

Learning Goals for the Catholic Studies Program

Students will

1. Think critically about Catholicism by a) assessing the strengths and weaknesses of theological and historical arguments; b) examining critically core texts, works of literature, or works of art that originate in the Catholic intellectual and cultural traditions; c) employing these sources properly in fashioning their own understanding of Catholicism;
2. Articulate multiple perspectives on current issues in catholic life, drawing on scholarly and professional perspectives.
3. Become effective writers and public speakers who can clearly and elegantly express a complex argument on major issues facing contemporary Catholic life.
4. Demonstrate the qualities necessary for leadership and service within Catholic contexts that are increasingly diverse.

Alignment with Academic Learning Goals

Graduates will

	1	2	3	4
Demonstrate an integrative knowledge of the human and natural worlds;		X	X	
Develop habits of critical analysis and aesthetic appreciation;	X			
Apply creative and innovative thinking;	X	X		X
Communicate skillfully in multiple forms of expression;	X		X	X
Act competently in a global and diverse world;	X	X		X
Understand and promote social justice;	X	X	X	X
Apply a framework for examining ethical dilemmas;	X	X		
Employ leadership and collaborative skills;			X	
Understand the religious dimensions of human experience.	X	X	X	

Alignment with Assessment Measures

Measure	1	2	3	4
Senior Exit Interview	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect
Course Evaluations	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect
Oral Presentation (HS414)			Direct	
Writing Sample (various, including HS 414)	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct