

College of Philosophy and Letters

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The College of Philosophy and Letters provides the early academic formation of students preparing for Catholic ministry and priesthood. The College is concerned with both the undergraduate training appropriate to the bachelor's degree and the implementation of ecclesiastical requirements for seminarians at the collegiate level. As a consequence of these special objectives, the College of Philosophy and Letters has had the status of an autonomous unit of the University since 1889, and is administered by a dean.

Following recent Congregations of the Society of Jesus, the College of Philosophy and Letters seeks to prepare students to engage issues of faith and justice in dialogue with culture. Specific requirements adhere to the norms set down in the *Statuata*, based on the Apostolic constitution *Sapientia Christiana* and the "Ordinations of the Sacred Congregation of Seminary and University Studies." Additional norms are contained in official directives of the Society of Jesus and the American Bishops' *Program of Priestly Formation*.

The minimum entrance requirements for the College are the same as the general undergraduate admission requirements of the University. In addition, admission requirements for each candidate's religious order or diocese in the area of academic achievement, personal character, and spiritual ideals must be met.

Undergraduate Degrees Offered

The College confers the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science, with a major in philosophy. Each degree requires the student to complete the Philosophy Major Requirements, Core Requirements, and one of the three possible Track Requirements. The minimum number of hours required for a Bachelor's degree is 120; thus the requirements leave considerable room for electives. Core, Major, and Track Requirements may simultaneously satisfy requirements for a minor or certificate in other Schools and Colleges, provided content is appropriate.

Philosophy Major Requirements

Philosophy of Knowledge	3
Philosophy of God	3
Philosophy of Human Nature	3
Ethics	3
History of Greek Philosophy (PHIL 105 or 440)	3
History of Medieval Philosophy	3
History of Classical Modern Philosophy	3
Contemporary Philosophy*	3
Social Analysis/Special Ethics**	9
Synthesis Seminar	3

*The Contemporary Philosophy requirement is satisfied by any course focused on contemporary philosophical thinkers or topics (late 19th century to present).

**The Social Analysis/Special Ethics requirements may be satisfied by courses in other disciplines, provided their content is appropriate; these courses may also simultaneously satisfy other core requirements or track requirements.

Core Curriculum Requirements

English Composition (ENGL 190 or equivalent)	3
Latin, Greek, or Modern Language through the intermediate level; may be satisfied by a passing grade on an approved language proficiency examination	9
Social Science***	12
Theology	9

***The Social Science requirement may be met by courses in Sociology/Anthropology, Political Science, Psychology, Economics, courses cross-listed with these, or courses whose content is judged appropriate.

Track Requirements

Philosophy and Letters undergraduates must organize their non-philosophical coursework along one of three different tracks. The Bachelor of Arts degree gives the student a choice between the Humanities track and the Language track. The Bachelor of Science degree requires the student to follow the Mathematics/Natural Science track.

Humanities Track (BA)

English, American, or World Literature	12
Fine Arts or Art History	9
History	9
Mathematics or Logic	3
Natural Science	6

Language Track (BA)

English, American, or World Literature	6
Fine Arts or Art History	3
History	6
Mathematics or Logic	3
Natural Science	6
A second foreign language through the intermediate level	9

Mathematics/Natural Science Track (BS)

English, American, or World Literature	9
Fine Arts or Art History	3
History	6
Mathematics*	9
Natural Science	12

*MATH 120 or higher-level course and two additional courses in mathematics. May be satisfied by a score of 550 on the SAT Examination for 3 semester hours of the mathematics requirement; two additional courses at an appropriate level must be taken.

Program for Post-Baccalaureate Students

The College also admits full-time and part-time non-degree seeking students who already have an undergraduate degree, but who must fulfill the philosophical and theological requirements for ordination. These students are required to complete the Philosophy Requirements below, which can be satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level; appropriate courses taken at other institutions may satisfy these requirements, with the exception of the Special Ethics/Social Analysis courses, which normally should be taken after admission to the College. In addition, Jesuit students are expected to complete eight graduate-level theology courses, in areas approved by the Jesuit Conference and United States Provincials. The theology requirements are normally satisfied by graduate courses offered by the Saint Louis University Department of Theology or by the Aquinas Institute of Theology.

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Theology Requirements

Moral Theology	3
Systematic/Liturgical/Historical Theology	6
Scriptures	6
Church History	3
Electives	6

Cluster Course Requirement

In addition to philosophy and graduate theology requirements, post-baccalaureate students must fulfill a cluster course requirement, which is normally satisfied after the first year of studies, by taking Ethics and Moral Theology in tandem, along with an integration seminar co-taught by the Ethics and Moral Theology instructors.

Integration Seminar	1
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