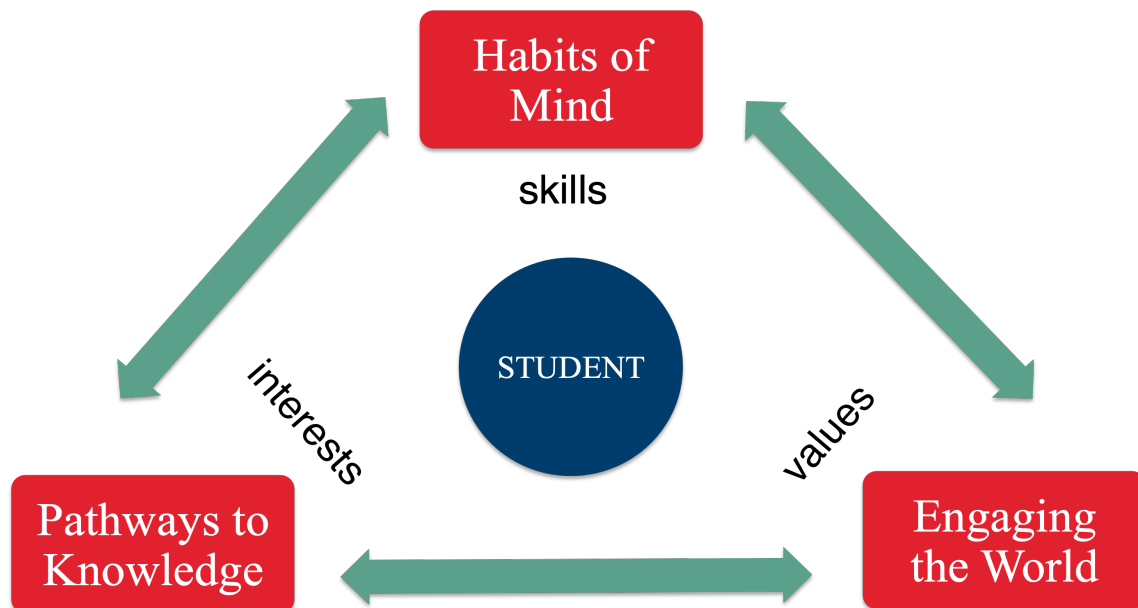




On behalf of the faculty, we welcome you to your collegiate experience! When we see later this summer, we will be talking with you about what that means in terms of study and how to be successful at SMC. All students complete the “Saint Mary’s Core,” an intentional, developmental, and integrated curriculum designed to educate students in three broad intellectual areas. Here is an overview of those areas of the Core, which is now your Core too! It includes courses like Composition, Seminar, Community Engagement, and January Term, and much, much more. You can learn more about the Core on the next page and on our website: <https://www.stmarys-ca.edu/core-curriculum>

Core Curriculum



Questions? Feel free to email us at: ccc@stmarys-ca.edu
We look forward to meeting you at orientation in a few weeks and Go Gaels!

Your SMC Core Curriculum Committee

Habits of Mind

Goal: To increase proficiency related to critical thinking, shared inquiry, research practices, oral and written communication

- Seminar (one each year)
- Composition (English 4,5)
- Writing In The Discipline (WID) (one course within the major)

Pathways to Knowledge

Goal: To provide training in diverse pathways to knowledge via a cross-disciplinary approach to learning

- Artistic Understanding (2 classes in analysis and one in creative practice)
- Mathematical and Scientific Understanding (1 class in each area)
- Social, Historical, and Cultural Understanding (2 classes)
- Theological Understanding (2 classes- the first is TRS 97 or 189)

Engaging the World

Goal: To explore justice, civic responsibility, and social, economic and cultural differences, by examining and reflecting on what it means to be a citizen in local and global communities. (1 class/experience in each area)

- *American Diversity*: examining the social, cultural, economic, political diversity of the United States.
- *The Common Good*: exploring what the common good is and how it might be pursued.
- *Community Engagement*: applying intellectual experiences to the community beyond the academy.
- *Global Perspective*: experiencing social, economic, religious structures from different global cultures. In addition, students must meet the language requirement

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