. To define what El Arco Iris Latino is would be to define what the club is about - a rainbow - a mixture of all cultures. El Arco Iris Latino creates a combination of community service with different social events, bringing together the students at Marist University, while creating a fusion of all cultures together helping one another.

ASIAN ALLIANCE AT MARIST UNIVERSITY is a student-run club that strives to promote diversity, integrity, and unity. It sponsors events such as sushi demos, Chinese writing workshops, faculty-student forums, and Asian-themed field trips.

BLACK STUDENT UNION is a club whose mission includes helping with the adjustment of African-American students at Marist University. The BSU upholds past traditions that gave back to the community through community service, lectures, movie nights, and many more events. Each year, the Union tries to bring something new and exciting to the Marist community.

SGA (STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION) is the group responsible for making student decisions that transcend the jurisdiction of the student body, and which have taken on extreme significance, or which involve serious issues with faculty, staff, or administration of the college. It charters clubs and organizations. The SGA serves as the medium for communication between administration, faculty, students, and student groups. It is also a conduit for information from students and student groups to the administration and faculty.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is a community service organization that renovates and builds homes with the goal of eliminating poverty housing from the world and providing decent shelter for all. The Marist University chapter builds throughout the year in and around the Town of Poughkeepsie. The group is always looking for new members and new fund-raising ideas.

CHEERLEADING is a co-ed club sport. Cheerleaders perform at Marist University home football and basketball games. They also travel to perform at the MAAC Championship Basketball Tournament. The cheerleading squad also competes in national competitions. Tryouts are held in the fall; therefore, freshmen are eligible to participate.

ATHLETICS

Marist has 23 NCAA Division I teams, all of which (except for football, which competes in the Pioneer Football League) compete in the MAAC (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference): Baseball, Basketball—M & W, Crew—M & W, Cross Country—M & W, Diving—M & W, Football, Lacrosse—M & W, Soccer—M & W, Softball, Swimming—M & W, Tennis—M & W, Track—M & W, Volleyball, and Women's Water Polo.

To reach coaches, interested students can call (845) 575-3304. Students who are interested in playing a sport at Marist should be encouraged to make direct contact with the coaches. Ultimately, the coaches communicate with the Office of Undergraduate Admission and confirm if a student is being recruited.

Marist offers 19 club sports: Cheerleading, Baseball, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Tennis, Dance, Equestrian, Fencing, Golf, Men's Ice Hockey, Women's Lacrosse, Men's Rugby, Women's Rugby, Ski, Men's Volleyball, Women's Volleyball, and Ultimate Frisbee. Club teams compete against other colleges and universities.

Students interested in joining a club team can speak to a team representative at the activities fair during Open House or contact the club's coach via email.

Marist has several intramural sports as well, including Dodgeball, Flag Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Badminton, Can-Jam, Spikeball, etc. Anyone can play intramural sports and can sign up online to participate in a team, or as a free agent.



Summer Pre-College Programs at Marist University

Marist's Summer Pre-College program is an incredible opportunity to earn college credit, test drive a major, and make friends from around the world at one of the nation's Top Pre-College Programs. This year, we've expanded our offerings into two sessions: one on our beautiful riverfront campus, and one virtual. Each program below is tailored to your unique interests and designed to help you develop the fundamentals of your future career!

Academically, students will be receiving 3 transferable college credits. Taught by Marist's nationally recognized faculty, the programs will provide a challenging, yet equally rewarding experience. The program allows students to utilize state-of-the-art technology, gain hands-on experience in their respective field, and earn three college credits.

PROGRAMS

- Business
- Creative Writing
- Criminal Justice
- Environmental Science
- Fashion Design-Apparel Construction
- Fashion Merchandising A-Z
- Introduction to Digital Fashion Design
- Game Design
- Introduction to Studio Art-Drawing Intensive
- Personal and Professional Finance
- Pre-Health
- Pre-Law
- Psychology
- Robotics
- Sports Communication
- The Science Behind Movement and Exercise

HOW TO APPLY

Applying to Marist's Summer Pre-College program is easy!
Just follow the steps below.

Step 1: Review application requirements.

- Application, including a short essay
- High School Transcript
- Recommendation

Step 2: Submit your application.



What's New?

5-YEAR BA/MAT FOR ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION (7-12)

- Direct-entry program launched for Fall 2018. Students who apply to Marist for Adolescence Education are admitted into a five-year Bachelor and Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) program.
- Students can become certified in the following content areas: Biology, Chemistry, English, French, History, Mathematics, or Spanish

DYSON CENTER RENOVATION

- The Dyson Center, home to the School of Management and the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, had a full interior and exterior renovation, in addition to a new expansion on the West side of the building.
- The 18-month construction project was completed and open for fall 2024 classes.

STEEL PLANT STUDIOS RENOVATION

- Provides new classrooms, sewing labs, and study space for the Fashion Merchandising, Fashion Design, Art & Digital Media Programs
- Brick and mortar location for fashion boutique MPorium: The Collective

NORTH CAMPUS HOUSING

- Single-bedroom occupancy apartments opened in 2017 with four bedrooms, kitchen, dining area, living room, and bathroom.
- In addition to housing, buildings include a fitness center, multipurpose space, and a dining facility.
- Dining space includes Rosticceria Rossi and Sons Deli
- Favorite among Marist students, top college town restaurant according to BuzzFeed and Spoon University

Frequently Asked Questions

IS MARIST A CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

No. Though started by the Marist Brothers, Marist has been independent since 1969.

LOCATION?

Marist's 210-acre campus is located in Poughkeepsie, NY, on the banks of the Hudson River, about halfway between New York City and Albany. Our Italy campus is located in the heart of Florence.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION?

Please see the Admission Requirements section of this manual.

HOW MANY STUDENTS ATTEND?

About 5,700 undergraduates attend Marist - about 1,000 students are enrolled in graduate programs at Marist.

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS THAT LIVE ON CAMPUS.

About 80 percent of Marist's undergraduates live on campus, including 95 percent of first-year students.

IS MARIST A SUITCASE SCHOOL?

No. Most Marist students live on campus and about 90 percent of those stay on campus on the weekends.

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO?

Marist's student-to-faculty ratio is 16:1.

MALE/FEMALE RATIO?

Marist's male-to-female ratio is 42 percent males and 58 percent females.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE?

The class sizes at Marist vary, averaging anywhere from 18-26 students with a maximum of 35 students. There are no lecture hall classes at Marist, and all classes are taught by professors (no T.A.s or graduate students teach classes here).

GRADUATION RATE?

Marist's four-year graduation rate is 83 percent (the national four-year graduation rate is about 46 percent).

AVERAGE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE?

There is no average award amount because Marist's financial aid packages are based on information supplied on the FAFSA (family need) and CSS Profile.

HOW MUCH DOES MARIST COST?

The cost for the 2025–2026 academic year (tuition, room & board, and fees) is \$71,675.

DO YOU HAVE OPEN HOUSES FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS?

We offer Admitted Student Weekends in the spring for accepted students. Prior to applying, students are encouraged to take advantage of our visit program--seven days a week in the fall and spring and Monday- Saturday in the summer. Please see the Visit Information section of this manual for more information. Families can register for a campus visit at marist.edu/visit.

DO YOU HAVE OVERNIGHTS?

Overnight visits are offered on a very limited basis and typically for students traveling great distances. This typically occurs during Admitted Student Weekends in April. (This is an invitation only program, so this is not something to advertise.)

DO YOU OFFER INTERVIEWS?

Marist does not offer admission interviews. Students should use their essay as a forum to tell the admission committee about themselves. We do track demonstrated interest.

WHAT SPORTS DO YOU OFFER?

Marist has 23 NCAA Division I teams:

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| • Baseball-M | • Diving-W | • Swimming-W |
| • Basketball-M | • Football-M | • Tennis-M |
| • Basketball-W | • Lacrosse-M | • Tennis-W |
| • Crew-M | • Lacrosse-W | • Track-M |
| • Crew-W | • Soccer-M | • Track-W |
| • Cross-Country-M | • Soccer-W | • Water Polo-W |
| • Cross-Country-W | • Softball-W | • Volleyball-W |
| • Diving-M | • Swimming-M | |

WHAT KIND OF INTERNSHIPS DO YOU HAVE?

Nearly every major at Marist offers internship opportunities either locally (i.e. at IBM for Computer Science majors), in New York City (i.e. at MTV for Communication majors), nationally (i.e. at the CIA in Washington D.C. for Criminal Justice majors), or even internationally for students who go abroad. For more information, please contact the Center for Career Services.

WHAT IS THERE TO DO ON CAMPUS/IN POUGHKEEPSIE?

With over 100 clubs and organizations for students to join, there is always some event happening on campus. The College Activities Office and Student Programming Council schedule events on campus as well—singers, songwriters, open mic nights, coffeehouses, battle of the bands, magicians, comedians, and music concerts in the gym are just some of the on-campus entertainment. They also sponsor trips to Broadway shows, Yankees games, Six Flags, and more.

ARE FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS ALLOWED TO HAVE CARS?

No. There are taxis, a bus system, and a train station in Poughkeepsie that runs Metro-North and Amtrak to New York City and Albany. Marist also provides bus service to airports and other locations before major breaks from school. We also have Uber and Lyft in Poughkeepsie. Students must have 50 credits to have a car on campus.

SCHOLARSHIP INFO?

Please see the section on Merit Scholarships in this manual. In addition to Merit Scholarships, Marist offers scholarships in 21 of its 23 DI sports (decided by the individual coaches) and music and theater scholarships by audition (decided by the head of the music department).

IS HOUSING GUARANTEED?

Housing is guaranteed for first-year and sophomore years, after which it is based on a points system – not a lottery. Students earn points for campus involvement, GPA, and can lose points for violation of college policy. Almost all upperclassmen that request on-campus housing do receive it.

Support Services for Students

OFFICE OF ACCOMMODATIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY

The mission of the Office of Accommodations and Accessibility is to support students with documented disabilities in becoming empowered, independent learners by providing the appropriate accommodations and services necessary to access the educational opportunities at Marist University.

The Office of Accommodations and Accessibility provides a comprehensive range of academic support services and accommodations that promote the full integration of students with disabilities into the mainstream college environment. Services and accommodations are individualized to meet the needs of each student and may vary depending upon the disability and/or course content.

Accommodations that may be provided as required by a student's specific disability include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Textbooks in an alternate format
- Notetaking services
- Readers
- Scribes
- Testing accommodations
- Use of assistive technology
- Referral to campus services

MARIST UNIVERSITY LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAM

The mission of the Learning Support Program at Marist University is to provide students with Learning Disabilities and/or Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder academic support, learning strategies, and advocacy skills through individualized support, in order to assist them in becoming independent, contributing members of the global community.

The Learning Support Program is a fee-based program, which provides academic support to students whose primary disability is a Learning Disability and/or ADHD*. The fee for the program is \$2,965 per semester.

Students wishing to participate in the Learning Support Program must submit the LSP application **at the same time** that they submit their application to Marist University.

When all information has been received, the entire application will be reviewed by the Office of Accommodations and Accessibility.

After applications have been reviewed, those most qualified will be invited to interview with a member of the Learning Support Program Admissions Committee.

Contact Information

Office of Undergraduate Admission

3399 North Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845-575-3226 or 1(800) 436-5483

Campus Tours, Speak to a Counselor, Merit Scholarships, Transfer Admission Information

(845) 575-3226 or 1(800) 436-5483

Office of Student Financial Services FAFSA, need-based aid, financial aid packages, and billing information

(845) 575-3230 or 1(800) 436-5483

Graduate and Adult Enrollment Students over 22, graduate student info

(845) 575-3800

Office of Accommodations and Accessibility

(845) 575-3274

Athletic Department, Contact Coaches

(845) 575-3304

Center for Career Services, Questions about internships, career placement

(845) 575-3547

School of Communication & the Arts

(845) 575-3650

School of Computer Science and Mathematics

(845) 575-3601

School of Liberal Arts

(845) 575-3295

School of Management

(845) 575-3225

School of Science

(845) 575-3228

School of Social and Behavioral Sciences

(845) 575-3960

Office of Alumni Relations

845-575-3283



Admissions Counselors

ANGIE ALAMAH

Director of Southwest/Texas Admission

Territories: Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah

LONDON BULGARELLI

Director of Western US Admission

Territories: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

CHRIS DOYLE, '03

Director of Admission

Territories: Illinois, New York (Finger Lakes, Hudson Valley, Mohawk Valley, North Country, Southern Tier and Western)

DONELLE DURHAM

Director of Southeast Admission

Territories: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee

HASION GASTON

International Admission Counselor

Territories: Central America, Latin America, Middle East

JOE GIACALONE, '03/'08 MPA

Executive Director, International Admission

Territories: Western Sahara, Sub-Saharan Africa, Oceania, Western Europe

KATE GILDARD, '10/'13 MPA

Senior Associate Director

Territories: Delaware, Maine, Pennsylvania, Vermont

JESSICA GOETCHIUS

Admission Counselor

Territory: Connecticut

LOUIS HIGUERA, '20/'23 M

Assistant Director of International Admission

Territories: Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, Northern Asia

ALY JORDAN, '22

Transfer Admission Counselor

Territory: Local community colleges as well as first year students in Albany, Westchester County, and Rockland County

MEGHAN MCLAUGHLIN, '21

Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admission

Territories: Massachusetts, Rhode Island

AUTUMN POLLOCK

Associate Director of Mid-Atlantic Admission

Territories: Virginia, Maryland, Washington D.C.

NICOLE RADASSAO, '12/'16 MA

Senior Associate Director

Territories: Iowa, Indiana, New York (Central New York, Syracuse, and Rochester)

JACLYN SAGER, '11

Director, Transfer & Adult Admission

CORINNE SCHELL, '83

Director, Alumni Ambassador Program

JOE TUOSTO, '23

Assistant Director of Admission

Territories: New York (Staten Island), New Jersey

TBD

Admission Counselor

Territories: New York City, Manhattan, Brooklyn, and the Bronx

Admission Glossary

Award Letter—A document issued to a student financial aid recipient that indicates the type and amount of financial aid awards.

Common Application—One of two admissions applications that Marist accepts; students can apply to Marist using the Common App at apply.commonapp.org/login

CSS Profile —The CSS Profile is an online application used by colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal institutional aid. For federal aid you must complete the FAFSA. The Marist University CSS Profile Code is 2400.

EA (Early Action)—A non-binding admissions option for students who wish to receive their admissions decision early in their senior year of high school. Applications for EA must be submitted by November 15 and decisions are sent in early January.

ED I /ED II (Early Decision I/Early Decision II)—A binding admissions option for those students who have selected Marist as their first and only choice. Applications for ED I must be submitted by November 15. February 15 is the deadline for ED II applications. Students who apply through the Early Decision program commit to attending Marist if accepted.

RD (Regular Decision)—A non-binding admission option for students. Applications for RD must be submitted by February 15 and decisions are sent mid-March.

Enrollment Deposit/Matriculation Fee—A fee that must be paid by accepted students to secure their place at Marist University.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)—A federal form to determine eligibility for student financial aid. Students applying for financial aid must submit the FAFSA alongside their application for admission. The Marist University Federal Student code is 002765.

Federal Work Study (FWS)—A government-funded source of income offered as part of financial aid packages. Students are paid at an hourly rate and receive paychecks every two weeks.

Financial Need—In order for institutions to identify financial resources (federal, state and their own) available to assist families in affording college, the definition of “financial need” has been established as Cost of Attendance (COA) minus Student Aid Index (SAI). SAI was formerly the Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

High School Profile—A form created by each high school that provides Marist with information about the student body at a specific high school.

Merit-Based Scholarship—Awarded based on either academic and extracurricular merit.

National College Decision Day—May 1: the day by which students accepted for admission are expected to respond to their offer of admission by submitting their enrollment deposit. Early Decision candidates must submit their enrollment deposit on a separate timeline.

Need-Based Financial Aid—Financial aid that is awarded based on demonstrated financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application.

Regular Decision—Students applying through the Regular Decision program must submit applications for admission by February 15 and will receive notification by mid-March.

Retention Rate—The percentage of students who return to a college or university for their sophomore year. Marist has a retention rate of approximately 89%.

Room & Board—Combined housing and dining plan costs.

Test Optional—A policy that allows applicants to choose whether to submit their standardized test scores (SAT or ACT) for the admissions evaluation process. Marist University introduced this policy in 2006.

Transcript—Official record of high school and/or college courses and grades.

Yield—The percentage of those admitted students who enroll at Marist.

Resource List

To be an effective alumni volunteer, staying current on Marist University and the admission process is essential. New and exciting things are happening daily, and we want to make sure you have all the tools you need to communicate and engage with prospective students and their families.

Below, you will find many essential resources that are helpful in answering students' most common questions about Marist. These resources will provide you with the most up-to-date information about Marist and should be reviewed prior to participation in one of our volunteer opportunities. Plus, they are a great way to understand what's going on at Marist University right now!

MARIST UNIVERSITY RESOURCE LISTINGS

Below is a list of websites for you to refer prospective and admitted students. Feel free to peruse these websites to learn more about how Marist University has changed since you were a student. For current volunteers, we encourage you to use these websites in tandem with your training manual, which houses the most up-to-date information specific to the volunteer program.

- Marist University website: marist.edu
- Admissions website: marist.edu/admission-financial-aid
- Campus Map: marist.edu/about/map
- Marist University Experience: marist.edu/about/the-marist-experience
- Apply to Marist: marist.edu/admission/undergraduate/apply#apps
- Majors at Marist University: marist.edu/academics/programs/complete-list
- Student Financial Services: marist.edu/admission/student-financial-services
- Residential Life: marist.edu/student-life/campus/housing-residential-life
- Dining Services: marist.edu/student-life/campus/dining
- Visiting Marist University: marist.edu/admission/visit
- Leadership: marist.edu/about/presidents-office
- First Year Programs: marist.edu/student-life/first-year-programs
- Marist University News: marist.edu/news
- Study Abroad: marist.edu/study-abroad
- Athletics: marist.edu/athletics
- Hudson Valley Life: marist.edu/hudson-river-valley-life

Admissions Volunteer Network Calendar

SEPTEMBER–NOVEMBER

Admission counselors are on the road for about eight weeks each fall, meeting with prospective students and their families. Much of our time is spent visiting high schools, attending college fairs, meeting with students and hosting regional receptions.

During this time, Admission Volunteers are needed to attend college fairs, attend regional receptions and contact students who have an interest in the College.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 1

- FAFSA-Free Application for Federal Student Aid and CSS Profile online registration begins

NOVEMBER 15

- Early Decision I application deadline
- Early Action application deadline

DECEMBER–MARCH

Marist Admission staff members spend the winter reviewing thousands of applications.

Admission Volunteers are needed to begin contacting and encouraging those students who have expressed an interest in the College to apply.

DECEMBER 15

- Admission decisions available for ED I candidates

JANUARY 15

- Admission decisions available for EA candidates

JANUARY 22

- Spring 2025 semester begins

FEBRUARY 15

- Early Decision II application deadline
- Regular Decision application deadline

FEBRUARY 28

- Admission decisions available for ED II candidates

MARCH 15

- Admission decisions available for RD candidates
- Early Decision I enrollment deadline





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