B.A. in Catholic Studies

Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- The students will be able to explain how Catholics have reflected at once critically and faithfully about God, the natural world, society, and the Church, and how Catholics have sought to integrate these reflections into their lives.

- 2a. The students will be able to interpret in their writing and in their speaking history, texts, and social realities.

- 2b. Students will be able to use these interpretations to engage new situations in personal, local, and global contexts.

- Students will be able to explain inculturation and the importance of cultural memory, i.e., how Catholicism takes root in different places and discourses, based upon specific examples in history, literature, and contemporary practice.

- Students will understand and be able to explain on their terms how faith and reason are integrated in the Catholic tradition and how a faith grounded in revelation and the encounter with the person of Christ can be deepened through study.

- Students are expected to acquire a basic knowledge of and demonstrate an ability to integrate the core areas of Catholic Studies: 1.) theology and spirituality, 2.) history of Catholicism, 3.) philosophy, 4.) literature and cultural memory, 5.) art, aesthetics, and liturgy, and 6.) social concerns.