A Welcoming Second Home

University of St. Francis is a private liberal arts university in the Catholic, Franciscan tradition. Over 44 undergraduate degrees and 18 graduate degrees are available. We also offer English Language for Academic Purposes (ELAP) courses for students who do not quite meet the English proficiency requirements. Our International Programs Office will be your family away from home and is ready to help you before your arrival and during your time at USF. We offer airport transportation, F-1 visa advising, international orientation, organized activities and field trips, coffee and conversation hours, student mentors, friendship families and more!

Located just 35 miles (56 km) from downtown Chicago!

Students can drive or take a direct train line from Joliet to downtown Chicago in just 1 hour.
Undergraduate (Bachelor’s) Degree Programs for International Students

College of Business & Health Administration
Accounting
Entrepreneurship
Finance
- Banking & Credit Analysis*
- Entrepreneurial & Small Business Finance*
- Financial Planning*
- General Financial Management*
Health Care Management
International Business
Management
Marketing
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Art & Design
- Graphic Design*
- Photography*
- Studio Art*
Biology
- Pre-dentistry+
- Pre-medicine+
- Pre-optometry+
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Graduate (Master’s) Degree Programs

Business Administration (MBA)
- Accounting
- Business Analytics
- Finance
- Health Administration
- Human Resource Management
- Logistics
- Management
- Training & Development
Educational Leadership (M.S.)
- Teacher Leader
Health Administration (M.S.)
Social Work (MSW)
Teaching and Learning (M.S.)*
- Adult TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages)
- The Affective Domain of Teaching
- Best Practices

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Graduate Certificate Programs (Mostly Online)

Accounting
- Adult TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages)
- Business Analytics
- E-Learning
- Finance
- Forensic Social Work—post masters
- Gerontology
- Human Resource Management
- Logistics
- Management of Training and Development
- Training Specialist
Additional master’s programs in Nursing, Education and Management are also available. Additional requirements must be met.

NOTE: We offer Conditional Admission through our English Language for Academic Purposes program.

*Concentrations, +Paths

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Additional master’s certificate programs in Nursing also available. Additional requirements must be met.

NOTE: Full certificate classes are currently offered online. Some courses needed to complete these certificates are offered at our campus in Joliet during our summer school.

*Some programs are only offered online unless an on-campus cohort can be formed.

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Requirements for Freshman Admission to Undergraduate/Bachelor’s Programs

- Official transcripts and evaluation from organization such as ECE, WES, or Educational Perspectives
- Freshman (first-year) students 2.5 GPA (on 4.0 scale); transfer students must have 2.5 GPA in their current college/university coursework
- English Language Proficiency: TOEFL 79, IELTS 6.0, or completion of ELAP program at USF
- Copy of passport
- Minimum ACT 20, SAT 1390 (required for some programs)
- Financial documents (bank statement & affidavit of support)—required after admission for I-20

Additional Requirements for Graduate/Master’s Programs

2.75 GPA, course-by-course with GPA evaluation of all undergraduate/bachelor’s transcripts (ECE, WES, Educational Perspectives, etc.), personal essay, letter of recommendation (2 for MSW), resume*, 2 years of management experience or official GMAT scores*, 2 years of health care experience or 4 undergraduate health care courses taken prior to starting graduate work**.

* MBA only
** Master’s in Health Administration only

ELAP (English Language for Academic Purposes)

What is ELAP?
The goal of the University of St. Francis ELAP (English Language for Academic Purposes) program is to help non-native English speakers from a wide range of backgrounds improve their English language skills and knowledge of American culture, in order to become successful students in the U.S.

Advantages of ELAP
Most students at an intermediate level can expect to complete the intensive language training within one year of full-time English study (3 semesters of ELAP). More advanced students can complete the program after one to two semesters of full-time English study. Each semester consists of 15 weeks of English language study.

ELAP Course Requirements
Completion or mastery of three levels of English language instruction in four skill areas: listening and speaking, reading and vocabulary, writing and grammar.

How to Apply
1. Complete application(s)
   - Undergraduate/Bachelor’s Programs: stfrancis.edu/international-app
   - Graduate/Master’s Programs: stfrancis.edu/international-app
   - English Language for Academic Purposes (ELAP): stfrancis.edu/elap/apply
   - For Conditional Admission (low language proficiency, no language test scores), please fill out the ELAP application and the Academic Application
   - Financial documents (after admission)
   - Email IntlAdmissions@stfrancis.edu with any questions

2. USF issues Letter of Acceptance
   - All requirements for admission must be met.
   - Conditional/provisional letter is issued for students who do not meet language proficiency requirements.

3. Student confirms attendance at USF
   - Confirms tuition and room & board
   - Submit deposit: stfrancis.edu/ipo/intl-payment-page

4. USF mails I-20

NOTE: We do not have application deadlines!
**ANDY | ARGENTINA**

“The main reason why I chose USF was the Management program. I looked it up and I found an outstanding opportunity to gain knowledge. Once I got here, I realized how great this place is. I came all the way from South America and I felt really welcomed at USF. Everyone is always friendly and they are always willing to help each other. I am able to be very involved in the university because of many different activities after classes; I am currently a member of tennis team, soccer team, and the international club.”

**MARK | RUSSIA**

“I like the fact that USF is located very close to Chicago. I really enjoy going to downtown Chicago with my friends; there is always something to do up there. I do not have any problems with my classes because of helpful professors and friendly students.”

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**International Students attending St. Francis are from the following countries**:  
Australia, Austria, Cayman Islands, China, France, Germany, India, Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Zambia

*Current countries from 2016–17*
We offer conditional admissions to our academic programs for students who meet all requirements except English proficiency. Students must first enroll in ELAP and complete all Level III coursework to fulfill English proficiency requirements before beginning the academic program.

All ELAP courses begin in August (15 weeks), January (15 weeks), and May (13 weeks). We also offer short-term ELAP summer sessions and other customized short-term sessions upon request.

**English Language for Academic Purposes (ELAP) Program** stfrancis.edu/elap

Key Facts About USF

- Year Established: 1920
- Programs: Four-year undergraduate, graduate school, intensive English language, summer school
- Religious affiliation: Roman Catholic Church (Franciscan)
- Student:Faculty ratio: 11:1
- Full-time faculty: 100

On-campus undergraduate residents: 30%
Total Enrollment: Approximately 3,700 students
On-Campus Enrollment: Approx. 1,610
(Of these students, approximately 70 are international students representing around 20 countries.)
Undergraduate Full-time: Approx. 1,300
Undergraduate Part-time: Approx. 60

Graduate Students: Approx. 250
Online (Off-Campus) Enrollment: Approx. 2,100
Adult Undergraduate: Approx. 250
Graduate Students: Approx. 1,860

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**Athletics (NAIA)** gofightingsaints.com

Men’s Sports: Baseball, basketball (NAIA Division II), bowling, cross country, American football, golf, soccer, tennis, and indoor track & field, outdoor track & field

Women’s Sports: Basketball (NAIA Division II), bowling, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track & field, volleyball, and dance

Co-ed Sports: Cheerleading

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**Watch our video!**

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