

BRAEGELMAN CATHOLIC STUDIES, B.A.

The Braegelman Program in Catholic Studies at the College of St. Scholastica is guided by the conviction that Catholicism is one of the world's great monuments of human flourishing, the rigorous and sensitive study of which benefits the Church, academy, and society. The core of the program is the Catholic intellectual tradition, with particular focus on its expression within the Benedictine heritage of the college. In offering students an articulation of the key dimensions of the Catholic intellectual tradition, the program's curriculum explores the theological, philosophical, cultural, historical, and biblical foundations of the tradition. Reflecting the inherent breadth of Catholicism, the program is interdisciplinary in nature, highlighting for students the complementary interaction of faith and reason, religion and culture, Church and state.

The program offers a major and a minor in Catholic Studies. The major is designed to fit nicely with any number of other fields of study and will work well as a double, or second, major for many students.

The program was endowed by the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery and named for Sister Athanasius Braegelman, president of the College from 1942-54, and Sister Bernice Braegelman, who taught Scripture and other classes at the College from 1941-72.

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Upon completion of the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Catholic Studies at The College of St. Scholastica, the graduate will be able to:

1. Articulate basic knowledge in the content areas of the program (theology, biblical studies, etc).
2. Select relevant sources and/or sacred texts effectively.
3. Read, discuss and write critically about biblical, religious and/or theological topics.
4. Analyze the role of religion and/or the Catholic intellectual tradition in shaping meaning.

Requirements

Students must achieve the following program requirements for all courses listed under "Program Required Courses" for the Braegelman Catholic Studies major.

Program Requirements

Major Credits: 36

Major Residency Credits: 16

Minimum GPA: 2.0

Program Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
TRS 1101	Introduction to Christian Theology	4
or TRS 1110	Introduction to Catholicism	
Select one of the following:		4
TRS 1103	Introduction to the Bible	
TRS 1104	Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures	
TRS 1105	Introduction to the New Testament	
TRS 3240	Sacraments and Liturgy	4

TRS 3350	The Person and Mission of Jesus	4
TRS 4220	Catholic Studies Seminar	4

Sixteen credits, chosen with the help of the program director from the 16 following:¹

Theology & Religious Studies		
Art		
Philosophy		
Social Sciences		
Natural Sciences		
Total Credits		36

¹ At least 8 of these credits must be at the 3000 or 4000 level

Students will be encouraged to select courses that demonstrate the depth and breadth of the Catholic intellectual tradition.

Degree Requirements

To graduate from the College of St. Scholastica, baccalaureate students must meet the following minimum degree requirements.

Total Credits: 128

Upper Division Credits: 42

Residency Requirement: 32

Minimum GPA: 2.0