

TEACHERS FOR TOMORROW (TFT)

A 5-year program leading to:

- Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal & Civic Studies
- Multiple Subject Teaching Credential (K-8)
- Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)

Teachers for Tomorrow is a unique program at Saint Mary's College that enables students who are committed to becoming elementary teachers to enroll in selected education courses and participate in school-based field experiences as they complete their undergraduate major in Liberal & Civic Studies. TFT students graduate in four years with their bachelor's, and then earn their Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, and their Master's degree (optional), during their fifth year at the Kalmanovitz School of Education.



Teachers for Tomorrow, which is open to incoming freshmen and to qualified sophomores, offers the following advantages:

- Integrated Curriculum: teacher preparation courses taught within a broad, deep, and integrated Liberal Arts program
- Early field experiences in elementary schools
- Opportunity to be part of a cohort group with the same advisors and the same in-school experiences
- A minor or area of concentration of your choice.

The Liberal & Civic Studies Program (of which TFT is a part) is a broad integrative course of study that emphasizes ethical values, multi-cultural awareness, critical inquiry, and social/environmental responsibility. L&CS students take a range of courses in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, mathematics, language, and physical education. They participate in service learning activities and art events, develop a minor of their choice (e.g., history, psychology, communication, P.E., English, women's studies), and complete required L&CS courses that help them integrate ideas from their courses and other activities.

Sample courses taken in the L&CS Program include the following:

- Collegiate Seminars in: (*Greek Thought; Roman, Christian, Medieval Thought; Renaissance Thought; 19-20th Century Thought*)

- L&CS Major Requirements: (*Culture & Civic Responsibility; Environmental Responsibility; Education, Democracy & Active Citizenship*)
- Foreign Language
- Perceiving the Performing Arts
- Astronomy
- American History
- Religious Studies

Teachers for Tomorrow Undergraduate Coursework

(These courses are in addition to Liberal and Civic Studies requirements.)

Prerequisites:
Admission to SMC as a freshman or sophomore
Preferred: 3 yrs. of high school foreign language
Commitment to teaching children
Freshman:
Field Experience in an Urban Setting
Sophomore:
Field Experience at Cambridge School
Mini-Methods in Math & Science
Junior:
Text-based Discussion in the Elementary Classroom
Cognitive Development
Senior:
Curriculum & Instruction: Science
Curriculum & Instruction: Social Science
Reading & Language Arts I

Multiple Subject Credential Program

Prerequisite:
Completion of Bachelor of Arts Degree
Course of Study:
Technology in the Classroom
Introduction to Field Experience
Health Education
Foundations of Education for All Learners
Supervised Teaching I
Curriculum & Instruction: Mathematics
Reading & Language Arts II
Integrating Theory & Practice
Supervised Teaching II

Master of Arts in Teaching

Course of Study
Prerequisites:
Completion of Bachelor of Arts Degree & concurrent enrollment in Credential Program
Research Courses:
Great Ideas in Education
Introduction to Classroom Research
Classroom Research
Classroom Research Projects & Presentations

EDUCATION

Admissions

Students who have all application materials in by the Priority Deadline will hear from the Admissions Committee by the second week of January.

All of the following are required for a Saint Mary's College application to be complete:

- A completed SMC application form. Go to: www.stmarys-ca.edu/admissions-and-aid/undergraduate-admissions/applications-and-forms/index.html
- An original essay which should provide the Admissions Commission with a better understanding of who you are.
- Test results from the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT.
- Official high school transcripts that include all work completed to date.
- At least one letter of academic recommendation.
- Application fee.

Once admitted to SMC, a completed TFT application is required. Go to: www.stmarys-ca.edu/academics/schools/school-of-liberal-arts/departments-programs/liberal-and-civic-studies/forms.html

“As a result of my experience in the Teachers for Tomorrow program, I will be an educator who understands curriculum, is able to work with various types of learners, knows how to adapt projects to students' individual needs, develops achievable action plans, and accesses and uses resources appropriately.”

- Carolyn Bridwell, Graduate of the Teachers for Tomorrow Program





Kalmanovitz School of Education at Saint Mary's College of California

INCLUSIVE, GLOBAL, TRANSFORMATIVE

Here at the Kalmanovitz School of Education at Saint Mary's, we are guided by the Lasallian tradition: "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve." Our faculty is committed to the core principles of social justice, quality education and inclusive community, emphasizing the skills of critical thinking, precise communication and creative problem-solving. We offer challenging opportunities for students to experience professional practice.

Our students are:

- Challenged by a curriculum that integrates research-based practices with opportunities for experience in professional settings.
- Guided by an interdisciplinary faculty that excels in teaching, scholarship and service.
- Supported by a staff attuned to the unique needs of active professionals.
- Networked with a cohort of peers who bring diverse perspectives to the exploration of real-world problems.
- Transformed by learning experiences that emphasize inquiry, reflection, ethical values and social justice.

The Kalmanovitz School of Education is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and offers well-respected credential programs approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and the American Montessori Society. The Master of Arts Degree in Counseling with an emphasis in School Counseling (K-12) or School Psychology (3 yrs-12th grade) fulfills the requirements for the California Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential. The College is a member of the California Council on the Education of Teachers and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

The Financial Aid process begins by filing a free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov (Saint Mary's College Title IV code is: #001302). Prospective students should also complete a Saint Mary's Financial Aid application, available on Saint Mary's website. To ensure maximum consideration for all programs, students are asked to contact the Financial Aid Office at: 925.631.4370, or the Kalmanovitz School of Education at: 925.631.4149 with any questions.

Twice a year, in the fall and spring, eligible Kalmanovitz School of Education students have the opportunity to apply for scholarships distributed by the school. Students are encouraged to research and apply for other scholarships that may be available through outside organizations or entities.

A loan forgiveness program (APLE), providing financial assistance for future teachers, is offered by the State of California. Information on this program is available from the California Student Aid Commission at: www.csac.ca.gov.