

Saint John's University Profile

Saint John's University was established in 1870 as a private Roman Catholic institution offering comprehensive undergraduate, and graduate programs in several different fields including certificate and professional educational fields. The school itself has several different locations within its international education system including a main campus in Queens New York, an international campus in Rome Italy, a commuter campus in downtown Manhattan, and finally a suburban campus located in Staten Island New York. This profile will focus on the Staten Island campus located within the hill top community of Grymes Hill. SJU Staten Island is unique because it's located within 20 minutes of the city via the Staten Island Ferry to Lower Manhattan.

The school is also unique because it's situated within a quiet hill top suburban community within one of the five New York City Borough's. The footprint of the site is small for a large private international educational system. SJU Staten Island was designed to offer a big campus educational system while still allowing students to enjoy a small-sized private school community. The Grymes Hill campus offers students approximately 16 acres of park like property that winds through the hill top community.

The campus has approximately 12 buildings including lecture, sports, performing arts, and student housing facilities. The issue of student housing on campus is not a challenge for SJU because the school has a rather large local student population. The university provides housing for 201 undergraduate students on Staten Island according to school documents. International, and out of state students can apply for housing at the main campus through a lottery system. The school provides housing for 2766 total students within the student housing system according to published school data.

The physical layout of the Staten Island campus has academic buildings, open fields, and residence halls designed to separate the campus into 2 parts, for easy access to students. Student housing is in close proximity to the lecture halls for easy access to classes, students use a walkway from Arlo Road to enter the campus in back of Kelleher Center. SJU Staten Island is a small school that has links to a bigger educational system; the Grymes Hill location also allows students to enjoy a hill top suburban landscape while having the ability to engage in big campus activities and learning.

The internal campus setting provides students and employees with several types of student services including physical fitness, library services, and cultural meeting places and dining halls. St. John's observed focal point of reference during the campus tour was the Campus Center, which is the main student life hall. My tour guide told me that students come to the campus center to relax, and eat in the dining hall. Students also use this space to socialize and talk about school and life. The facility is large for a small school with offices for all the student clubs and activities, and a school bookstore for students to enjoy.

St. John's University Demographics: St. John's is home to an overall student population of approximately 5,000 male, and 6,850 female full time undergrad students. The university also has 1,275 male, and 1,975 female students attending the school on a part-time basis. St. John's also has 1,850 male, and 3,400 female graduate students attending the university. The average age of a freshman is 18 years old; all undergraduates are 20 years old. 61% of students are from the 5 boroughs of New York City, and 22% of students are from the suburban Long Island communities of Nassau, and Suffolk Counties of New York. The total number of in state students attending St. John's University is 89%. The overall ratio of male students is 40%, and female is 60%.

The rest of students attending the university come from 43 other states, and 103 foreign countries. 53% of students are white, 14% are Hispanic, and 14% are African American, and 16% are Asian. The total number of Catholic students is 73%, Protestant 5%, Jewish 3%, and other religious affiliations is 10% according to published handouts. The Staten Island campus has approximately 3,000 students attending on a full, and part time basis

St. John's University offers a Liberal Arts and Sciences programs for undergraduate students. Below is a list of specific admission requirements for admission.

St. John's University Staten Island: Freshman Class: 1,849 applied, 1,261 accepted, and 378 enrolled to the school. SAT Verbal 510, Math 500. Application Deadline is open. **Retention Rate:** 21% of students do not continue beyond the first year; 64% remain to graduate.

Faculty/ classroom data for entire education system: 60% of faculty is male, 40% female. 87% teach undergraduates, 91% do research, and 78% do both. The average class size in an introductory lecture is 26, Lab 23 and 28 in a regular course.

Student / Faculty Ratio: 22 to 1

Campus Footprint: The overall physical layout of the campus is typical of a university setting with wide sidewalks, grass field meeting places, and park like benches. The pedestrian flow of traffic within the facility was centered in the middle of campus due to the time of day. The buildings and open spaces of the facility were reasonably clean and maintained during my observations. I observed students enjoying several grassy areas around the outside of the lecture halls and the campus green outside of the Kelleher Center during my visit. I also observed several students enjoying SJU's student center within the campus footprint.

The design and physical setting of St. John's University on Staten Island is unique because the campus is located within a suburban community overlooking Lower Hudson Bay & New York City with several wooded areas acting as natural barriers around the university. The institution is virtually split in two parts with the lecture halls and the residence halls on opposite ends with lecture, athletic, and historic buildings in the middle. The footprint of the university is not unique because students like to get away from classes to retreat to their residence halls. This type of structure enhances the campus lifestyle within the school's close-knit community.

Parking resources is a big feature on campus due to the high number of parking permits issued to students and employees. The university also has a part time student community who require parking services on campus. SJU has approximately 9 parking lots for students, employees, and visitors. The campus parking lots are connected to several roads on the campus perimeter, which act almost like natural barriers, students can park their cars without any concern for internal traffic issues within the campus footprint.

The campus has approximately 6 entrances and exits to maximize the flow of vehicular traffic within the facility; the issue of pedestrian traffic on campus is minimal due to the suburban setting, the only people I observed walking on the perimeter were students who parked their cars off Howard Avenue. St. John's University shares public transportation resources with nearby Wagner College for students on campus, which helps students get around the Island. Having a shuttle service on this campus that takes students to the ferry also helps them experience socialization outside the boundaries of normal campus life, which I think is a very useful resource.

Community Profile

The Grymes Hill section of Staten Island is a quiet suburban community within an overall population of 483,046 residents in Richmond County New York. The area has been described as a gracious family centered residential community within striking distance to New York City. This section of the island also has an intellectual side to it due it's historical neighborhood architecture, and community ties to Wagner College and St. Johns University. The community has a real small college town feel to it when you are walking, and driving to neighborhood eateries. Staten Island also has several community parks and ball fields in and a round the borough for people to enjoy. These parks, along with public tennis courts, swimming pools, outdoor skating rinks, and theatres make outside activities very enjoyable to everyone.

The borough itself is geographically located between New Jersey to the south, and Manhattan to the north making it an ideal commuter destination for both locations because they can be reached in relatively short period of time. The short distance to these areas from the school makes Staten Island a student friendly destination throughout the year. The New York City Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) provides several types of public transit resources to NYC including express bus, rail, and ferry service throughout the year on a 24-hour basis. Local residents have access to several major transportation hubs within the northeast including Newark Liberty Airport, Metro-Park (Amtrak) in nearby Edison New Jersey, and countless roadway systems including I-95 (N.J. Turnpike), I-287 the main east/west corridor in the area, and the Brooklyn Queens Expressway (BQE) to all points east including Long Island.

Finally, SJU is close to several local avenues that links students and residents to a large number of restaurants and shops within a short drive from campus including Forest Avenue in the West Brighton section, and Bay Street within the Stapleton area of the island. Staten Island residents also have numerous shopping, and dining options in Brooklyn and New Jersey due to their geographical location. Residents can be in Bay

Ridge Brooklyn in a matter of minutes, or they can also be in New Jersey quickly because they are surrounded with bridges within a 15-minute drive from the campus.

Community demographics: The following demographics for Richmond County (S.I.) describe a culturally diverse community within a total population of 483,046 according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The survey highlights several characteristics to describe the population including: 48.6% of residents are male, 51.4 are female. 76% of residents are white, 10% are African American, 6% are Hispanic or Latino, and 7% are Asian. The median age of population is 38 years old. 76% of residents are 18 years old, and 12 % of town residents are over the age of 65. The issue of housing in Staten Island is also interesting. 94 % of all housing units within the borough are occupied. 29 % of housing units is renter-occupied, while 71 % of units are owner-occupied. Only 6 % of total available housing was vacant according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Campus Life

St. John's University is an active private campus environment within a large education system that provides students with an excellent social, and educational atmosphere. The admissions demographics paint a picture of a local educational community with a high number of in state residents on campus as full time students. The local community of Grymes Hill is very supportive of the schools mission to provide educational opportunities to local residents and on-campus students. The borough itself has several student friendly venues within walking distance on Clove Road, or driving distance to several areas of the island. The point is, Staten Island is small, only 26 miles long, compared to the other boroughs in greater New York. The size, population, and community resources give the island a main street feel to it due to the restaurants and shops along the main avenues.

The emotional climate and culture of the entire community is social due to it's close relationship with community, and educational resources in my opinion. SJU on Staten Island is an attractive institution because it offers students natural beauty with the school's landscape overlooking Lower Hudson Bay and New York City, while providing big campus student activities for everyone including cultural, athletics, and performing arts to enjoy throughout the year. This issue of school culture is also a very important part of campus life because everyone wants to have a connection and emotional fit to their new school and community.

St. John's also addresses the issue of ecology in a positive way. The physical environment is reasonably clean and well maintained and the economic conditions are favorable to students and local residents due to the available services in driving distance to the school. The university has a strong network of facilities for students to enjoy during the year within the it's campus structure including the main facility in Queens N.Y. The development of a state of the art student center on Staten Island also helps students connect with each other in non-classroom environments by providing a central meeting place for clubs and student run activities.

The issue of school culture and emotional attachment is also a very important part of campus life because everyone wants to have a connection and emotional fit to their new school and community. St. John's has done a great job developing positive social systems with its students by providing a series of coordinated programs including workshops and seminars for freshman students. This type of process provides a foundation for learning and personal growth providing over 180 academic clubs, student organizations, and over 32 intramural sports activities for men and women within the SJU network. SJU also has 19 local & national fraternities for men, and 23 local & national sororities for women.

St. John's University also has several global education centers in the area for students to learn, and gather information about studying abroad. Students can also enjoy big campus sports events within the SJU network including several fields around the main campus including the school's stadium on the eastern edge of the school footprint. St. John's currently participates in 7 NCAA Division I Varsity Sports for Men, and 10 for women including Big East Basketball.

Local weather: Weather is also an issue to consider for students preparing for a college experience. The State of New York enjoys all four seasons of weather including rain and snow. Northeast weather patterns sometimes allow for temperatures to drop below 32 degrees for a considerable amount of time during the winter. Staten Island also gets its share of rain during the spring and summer months as well.

Student Housing: The purpose of student housing is to provide safe and reasonable accommodations for students living away from home. The issue of housing and dormitory life is a critical element of overall campus life because students spend a large amount of time in their rooms. Student housing units historically come in 3 different styles including traditional corridor, suite, and apartment style units.

St. John's University does not guarantee housing for undergraduate students who have filed their intent to reside on campus by the stated deadline and who have continuously registered as full time students. The university uses a lottery system to provide housing for students on campus. Students may opt to apply for available housing within the main campus in Queens if required. The Staten Island campus has 201 students currently within residence life at SJU. Information about student housing can be found within St John's quick link page in the back of this document. The issue of housing within the SJU network of campuses is unique because 82% of students commute to school according to published campus data.

Off Campus Housing: The Borough of Staten Island has been described as a medium-sized suburban community within driving, and commuter distance to New York City. The reason I have mentioned the overall community of Staten Island is to re-assert the point that SJU is situated in a suburban setting with a high number of homes that are privately owned. The university does provide off campus housing resources for students who request help. Information about services can be found on the quick links page.

Public Transportation: Public transportation resources for St. John's students are virtually unlimited due to the location of the campus. Students who attend the university usually drive to campus because parking is readily available, but students can also enjoy public transportation resources. The university has a high number of in-state students who know the streets and highways very well. Knowing the area is key because students who come from other states may not know the area as well and might opt to take a bus or train to their destination because they don't want to risk getting lost on local roads. St. John's shares a campus shuttle system with Wagner College to provide daily service for students. Information about the service can be found on the quick links page.

The public transportation for the university is served by The New York M.T.A., which serves the residents of Staten Island. This transit system connects with several other transit, and bus lines within NYC including the main transit network for all 5 boroughs. This main system connects to Amtrak's Northeast Corridor, New Jersey Transit, Metro North rail, and the Long Island Railroad service. Public transportation resources are directly linked to local resident commuter schedules for bus and train service, students should pick up MTA handouts or service information.

Description of Campus Public Safety Plans & Procedures: St. John's University's public safety plans and procedures can be found in the emergency plan which gives students and employees a lists of instructions, procedures, codes of conduct, and response strategies to follow while on campus. The university also provides Clery Act safety tips and procedures to help educate students to potential risks on, and off campus. This information can be found in SJU's Annual Public Safety Report. The Emergency Plan can be found on the quick links page of this document.

Crisis Management Plans & Procedures Local Community: The City of New York has developed emergency management resources to help residents to prepare, respond, and recover from a host of natural, and man made events. The city agency responsible for emergency operations is the Office of Emergency Management. St. John's has developed an emergency plan for students and employees to follow which highlights several potential manmade and weather related events. Public safety, along with several local Police Departments has developed a local crisis plan that can be found at: <http://nyc/html/oem/html/home/home.shtml>.

Innovative Emergency Communications: St. John's University's security network has developed reverse 911 systems that sends several types of emergency notifications through e-mail and phone text message systems. Campus alerts, and weather related information is sent through this system. The university also has active shooter protocols for students to follow during an emergency including lock-down, and lockout procedures. These messages are usually received within 1-2 minutes of emergency broadcast and allow university officials to adhere to Clery Act requirements for timely warnings of emergency events.

Campus Access Control & Security Systems:

The design, and physical setting of a particular institution has elements relating to the overall culture and social system on campus. Since college and university campuses are designed to offer (open) movement of people through it's borders, the issue of design, along with effective use of space can reduce both the incidence, and fear of crime. This design feature is called "Crime Prevention through Environmental Control." The proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime and an improvement in the quality of life. The issues of identifying formal gathering and high- risk areas within a campus footprint are also critical to public safety resources because manpower must be observed in these areas.

The issue of high-risk areas on campus has been identified during annual risk assessments by security, and feedback by all intuitional stakeholders including public safety officials. The public safety department maintains uniform patrol around the footprint in several different types of patrol vehicles including 4-wheel drive, and regular police patrol vehicles. These resources help officer's patrol around the campus 24-hours a day to reduce the number of people who may not have legitimate business on campus.

Public safety also maintains visitor screening and CCTV resources to highlight the need for formal surveillance throughout the campus footprint. St. John's has developed clearly worded signage that directs visitors to a welcome area within Kelleher Center to improve physical security operations. Formal gathering areas within the Staten Island campus are situated in, and around Kelleher Center, the campus center, and finally the residence hall buildings, which are located on the western edge of the property. The school has several pedestrian walkways that take you around to the above-mentioned areas. These are the main focal area of the campus because the walkway splits the campus in half with several large grassy areas in between the lecture, and residence halls. The sidewalk acts like a quad because you can access several areas of the campus in a textbook example of CPTED.

The campus high-risk areas including the residence halls require a higher degree of natural and formal surveillance for students and visitors. The university uses Electronic Card Readers (Student I.D. Cards) for access to on campus residence facilities. Students attempting to enter a residence must swipe their student card for entry into the building. Students attempting to enter a different residence hall with their card will be denied access because the card knows where you live. My student guide continued with her description of access control for students entering the residence halls with guests. SJU students must produce their student I.D card that are swiped through a card reader mechanism. In the evening and on the weekends "Resident Assistant" set up a table to authenticate visitors to the building. The RA's and the students in residence are responsible to sign in, and identify the person standing in front of them.

Types and Descriptions of Published Policies and Procedures to Comply with the Clery Act on Campus

The Clery Act. The Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 requires all postsecondary institutions participating in the Title IV student financial aid programs to disclose campus crime statistics, university violations and disciplinary data, and finally security information to the U.S. Department of Education on an annual basis. The legislation also describes several required policy statements that address public safety and security issues. Below is a sample list of Clery Act Policy Statements for colleges and universities to publish each year within their prospective crime report/audits.

Required policy statements include: addressing timely warnings, disclosure of crime statistics, reporting criminal offenses, confidential reporting, security and access control, arrest authority, security awareness programs, crime prevention programs, sex offenses, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, substance abuse programs, and general codes of conduct. St. John's Clery Act info can be found on the quick link page.

Caveat: St. John's University's public safety officers don't have formal arrest powers; they have to call the NYPD to investigate criminal activity on campus. The school does provide public safety resources to reduce victimization off campus. Public Safety seems to have improved crime victimization on campus due to improved security resources but the following statement from the department education offers this advice. "The department data reported by the institutions have not been subjected to independent verification by the U.S. Department of Education. Therefore, the department cannot vouch for the accuracy of the data reported. St. John's Clery crime data can be found at: <http://ope.ed.gov/security/Index.aspx>

Local Crime Statistics: The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Report for 2008 has developed crime statistics for Staten Island New York. In 2008 the NYPD's 120 Precinct reported 596 Violent Crimes, 12 Murders, 41 Forcible Rapes, 250 Robberies, 293 Aggravated Assaults, 866 Property Crimes, 288 Burglaries, 368 Larceny Thefts, and finally 210 Motor Vehicle Thefts. The crime of Arson was un-reported.

Borough of Staten Island Grymes Hill Community Quick Links:

On Campus Emergency Resources:

New York City Police Department (NYPD)

120 Precinct Station House: The local police precinct for Grymes Hill is the 120, which is located at 78 Richmond Terrace in the St. George Section of Staten Island.

Phone# (718) 876-8500

The New York City Fire Department (FDNY)

Engine 160, 1850 Clove Road is the 1st Due Engine Company assigned to SJU

Ladder Company 77, 74 Broad Street is the 1st Due Truck Company for SJU

Emergency Medical Technicians (Ambulance Service) for the City of New York. The New York City Fire Department handles calls for emergency medical services in the city. EMT crews are assigned to a Division and Battalion for ambulance deployment. Below is the location, and phone number to the nearest hospital to the campus.

Staten Island University Hospital

475 Seaview Avenue, S.I.N.Y.

(718) 226-9000

www.siu.edu/

St. John's University (Staten Island) Quick Links Page

Home Page: www.stjohns.edu/campus/si

Admissions: www.stjohns.edu/admission/undergraduate

Maps & Directions:

www.stjohns.edu/about/general/directions/directions/statenisland

Financial Aid: www.stjohns.edu/services/financial

Student Activities: www.stjohns.edu/campus/si/studentlife

Athletic Event Tickets: www.redstormsports.com/tickets/stjo-tickets.html

Student Clubs & Organizations: www.stjohns.edu/campus/si/studentlife/clubs

Fraternity & Sorority Life:

www.stjohns.edu/campus/si/studentlife/clubs/stu_orggreek

School Newspaper: www.torchonline.com

Public Transportation Services: www.stjohns.edu/services/shuttle

Information Technology Center www.stjohns.edu/services/uis

Health Insurance: www.universityhealthplans.com

Health Services: www.stjohns.edu/services/studentwellness/healthservices

On Campus Emergency Resources: www.stjohns.edu/campus/publicsafety

Student Housing: www.stjohns.edu/campus/si/residencelife

University Meal Plan: www.stjohns.edu/campus/si/studentlife/dining.stj

Campus Parking: www.stjohns.edu/campus/publicsafety/parking

Public Safety Plans & Procedures: www.stjohns.edu/campus/publicsafety

Clery Act Policies & Procedures:

www.stjohns.edu/campus/publicsafety/annual_report

The Your College Profile web site also contains an “Everything in New York City” document for families who wish to explore the NYC while visiting St. Johns University Staten Island. This site contains a full list of hotels, restaurants, shopping, and entertainment, and tourism resources for families enjoying the region. Below is a sample list of local hotels and restaurants in Staten Island N.Y.

Staten Island Hotel
1415 Richmond Ave
Staten Island, N.Y. 10314

Hampton Inn/Staten Island
1120 South Ave
Staten Island, N.Y. 10314

Hilton Garden Inn/Staten Island
1100 South Avenue
Staten Island, N.Y. 10314

Comfort Inn/Staten Island
310 Wilde Avenue
Staten Island, N.Y. 10314

Gennaro’s Restaurant: 413 New Dorp Lane Zip# 10306

Applebee’s (National Chain) Restaurant: 430 New Dorp Lane Zip#10306

Mike’s Restaurant: (Greek Food) 355 New Dorp Lane Zip# 10306

Godfathers Pizza: 2488 Hyland Blvd Zip# 10306

Chevy’s Fresh Mex (National Tex/Mex Chain) 2690 Hyland Blvd Zip# 10306

West Shore Inn (Bar Food) 3955 Victory Blvd Zip# 10314

Johnny Rockets (National Burger Chain in S.I. Mall) 2655 Richmond Ave Zip# 10314

Outback Steakhouse (National Chain in S.I. Mall) 2655 Richmond Ave Zip# 10314

