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NOTICE

This is to inform the 1st semester students (Arts, Science, BCA, B.Com, Hm Sc) that St. Mary's College will be implementing the National Education Policy 2020 Under Graduate Programme from 2023 onwards. In this regard there will be certain changes in the academic system which the 1st semester students must be aware of. A few of the changes are listed below.

1. There are 6 papers in the 1st semester. They are as follows:
 - a) Major paper or the Honours paper
 - b) Minor paper from the respective disciplines (except for BCA, B.Com, Hm Sc). Eg History Major with Sociology Minor or Physics Major with Mathematics Minor.
 - c) Value Added Course or VAC (Environment Studies) which is a compulsory paper for all.
 - d) Ability Enhance Course or AEC- students can choose between Alt. Eng, MIL Khasi, MIL Hindi.
 - e) Skill Enhancement Course or SEC- students can choose one of five options.
 - f) Multi Disciplinary Course or MDC- students can choose one of ten options.
2. Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)

The Academic Bank of Credits is a national data bank which maintains records of a student's credits. Credits are the points that a student attains through classroom attendance, research, seminars, group work, tests, exams and other academic activities. Each course has a specific number of credits to be attained and a student must meet these credit requirements to clear the course. Eg a Major course has 4 credits which is attained through 60/ 75 contact hours.
3. 1st semester students are to report on the 2nd August at 10:30 am and meet their respective Honours departments in the allotted rooms for counselling.
4. Details of the various courses, (Major, Minor, VAC, SEC, MDC) can be accessed from the college website www.smcs.ac.in

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