

# Catholic Studies

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The goal of this program is to deepen the awareness and understanding of Catholic Intellectual Tradition. Catholic Studies includes the contributions of Catholic reflection and practice, but extends beyond theology, church history, morality and liturgy. In particular, students will investigate the Catholic Intellectual Tradition from the distinct perspectives of art and music, literature, politics and social justice.

## Requirements for Catholic Studies Minor

A Catholic Studies minor must complete the following courses:

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| CST 201 | The Catholic Vision                             | (3 crs)        |
| CST 301 | Classics of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition | (3 crs)        |
|         |   | <u>(6 crs)</u> |

The minor is completed by taking one course in each of the following areas:

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| Humanities             | (3 crs)         |
| Social Science         | (3 crs)         |
| Theology or Philosophy | (3 crs)         |
| Elective               | (3 crs)         |
|                        | <u>(12 crs)</u> |

Note: While students will be encouraged to take RST 107 (Catholicism), it is not required for the minor

## Special Note on Catholic Studies Minor

The minor in Catholic Studies requires 18 hours and is earned by completing a six-credit core and 12 hours of elective credit that reflects the interdisciplinary nature of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition.

## Course Descriptions

### CST 201 The Catholic Vision (3 crs)

This course serves as an orientation to the minor. The course identifies what is distinctive about the Catholic vision and so will examine such fundamental issues as: the principle of sacramentality, the relationship of the person to the common good, the centrality of morality, the relationship of faith and reason, as well as a philosophy of the human person before God. This course is comprised of material drawn from the humanities, the natural and social sciences and theology.

### CST 301 Classics of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition I (3 crs)

This course is a seminar that examines a seminal thinker and/or classic works in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition.

