

# CATHOLIC STUDIES, BA

The B.A. in Catholic Studies offers a unifying vision of the array of academic disciplines central to a full and flourishing human life as understood for over 2,000 years through the lens of the Catholic Intellectual Heritage.

## Program Highlights

From philosophy and theology, to art and music, to economics and medicine, this undergraduate major offers an integrated Catholic worldview that empowers students to see the world clearly, and to understand otherwise disparate sectors of reality in relation to one another and to the implications of Christ's Incarnation. Here, material culture, creedal beliefs, philosophical commitments, and spiritual practices coalesce in the truly Catholic understanding of the structuring of governments, civic engagement, economic choices, medical practices, the arrangement of family life, educational systems, and the role of beauty in the public square.

## Admission Requirements

### Begin Your Application (<http://www.slu.edu/apply.php>)

Saint Louis University also accepts the Common Application.

### Freshman

All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory coursework is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant's file.

To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, applicants must be graduating from an accredited high school, have an acceptable HiSET exam score or take the General Education Development (GED) test.

### Transfer

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED.

Students who have attempted fewer than 24 semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit must follow the above freshman admission requirements. Students who have completed 24 or more semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit must submit transcripts from all previously attended college(s).

In reviewing a transfer applicant's file, the Office of Admission holistically examines the student's academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University. Where applicable, transfer students will be evaluated on any courses outlined in the continuation standards of their preferred major.

## International Applicants

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency
- Proof of financial support must include:
  - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University

- A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- **Scholarships:** Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- **Financial Aid:** Financial aid is provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at <https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid> (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>).

## Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to articulate the central concerns of the Catholic intellectual tradition and describe key contributions made to it in both the first and second millennium of its development.
2. Graduates will be able to draw upon the Catholic intellectual tradition to describe, analyze, and evaluate developments in two or more disciplines or fields of activity, including philosophy, theology, literature, music, art, architecture, history, politics, and the natural and social sciences.
3. Graduates will be able to articulate how characteristic elements of Jesuit spirituality, such as "finding God in all things" and "discernment of spirits," contribute to reflection on the good life and help orient Catholic engagement of culture.
4. Graduates will be able to employ methods and materials from the Catholic intellectual tradition to analyze in depth a question of contemporary cultural significance.

## Requirements

Catholic studies students must complete a minimum total of **30 credits** for the major. Overall requirements are as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
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<b>Major Courses</b>		
CATH 2000	Catholic Imagination: Introduction to Catholic Studies	3
CATH 3001	Catholic Intellectual Heritage I	3
CATH 3002	Catholic Intellectual Heritage II	3
CATH 4000	Catholic Intellectual Heritage and the Good Life	3
<b>Major Electives</b>		

Select fifteen credits of courses with the "Catholic Studies" attribute	15
<b>Capstone</b>	
CATH 4960 Catholic Studies Capstone	3
<b>General Electives</b>	<b>24-33</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>120</b>

## Sacred Texts (ST) Courses

Examples of courses with the Theology-Sacred Texts attribute:

Code	Title	Credits
THEO 2110	Old Testament	
THEO 2210	New Testament	
THEO 3110	Pentateuch	
THEO 3115	Old Testament: Prophets	
THEO 3210	One Jesus, Four Portraits: The Gospels	
THEO 4210	How to Interpret Scripture: Methods and Perspectives	
THEO 4290	Seminar in New Testament	

## Religious Traditions (RT) Courses

Examples of courses with the Theology-Religious Traditions attribute:

Code	Title	Credits
THEO 2715	Jerusalem: Three Faiths, One City	
THEO 2333	Race and Religion in America: The Search for Identity	
THEO 2755	Islam: Religion, Culture, and Society	
THEO 3425	The Invisible Institution: African American Religion and the Rise of Black Theology	
THEO 3710	Arts of Hinduism and Buddhism	
THEO 3720	Intuition, Spontaneity, and Flow: Daoism in Comparative Context	
THEO 3730	Jewish Life: Bible to Middle Ages	
THEO 4710	Islam and the Christian Theologian: Comparing Theological Themes	

## Continuation Standards

A student must maintain a 2.00 grade point average (GPA) in Catholic Studies major coursework.

## Bachelor of Arts Core Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
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Please note: beginning in Fall 2022, all incoming SLU undergraduates –regardless of major, program, college or school–will complete the University Core curriculum. You can find more information about SLU's common Core here: <https://www.slu.edu/core/index.php> (<https://www.slu.edu/core/>)

Core Components and Credits	
Foundations of Discourse	3
Diversity in the U.S.	3
Global Citizenship	3
Foreign Language	0-9
Fine Arts	3
Literature	6
Mathematics	3
Natural Science	6

Philosophy	9
Social Science	6
Theology	9
World History	6
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>57-66</b>

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits (excluding pre-college level courses numbered below 1000).
- Complete either the College of Arts and Sciences Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Core Curriculum Requirements
- Complete major requirements: minimum 30 credits required.
- Complete remaining credits with a second major, minor, certificate, and/or electives to reach the minimum of 120 credits required for graduation.
- Courses listed under the intensive English program do not count toward graduation requirements. EAP 1500 College Composition for International Students (3 cr), EAP 1900 Rhetoric & Research Strategies (3 cr) and EAP 2850 Nation, Identity and Literature (3 cr) count toward graduation requirements as equivalents to Department of English courses.

In addition to those courses, six credits from EAP/MLNG courses at the 1000 level or higher may count toward graduation requirements

- Achieve at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average, a 2.00 grade point average in the major(s) and a 2.00 grade point average in the minor/certificate, or related elective credits.
- Complete department/program-specific academic and performance requirements.
- Complete at least 50% of the coursework for the major and 75% for the minor/certificate through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete 30 of the final 36 credits through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete an online degree application by the required University deadline.

## Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
THEO 1000	Theological Foundations	3
A&S Core/Elective Courses		12
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

**Spring**

CATH 2000	Catholic Imagination: Introduction to Catholic Studies	3
A&S Core/Elective Courses		12
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

**Year Two****Fall**

CATH 3001	Catholic Intellectual Heritage I	3
A&S Core/Elective Courses		12
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

**Spring**

CATH 3002	Catholic Intellectual Heritage II	3
Catholic Studies Attributed Course		3
A&S Core/Elective Courses		9
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

**Year Three****Fall**

CATH 4000	Catholic Intellectual Heritage and the Good Life	3
Catholic Studies Attributed Course		3
A&S Core/Elective Courses		9
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

**Spring**

Catholic Studies Attributed Course		3
A&S Core/Elective Courses		12
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

**Year Four****Fall**

Catholic Studies Attributed Course		3
A&S Core/Elective Courses		12
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

**Spring**

Catholic Studies Attributed Course		3
CATH 4960	Catholic Studies Capstone	3
A&S Core/Elective Courses		9
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120</b>