

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: PATHWAYS MAY 20, 2009

*What is a Pathway?*

Pathways are clusters of courses connected by a common theme. Engineering students will take three courses (at least 12 units). Arts & Sciences and Business students will take four courses (at least 16 units).

### FACULTY QUESTIONS

*What is the role of the Pathway facilitator?*

The Pathway facilitator develops and submits the proposal and serves as liaison to faculty who teach associated courses. The facilitator encourages faculty teaching associated courses to include on the syllabus a note communicating the connection to the Pathway. See the following question for details.

*What is the role/responsibility of the faculty who teach associated courses?*

Faculty teaching associated courses will be encouraged to include on their syllabi a note communicating the connection to the Pathway. Suggested wording:  
"This course is associated with the Pathway in .... If you declare a Pathway in this area you may use a representative piece of work from this course in the Pathway Portfolio you will complete during your senior year. Recommendation: Please keep electronic copies of your work."

*Does the Pathway facilitator function as an advisor or program chair?*

No. Drahmman Center staff are responsible for advising students about Pathways (and other Core curriculum issues) and for directing students to Undergraduate Research Experiences, Internships, or other programs linked with Pathways. Pathways facilitators are, of course, welcome to meet with students, but they have no formal Pathways advising responsibilities.

*Will the Pathway facilitator receive the Pathways portfolios and read the reflective papers?*

No. A Pathways Coordinator (details tbd) will have that responsibility. The Pathway facilitator will have access to the portfolio and papers if desired, but will not be responsible for receiving or reading them. The Pathways facilitators, however, may wish to participate in developing a rubric for scoring the reflective papers.

*How will Pathways documents be stored?*

A portfolio will be used. Stay tuned. We're working on details.

*How can I add my course to a Pathway?*

E-mail your syllabus to the Pathway facilitator, who makes decisions about including new courses in consultation with the chair of the Pathways FCC.

### STUDENT QUESTIONS

*How do I declare or change a Pathway?*

By the end of the sophomore year, students will declare a Pathway through e-campus. Students may change Pathways by contacting the Drahmman Center.

*How do I complete the Pathway?*

By the winter quarter of the senior year, each student will submit electronic copies of a two page reflective paper and a portfolio containing a representative work from each Pathway course.

*Can Pathways courses be from any department?*

Yes. Normally, however, no more than two courses in a student's Pathway may be taken in the same department.

*Can Pathways courses be part of my major?*

Yes. For students in the Business School and the College of Arts and Sciences, two courses in any individual student's major department may contribute to the requirements for that student's Pathway, as long as the courses have been approved for the Pathway. For engineering students, one course in the student's major department may contribute to the requirement for that student's Pathway, as long as the course has been approved for the Pathway.

*Can I use all three Religion, Theology, and Culture courses for the Pathway?*

No. A student's Pathway may contain no more than two courses in the Religion, Theology, and Culture sequence (RTC 1, 2, and 3).

*Can I finish my Pathway in my freshman year?*

No. Only one course in a Pathway may be a "Foundations" course (normally taken the first year).

*Can I complete more than one Pathway?*

No. Some courses will be appropriate for more than one Pathway, but students will complete only one Pathway.

*Can "old core" students participate in Pathways?*

No. Old core students will complete the Core Curriculum described in the Undergraduate Bulletin published in the year they entered the University. Old core students may take courses associated with Pathways, but they will not formally complete Pathways.

*Who's the audience for the two page reflective papers?*

Students should write their reflective papers as if the faculty who taught the Pathways courses would be reading them. A Pathways Coordinator will read the papers. The faculty who taught the courses and the facilitators will be invited to see selected papers.

*Where are the courses for each Pathway listed?*

[www.scu.edu/core](http://www.scu.edu/core)

*Who can I contact for information on research opportunities, links to the Centers of Distinction, and other Pathways issues?* Contact the Drahmman Center Pathways Advisors, Garrison Dyer and Jeremy Wang, 408-554-4318.