



Department of Catholic Studies FAQs

1. What would I do with a Catholic Studies major or minor?

You do your other major better. Every Catholic Studies course helps you learn to integrate across disciplines because every Catholic Studies course is interdisciplinary. You learn to think in the way you were made to think integrating everything into the truth. For example, if you are a neuroscience and Catholic studies double major, your Catholic studies degree is helping you develop and hone the skills needed to integrate faith and a Catholic worldview within the field of neuroscience. And you can go to Rome with Catholic Studies!

2. How can a Catholic studies degree help me prepare for my career?

Creative, flexible, integrating ways of thinking mark successful careers. We do that in Catholic Studies. You would be able to develop a stronger, clearer career path within your professional field. Catholic Studies alumni often talk about finding deeper meaning and purpose in their career because of their Catholic studies degree. A scientist is a more creative researcher. A doctor has a deeper appreciation of the patient as a person. A businessperson has clearer sense of purpose.

3. Are there Catholic Studies activities beyond the classroom?

The interdisciplinary, integrated approach of Catholic studies goes well beyond your coursework. Outside the classroom you have opportunities for intellectual discussions and other community activities such as Mass and adoration in the beautiful Albertus Magnus chapel in Sitzmann Hall, home to Catholic Studies, or lunch or dinner on the patio in the back. We have a two-year Leadership Interns program, as well as a Mission and Culture Apprenticeship in Catholic Schools for aspiring educators.

4. Do I need to be a Catholic Studies major or minor to participate in the Catholic Studies Telos LLC or the Catholic Studies TBLC courses?

No. These courses are open to any students interested in integrating their faith and their studies. The courses satisfy general requirements (First Year Experience, Philosophy, Theology, Writing Intensive, and Writing to Learn) and are not specific to any major or academic program.

5. Should I consider the Catholic Studies in Rome program?

Yes! As a Catholic Studies major or minor, you have the opportunity to enter into the heart of the Church for a full semester. You live at St. Thomas' beautiful Bernardi Campus, just minutes from St. Peter's and study (in English) at the Angelicum, the alma mater of St. John Paul II. It's an opportunity to immerse yourself in the rich history of the Universal Church and stay on track to graduate on time from St. Thomas. Scholarships are available.

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