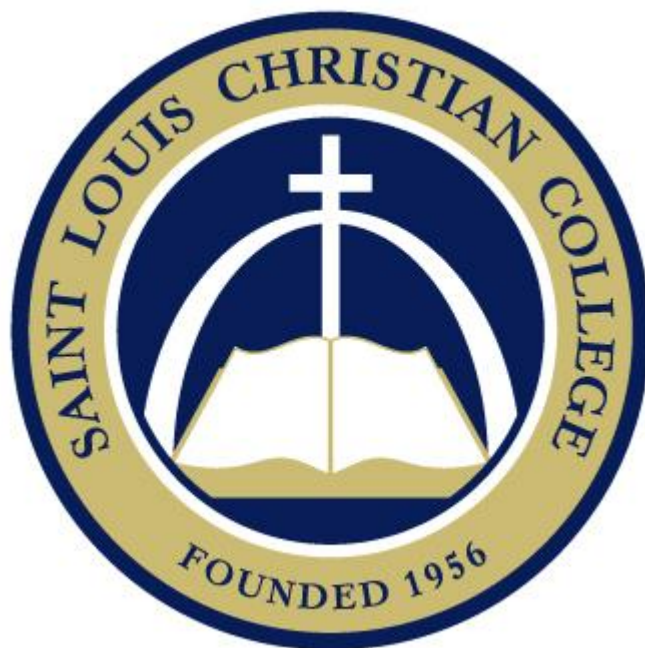


# Saint Louis Christian College

Student  
Life



*This section addresses topics of general interest concerning life on campus. A current and complete description of student services and policies is published separately as the Guide to Student Life, distributed by the Office of Student Development.*

### **Spiritual Life**

Every student is expected and encouraged to develop spiritually while at Saint Louis Christian College. The entire College staff strives to be examples of faithful Christian living and to mentor students as they grow in Christ. There are many opportunities for such growth—Chapel, MAP (Ministry Advancement Program), mission's interest groups, fellowship and worship in the area churches, classroom instruction, as well as being a part of a Christian community. The real development will come, however, through personal prayer and study of God's Word.

#### **Chapel**

Chapel attendance is required because Saint Louis Christian College desires to produce not just academic excellence, but Christ-likeness. Designed to encourage and strengthen Christian character, the Chapel program is carried out to develop well-prepared servants for Christ—men and women who not only have the training for ministry, but also the heart for ministry.

#### **Church Attendance**

Students are expected to attend church worship services regularly. A number of churches are within easy driving distance from the College. Students are encouraged to get involved with a local congregation, rather than just continuing to visit churches with no accountability to a local body of believers.

#### **Devotions**

Private devotions are vital to personal spiritual growth and development. Students are encouraged to set aside a definite time each day to go apart from everyone else for personal Bible study and prayer. Dormitory and small group devotions are conducted in each residence hall on a regular basis. The schedule is determined by the Resident Assistants and the Residence Director. Dorm residents are encouraged to take part in these devotions, which are designed so that each student has an opportunity to participate.

#### **Ministry Advancement Program**

Preparation for ministry is based on a two-fold approach at Saint Louis Christian College. We are committed to providing the highest quality classroom instruction possible. At the same time, we are committed to ensuring that each student, whether intending to be involved in vocational ministry or not, also integrates practical field experience into his or her education. The Ministry Advancement Program at Saint Louis Christian College is designed to serve as a necessary complement to the classroom instruction of students by establishing a coordinated structure in which students at Saint Louis Christian College are involved in meaningful spiritual formation and ministry experiences and are provided an opportunity to reflect on those experiences and the growth they afford. The primary objective of the program is that students glorify God by ministering among believers and nonbelievers both within and outside the campus community.

The Ministry Advancement Program consists of three separate areas of development in the lives of students. They are: Character Development, Community Development, and Church Development. Students are involved in activities in each of these areas of development every semester they are enrolled at Saint Louis Christian College. The exact nature of their involvements will be determined in consultation with advisors and the MAP Coordinator on the basis of the students' individual developmental needs and the service opportunities that are presented to the College community. As a result, each student's responsibilities will be the best suited to their developmental needs. Students are encouraged to seek out opportunities for service that will allow them to use the skills they are learning in the classroom for the glory of Christ.

Participation in the Ministry Advancement Program is required for graduation. Students are evaluated on the extent to which they have accrued the appropriate number of points in each of the developmental areas, as well as on meeting attendance requirements for participation in all aspects of the program (e.g., Chapel, small groups, Lab Week, and Leadership Intensive Week). MAP points are earned in many ways including involvement in campus and community activities, in the campus work program, and in various ministry events. Students may also earn points through MAP projects. In addition to choosing a project from an approved list, students may also design their own projects and submit them for approval to be used towards MAP points. The goal of incorporating MAP projects into the point system is to add some flexibility for students to obtain points in a way that is meaningful to their own personal learning goals and interests. In this program students gain valuable, practical experience that will aid them in their chosen vocations or in service opportunities later in their lives. Specific information about MAP is detailed in the MAP Manual, available from the MAP Office.

## **Automobiles**

Having a car on campus is a privilege. To provide for the safety of students and small children, a speed limit of 15 miles per hour is to be observed, as well as all other campus regulations. Violators will be fined. Cars must be parked in the zone assigned. Students are not to park in zones marked visitor, staff, handicapped, etc. All cars are registered with the Business Office.

## **Athletics**

Saint Louis Christian College is a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) and plays in the Central Region of Division II. The Soldiers make a commitment to energy, enthusiasm and excellence. Colossians 3:23 provides the basis for our philosophy. It says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." At present, the following varsity programs are being offered: men's soccer, men's basketball, men's baseball, and women's volleyball. In accordance with NCCAA rules, the college does not award athletic scholarships.

## **Bookstore**

The College bookstore provides resources for students in the form of textbooks, Bibles, supplies, and supplementary reading sources. In addition, the bookstore carries clothing, greeting cards, gift items, phone cards and snacks. As a service to the students, stamps may be purchased and small checks cashed.

## **Counseling**

No student at Saint Louis Christian College has to face a difficult situation alone. The following counseling services are available to students:

Academic counseling—through the Academic Dean, Registrar, Faculty advisors, and Staff of the Student Learning Center

Career counseling—through the MAP Coordinator, Dean of Students, and Faculty.

Financial counseling—through the Vice President of Business Affairs and the Financial Aid Officer.

Personal counseling—including premarital and marital counseling) through the Faculty, Dean of Students, and staff of the Student Learning Center

Students with continuing or severe emotional problems are sometimes referred to off-campus counselors and agencies for professional treatment. The College maintains relationships with several Christian counselors in the area.

## **Decorum and Lifestyle Practices**

SLCC believes the principles found in the Bible should govern personal attitudes, words and behavior. "So whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (I Cor. 10:31) places upon every member of the College community the obligation to honor God in all we do. A mature Christian is one who practices self-control and self-discipline within the framework of the New Testament. The aim of the College is to provide an atmosphere in which Christian character and spiritual growth can develop.

The College stands positively for Christian temperance in all things and absolute abstinence from all forms of indulgence that are physically, mentally, and spiritually injurious to any of the College community.

The Bible is the final authority on all matters of faith and conduct. Behavior expressly forbidden in Scripture is not acceptable at Saint Louis Christian College. This includes such acts as drunkenness, stealing, lying, the use of slanderous or profane language, all forms of premarital sex, adultery, and homosexual behavior.

While Scripture does not provide specific teaching regarding all social practices in a given cultural setting, it does speak to the Christian's responsibility in areas of conduct which may be harmful or spiritually offensive to self or others. In keeping with this, the possession and use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs in any form is not permitted. Gambling, vulgarity, and use of obscene, pornographic or otherwise objectionable literature (or viewing such on web sites) is also prohibited. These restrictions apply to students while they are enrolled in a College program or residing in College housing. Students are expected to exercise restraint in these matters even when they are not under College jurisdiction, even during vacation periods. Students are also to help guests and visitors to the College observe these restrictions.

The Christian life requires self-discipline. The College expects students to assume primary responsibility for disciplining themselves according to Christian standards. Consequently, as a part of the application process, students affirm their agreement to live by this commitment. Students, by their continued membership in the college community, assume the responsibility to continue to abide by the standards, expectations, and guidelines of SLCC. All members of the college family agree to (1) reflect the lifestyle modeled and commanded by Jesus Christ, (2) reject the lifestyle characterized by the world, and (3) respect the Lord and each other. Should students fail to practice self-discipline and demonstrate appropriate lifestyle, the College reserves the right to take appropriate disciplinary action. Discipline is viewed as a redemptive means of guiding students toward developing Christian responsibility and maturity.

**Dress Guidelines**—Students are expected to maintain acceptable standards of dress, appearance, and hygiene. All students are to dress in good taste and make a neat, clean appearance consistent with a Christian witness. The basic concern is that clothing be neat, appropriate for the occasion, modest, and that which is becoming to Christian leaders. Students not living on campus are expected to follow these guidelines when on campus. Abbreviated and unbecomingly tight clothing is considered unacceptable. No shorts are to be worn to Chapel services or class. Shirts must be worn in all public places, indoors and out.

Members of the college community should make an effort to dress appropriately for each occasion. When questions about the advisability of what to wear arise, check with a College employee. The College reserves the right to require a student to change into more appropriate or modest clothes.

### **Married Student Housing**

For married students the College leases apartments at Grandview Gardens (a large apartment complex that is within walking distance of the College). Leasing at Grandview through the College constitutes “living on campus” and qualifies students for the tuition scholarship. Apartments are reserved through the Dean of Students' Office. The one-bedroom apartments have a maximum occupancy of two adults and one minor child; the two-bedroom apartments have a maximum occupancy of two adults and two minor children, or three adults. Apartments are leased on a yearly basis. Rent is charged six months at a time. There is a no pet policy for the Grandview units.

**Lifestyle Expectations**—Students living in the apartments are expected to uphold the standards of conduct and demonstrate the sort of consideration toward others required of everyone in this Christian community. Occupancy of College apartments by spouses and families of students implies that they subscribe to the standards set forth in the Scripture and this handbook. Family members are expected to adhere to College rules and regulations. Apartment residents are not allowed to have students from the residence halls in their apartments overnight.

### **Meals**

Students living in the residence halls are required to sign up for cafeteria meals. Special arrangements may be made with the Cafeteria Manager for those with special diets, such as diabetics. Cafeteria hours are posted each semester.

### **Residence Halls**

Residence hall living is considered an integral part of the educational experience. Not only does residence hall living develop lasting friendships, it contributes to academic achievement, interpersonal development, and better understanding of one's self.

Traditional freshmen (those coming to the College straight from high school) enrolled for nine or more hours are expected to live in College housing, unless living with their parents or a close relative. Other students are reminded that to receive the tuition scholarship, you must live on campus or in other housing leased by the College.

### **Security on Campus**

The College employs security personnel from 9:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m., and the campus is well-lit at night moreover; the city of Florissant has an outstanding reputation for a low crime rate. Current information on criminal incidents (if any) on the campus of Saint Louis Christian College is available on the college website, [www.slcconline.edu](http://www.slcconline.edu). The website also contains information on how to access a directory of sexual offenders whose reported address may be in the vicinity of the college.

### **Drug and Alcohol Policy**

In keeping with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, no use of alcohol or any controlled or unlawful substance is allowed on the campus of Saint Louis Christian College at any time. To manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, or use a controlled substance unlawfully or to possess alcohol on any campus property or at any college-sponsored event is grounds for disciplinary action. Excessive alcohol consumption or use of illicit substances impairs the user's ability to function, changes the user's behavior, and subjects the user to serious health risks, including disease, addiction, and death.

Confidential information regarding drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation is available through the Dean of Students' office. SLCC is committed to the safety and well-being of all members of the College community. It is expected that all students comply with these regulations as a condition of remaining in school. If a student violates this policy, he or she may be subject to immediate disciplinary action, up to and including suspension. In addition, the student may be reported to the appropriate civil officials for prosecution under state or national laws, which may include fines and/or imprisonment.

## **Special Facilities and Services Available to Disabled Students**

The College makes accommodations for students with special needs such as hearing or sight-disabled students, or students in wheelchairs. College personnel work with local and state agencies to secure any special help disabled students might require. In addition, one residence hall for women is wheelchair accessible, and necessary accommodations can be made for the men's residence hall. The entrance to Presidents Hall (the cafeteria, library, student lounge and bookstore) is wheelchair accessible and there is an elevator to the bottom floor. The entrance to the Keystone Complex (classrooms and administration) is wheelchair accessible, and classes for students in wheelchairs will be held on the first floor. Saint Louis Christian College makes reasonable accommodations for students with documented learning disabilities, who meet all admissions requirements. Services to qualified students are coordinated through "The Hundred," the college's Student Learning Center.