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SMC Core Curriculum Requirements

Habits of Mind

Collegiate Seminar

- [SEM 001 - Critical Strategies and Great Questions](#)
- [SEM 002 - Western Tradition I](#)
- [SEM 102 - Western Tradition I for transfers](#) * transfer students should take SEM 102 instead of SEM 001 and SEM 002.
- [SEM 103 - Western Tradition II](#)
- [SEM 104 - The Global Conversation of the 20th and 21st centuries](#)

English Composition

- [ENGL 004 - Composition](#)
- [ENGL 005 - Argument and Research](#)

Pathways to Knowledge

Artistic Understanding

- 2 full-credit courses designated as meeting the [AA - Artistic Understanding \(Analysis\)](#) learning outcomes

AND

- At least .25 credits in a course designated as meeting the [CP - Artistic Understanding \(Creative Practice\)](#) learning outcomes

Mathematical Understanding

- 1 course designated as meeting the [MU - Mathematical Understanding](#) learning outcomes.

Scientific Understanding

- 1 course and associated laboratory designated as meeting the [SU - Scientific Understanding \(with Lab\)](#) learning outcomes.

Social, Historical, and Cultural Understanding

- 2 courses designated as meeting the [SHCU - Social, Historical, and Cultural Understanding](#) learning outcomes

Theological Understanding

- 1 course designated as meeting the [CF - Christian Foundations](#) learning outcomes

AND

- 1 course designated as meeting the [TE - Theological Explorations](#) learning outcomes

Engaging the World

American Diversity

- 1 course or experience designated as meeting the [AD - American Diversity](#) learning goal

Global Perspective

- 1 course or experience designated as meeting the [GP - Global Perspectives](#) learning goal

Community Engagement

- 1 course or experience designated as meeting the [CE - Community Engagement](#) learning goal

The Common Good

- 1 course or experience designated as meeting the [TCG - The Common Good](#) learning goal

January Term

- One full-credit January Term course for each year of full-time attendance

Language Proficiency Requirement

Complete one of the following:

- Successfully complete level 003 of any foreign or classical language taught at Saint Mary's
- Complete three years of the same language in high school with a GPA of 3.0 (b) or higher each term
- Score at least a 3 on the Advanced placement Exam in a second language

- Achieve TOEFL score of 71 on the internet test or 527 on paper test (for international students who are non-native speakers of English)
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