# Elements

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<th>1. The Common First-Year Experience</th>
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| The common first-year experience ensures that all new students take a "course cluster" that includes a freshman seminar, a humanities course, and a social science course. In each of these classes, freshmen explore Hiram’s Five Cs—character, community, career, curriculum, and calling—by answering questions like these:
| • What kind of person do I want to be?  
  • What kind of work do I want to do?  
  • What should I learn, and what skills should I build?  
  • How can I serve my community?  
  • How can I build a meaningful life? |

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<th>2. The Integrated Major</th>
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| Students choose at least one major from any of the five schools; they may also choose a minor from any school:  
  1. Arts, Humanities and Culture  
  2. Business and Communication  
  3. Education, Civic Leadership and Social Change  
  4. Health and Medical Humanities  
  5. Science and Technology |
| At least some courses from any major are likely to be cross-listed across majors. |

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<th>3. The Coherent Core</th>
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| Rather than use a distributive model (one of this one of that) to meet general education or core requirements, students choose a coherent set of core courses focused on an urgent challenge or emerging opportunity such as:  
  - global warming,  
  - artificial intelligence,  
  - economic globalization, or  
  - food, water, and health care. |

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<th>4. Experiential Activities</th>
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| Students choose one or more Hiram Connect activities related to their major, core, and electives:  
  • internship  
  • research project  
  • study-away trip |

# Outcomes

## 21st-Century Skill Set and Mind-Set

By the time students complete their senior capstone project, they will have practiced and demonstrated competency in:

- analytical and critical thinking skills,
- computational skills,
- intercultural and diversity skills,
- mindful technology,
- system design thinking, and
- teamwork and team-building skills.

The development of this skill set and mind-set will help students build a career and find their personal calling.