Gateway Program Overview
At the request of senior leaders of both Holy Cross College and the University of Notre Dame, the schools have created a gateway program for transfer students. This program will create a unique opportunity for a small number of students (ideally twenty) to enroll at Holy Cross for one year, take four honors level classes at Holy Cross and one course at Notre Dame each semester, and then transfer to Notre Dame if they achieve a 3.5 GPA with no grade lower than a B as well as a solid personal record. This program is new, beginning in the fall of 2013 – we have never had a formal gateway program with Holy Cross.

Colleges
This program is limited to students who plan to enroll in the College of Arts & Letters – Business intents cannot be considered due to enrollment issues; Science/Engineering/Architecture intents cannot be considered because the curriculum of the honors courses only fully aligns with the First Year requirements for students planning to enroll in Arts & Letters.

Selection Criteria
Students are selected for this program based on their undergraduate application to Notre Dame. This is an invitation-only program – a student’s application to ND will be the only consideration to the Gateway program. Students may not ask to be considered for this program.

The Gateway Selection Committee will look at the same qualities that we do for any admitted student (high academic and personal achievements, potential for growth, and fit at the University) but also take into account a student’s desire to attend Notre Dame – in other words, is it clear that they are the type who would be willing to transfer to Notre Dame and would be interested in a somewhat streamlined process in order to do so.

The classes at Holy Cross have been designed in consultation with Notre Dame faculty to mirror First Year of Studies courses. The academic experience will be as close to First Year as possible. The Director of Academic Advising at Holy Cross will guide Gateway students throughout the year to track their academic progress.

Community
Gateway students – like all Holy Cross students – are encouraged to engage in the larger Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s/Holy Cross community including attending athletic events, clubs, music, the arts, campus ministry, volunteer projects, etc.

Housing
Like all transfer students, the Gateway students will not be guaranteed housing their first semester at Notre Dame. They will, however, be given priority for housing over other transfer students.

Contact
Specific questions regarding the Gateway Program can be directed to the Transfer Coordinator at transfer@nd.edu.