



Promotional Text: St Mary's University, Twickenham London Study Abroad

Our History

St Mary's University, Twickenham London is a strong and welcoming community of students and staff and it is committed to the highest standards in teaching across the wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses we offer. In addition, it has a vibrant research culture and environment. Founded on Catholic values, it is an inclusive institution with a mission to provide students with an excellent education. St Mary's lays the foundations for a successful life and career, while undertaking world-leading research and contributing to the community and wider society. Founded in 1850, St Mary's University has a long and distinguished history within Higher Education and in this year we celebrate our 165th anniversary. From its original intake of just six students, St Mary's has grown to around 6,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students across four academic schools and offers a wide range of degree programmes.

St Mary's is situated in the grounds of Strawberry Hill House, Horace Walpole, a son of the politician Robert Walpole, bought the house in 1717 and enlarged it in a style that took its place in history of architecture as Strawberry Hill Gothic. St Mary's moved from Hammersmith to Strawberry Hill in 1925 (see milestones below).

Our Location and Transport Links

- Campus Strawberry Hill
o 36 acres
- Campus Teddington Lock
o 15.5 acres
- 30 mins from Central London (train)
- Teddington and Richmond are close by
- Easy access to Heathrow and Gatwick airports
- St Mary's is situated in the London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames – a safe, leafy suburb just a few minutes away from the river.

Key Facts/Numbers/Stats

- 6,000 students (undergraduate and postgraduate)
- 39 undergraduate degree programmes available (please check current total when using)
- Almost 150 undergraduate pathways offered
- 25 postgraduate programmes available to study on a full-time and part-time basis (Please check current total when using)
- 8 foundation degree programmes
- 95% graduate employability rate (HESA)
- 86% student satisfaction rate in the National Student Survey 2016,
- St Mary's has invested £2.17 million to help under represented students into higher education
- St Mary's offer at least 100 scholarships annually. (See the website for most up to date information www.stmarys.ac.uk)

Milestones

- In 1925 St Mary's moved from Hammersmith to Twickenham having purchased Strawberry Hill House, located in the University grounds. It is Britain's finest example of Georgian Gothic Revival architecture and designed by Horace Walpole between 1747 and 1792, historian, writer, collector and son of Britain's first Prime Minister Sir Robert Walpole.
- In 2010 Pope Benedict XVI visited the campus as part of the first Papal visit to the UK since 1982 and was hosted by his Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols who has since been appointed as the University's first Chancellor.
- During the London 2012 Olympics, athletes from ten nations and a range of different sports chose to train at the University's world-class facilities. Sporting alumni, Mo Farah and Moe Sbihi, won gold and bronze medals and David Weir who trains at St Mary's won four Paralympic Gold medals.
- In our 165th anniversary year (1850 – 2015) there were a number of exciting events organised both on campus in Strawberry Hill and in central London, including the official installation of our Chancellor Cardinal Vincent Nichols at Westminster Cathedral.
- In 2016, 23 athletes competed at the Rio Games. Six medals were won in the Olympics and three in the Paralympics. In the Olympics, St Mary's would have ranked 25th on the national rankings.

Recent Awards

Times Higher Education Student Experience – March 2016-2017

The Times Higher ranked St Mary's as London's top university for student experience. The annual survey, which ranks universities on a broad range of topics around the student experience, has seen St Mary's climb 24 places to become London's top university.

WhatUni Awards 2016 – March 2016-2017

St Mary's has been shortlisted in five categories in the Student Choice Awards 2016. Out of the ten possible category nominations we have been shortlisted for:

- Job Prospects
- Accommodation
- Course and Lecturers
- International – Finished third
- University of the Year