

COUNTDOWN TO COLLEGE

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What are the Goals of C2C?

- Academic Goals:
 - Ensure college readiness in reading, writing, spelling, grammar, and vocabulary; science; and critical thinking skills
- Social Goals:
 - Familiarize students with campus life and the greater Winona community, and beyond

How will academic goals be measured and achieved?

- Administering individual tests in reading, spelling, writing, and vocabulary on the first Sunday after arrival.
 - Subsequent testing is taken each year.

How do students earn college credit for B100 and QR101?

- Students who cumulatively earn a C or better, over a four-year period, will earn a total of six college credits
 - Three credits for B100: Introduction to Ecology and Watershed Management
 - Three credits for QR101: Quantitative Reasoning

What can be done with the college credits earned?

- Students of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (SMUMN) start their college career with these six credits applied toward their general education requirements
- For those who attend another university or college, these credits would be applied to college transcripts as dual enrollment credits would be applied

How will the students arrive/return from SMUMN?

- Transportation is provided to and from SMUMN. Pick-up and drop-off locations will generally be near the student's school
 - Exact location and times are sent home in early summer as part of the student's camp packet

How does housing work?

- All persons invited to campus (students, parents/guardians, counselors, and partner teachers) stay in our residence halls
 - Students:
 - Two in a room (male/male or female/female)
 - C2C Counselors:
 - Interspersed among students for supervision and support

Are parents/guardians allowed to visit students during C2C?

- No, with the exception of:
 - First-year parents/guardians are invited to campus for the first weekend of C2C. Arrival is on Saturday, July 8 and parents depart on Sunday, July 9 after lunch.*
 - Fourth-year parents/guardians are invited to campus for their student's poster presentations and graduation ceremony at the end of the final year of Countdown to College.*

**Tucson and Browning parents do not participate in the first-year parent overnight. Instead, parents of fourth-year students in Tucson and Browning are invited to campus a day earlier.*

What do the parents/guardians who come to campus do?

- First-year parents/guardians are provided with an informational session with Q&A and a campus tour, and they have the opportunity to meet the staff
- Fourth-year parents/guardians attend their children's poster presentations, and the graduation celebration

Who is supervising students while they are not in class?

- The Coordinator of Countdown to College, C2C Counselors, Partner Teachers, and any other staff members assisting with C2C

What kind of emergency planning has been done?

- Winona has a low crime rate
- Campus Safety coverage is 24/7/365 with added patrol coverage surrounding the C2C student residence hall
- Wireless campus-wide emergency response system in place and we conduct periodic drills
- Police, Fire, and EMT services are within 3-5-minute response times through the city of Winona
- Police drive through campus regularly
- Automatic Emergency Defibrillators are available in key locations on campus.
- Winona is home to two urgent care facilities (Winona Health and Gundersen Health System). Both are within 5-10 minutes from campus.
- SMUMN has a history of hosting a variety of high school residential camps and has developed procedures in place to deal with any emergencies.