Dear Gustie:

Welcome to Gustavus! We’re delighted to have you here. Let me tell you about a distinctive educational opportunity, the 3 Crowns Curriculum: Connections, Ideas, and Values. You may want to sign up today.

Do you like discussion-based courses? Do you want to become part of a ready-made community? Do extracurricular activities like free trips to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and Guthrie Theater, barbecues, and film nights intrigue you? Do you want to explore big, enduring questions: What does it mean to be human? How does someone live a good life? Why did society come to be this way? Then the 3 Crowns Curriculum may be the program for you.

An important part of your studies at Gustavus will be your required general education courses, which introduce you to different ways of understanding the world. The 3 Crowns Curriculum is one way to fulfill these requirements. It’s a sequence of specially designed, discussion-oriented courses that you'll take with the same group of students all four years of your college experience. The 3 Crowns Curriculum makes the idea of connections paramount. We emphasize connections between ideas and values; between past and present; between fields of study; between students and faculty; and, most importantly, between students themselves. Field trips and other social and cultural activities contribute to a sense of community, which forms quickly among 3 Crowns students. Many alumni tell us that they value the life-long friends they made in the program.

Being part of the 3 Crowns Curriculum will enhance all aspects of your Gustavus experience. Our students are very involved in on-campus activities and groups. They study abroad, hold internships, and even double major. While our program enrolls students from all fields of study, only 3 Crowns students have access to the program’s classes and extracurricular opportunities.

If you’d like to learn more about our program, please visit the 3 Crowns Curriculum website at https://gustavus.edu/threecrowns/. If you have questions, please email me (jcouey@gustavus.edu). I’d love to learn more about you and your interest in the program. There are spaces for 60 incoming first-year students, which are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. You can make your choice by submitting the online Registration Preference form, due on June 5, but sign up earlier to guarantee a place for you in the program. The 3 Crowns Curriculum is an exciting and richly rewarding program. It may be just right for you!

Yours,

J. Blake Couey