College of Philosophy and Letters

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The College of Philosophy and Letters provides the early academic formation of students preparing for the Catholic 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 is constituted as an autonomous unit of the University and is administered by a dean.

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.

The College confers the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science.

The College of Philosophy and Letters adheres 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.

Pre-Ministerial Program (BA)

**Option One: Humanities**

- English Composition (ENGL 190 or equivalent) 3
- English, American, or World Literature 12
- Fine Arts or Art History 9
- History 9
- Mathematics or Logic 3
- Natural Science 6
- Social Science 12
- (no more than 6 hours in any one social science area)
- Theology 9
- Latin, Greek, or Modern Language through the intermediate level 0-9
- A second foreign language through the intermediate level 0-9

**Option Two: Language**

- English Composition (ENGL 190 or equivalent) 3
- English, American, or World Literature 6
- Fine Arts or Art History 3
- History 6
- Mathematics or Logic 3
- Natural Science 6
- Social Science 12
- (no more than 6 hours in any one social science area)
- Theology 9
- Latin, Greek, or Modern Language through the intermediate level 0-9
- A second foreign language through the intermediate level 0-9

Pre-Ministerial Program (BS)

**Option One: Mathematics/Natural Science**

- English Composition (ENGL 190 or equivalent) 3
- English, American, or World Literature 9
- Fine Arts or Art History 3
- History 6
- Mathematics 9
- MATH 120 or higher level course an 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
- Natural Science 12
- Social Science 12
- (no more than 6 hours in any one social science area)
- Theology 9
- Latin, Greek, or Modern Language through the intermediate level 0-9

Completion of a concentration with minimum grade of “C” consisting of 30 hours of upper-division courses of which at least 18 hours must be in the natural or social sciences, with 12 hours of related courses from other disciplines approved by the dean.

**Area of Concentration Requirements (Philosophy)**

- 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
- Synthesis Seminar 3