

# SAINT MARY'S INTEGRATED GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Each person has different interests, dreams, and goals. And today's employers are looking for leaders who can see problems through varied lenses. This is why Saint Mary's is launching a new, Integrated General Education Program that will help set you apart from other graduates.

**While students will have common experiences through our Integrated General Education Program, each path is as unique as the student taking it.**

## FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

Built around big themes of **place, purpose, and well-being**, you'll start your Saint Mary's education with a common set of courses that'll help you:

- explore topics outside of your major
- connect with other viewpoints
- refine skills for college level study
- locate your place in the Lasallian community

**Your Saint Mary's experience also brings the community together with events and activities, like meeting the author of the common reading, arts events, food fests, and more.**

## INTEGRATED EDUCATION MINOR

Begin working toward your integrated education minor. Students within the same minor can have a different general education experience, based on the courses you choose.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Examines our environment as the biological, economic, and cultural surroundings we depend on and interact with, considering wise stewardship of resources.



### CREATIVITY AND INQUIRY

Explores the role of inquiry, intelligence, creativity, and innovation in human endeavors.



### GLOBAL DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Focuses on diversity of populations, the distribution of resources, and issues of global and social justice.



### SELF, SOCIETY, AND THE SACRED

Evaluates how people from a variety of times and cultures have explored responsibility to ourselves, our society, the natural world, and the sacred.



### LASALLIAN HONORS PROGRAM (for students in the program only)

Engages students in shared inquiry in seminar classes, study of the Great Books, service learning, and participation in a community of learners.

**Take classes from multiple disciplines to explore big questions, learning to integrate knowledge as you wrestle with challenging issues and work to solve pressing problems.**

## INTEGRATED EDUCATION CAPSTONE

Finally, pull together what you learned in your major and Integrated Education Minor to complete a project that leaves a mark on the community.

**Throughout the program, you'll produce a portfolio that helps tie all the pieces together and shows a future employer how much you learned.**

## Step 1: Choose Anchor Course Section

The Anchor Course is your first-year experience seminar. It will anchor your first year with your instructor (serving as your first adviser until you declare a major) and your classmates, forming a core of connections for your life at Saint Mary's.

You're encouraged to find a section that will take you outside your major area to expand your experience of academic disciplines. If you're undecided, use your Anchor Course to explore a discipline that interests you.

Look at the section descriptions. Which ones interest you? Why? Write down your top choices:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What do your selections tell you about your interests?

## Step 2: Choose First-Year Experience Courses

One of the functions of the Integrated General Education Program is to build skills you'll use in college and in your career. In addition to your FYE101 class, most students will take one or two more First-Year Experience courses their first semester. Based on the course descriptions below, rank them from one to three (one being the class you're most interested in).

### E130: First-Year Writing

Contributing to the First-Year Experience by focusing on the theme of place, this course introduces students to the stages of writing, from generating ideas to revising and editing. In this course, students will practice careful reading, conduct ethical research, and write thesis-driven academic essays, with an opportunity to reflect on their own reading, research, and writing.

### QR101: Quantitative Reasoning

This course helps students become more quantitatively literate through providing them opportunities for making decisions, reasoning from evidence and communicating results. It incorporates the common themes of place, purpose and well-being through problem solving, introspection, civil discourse, and environmental sustainability.

### TH111: Thinking Theologically: First-Year Experience Theology

An introduction to the methods and practices of thinking theologically that examines some of the major questions people have asked and found answer to within religious contexts, especially the Judeo-Christian narrative. This course pays particular attention to the human experience of suffering and how those different experiences shape our theological questions, both past and present.

Why did you assign the rankings that you did? Are you focused on building skills you need? Are you motivated by personal passions? Do you feel the temptation to avoid a class? Why? What do your rankings tell you about your approach to college and to learning?

## Quick Check

### College Credit

Do you have AP or other college credits? Send official university or college transcripts and/or AP scores to the registrar. Accepted credits are entered on your Saint Mary's transcript, which you can view in your portal.

- List courses you have taken below to help prepare for advising and course registration.

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### Plan for Balance

Do you want to study Spanish, dance, play an instrument, sing, act, make art, or pursue some other passion? You can do that at Saint Mary's! Talk with your adviser about your interests and passions. They will explain options and connect you with someone from those departments to make sure your first semester has balance.

- List your interests and passions below to help you keep track:

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## Portal Basics

Your portal houses all information related to academic advising and course registration. This includes your transcript/transfer credits (including AP credits), course offering for Fall semester, your class schedule, grades, course placement information, FERPA designations, and more.

### Specific reminders for today include:

1. Check your FERPA designations and emergency contact. Remember, list any family members who are helping you pay for college as receiving access to financial information so they will receive billing notices and can ask questions about your bill.
2. Select "FA18 College" for this registration session.
3. Check placement for English and math.

My English placement is \_\_\_\_\_.  
My math placement is \_\_\_\_\_.