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Every reasonable effort has been made to present information herein which, at the time of printing, accurately describes the curriculum and the regulations and requirements of the Seminary College. Statements in the bulletin do not establish contractual relationships, and the Seminary College reserves the right to make changes as required in course offerings, curricula, academic policies, and other rules and regulations affecting students, to be effective whenever determined by the Seminary College. These changes will govern current and formerly enrolled students. Enrollment of all students is subject to these conditions.

To obtain further information concerning the college, its accreditation documents, student graduate rate and other statistical data, please contact the office of the President-Rector.

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OVERVIEW

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Joseph Seminary College is a community of faith rooted in the Benedictine tradition which promotes learning in the liberal arts and the development of the whole person. The formation program fosters the commitment of seminarians to the Roman Catholic priesthood in accordance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Program of Priestly Formation. The Seminary College also makes available its educational and other resources to the local community.

HISTORY AND VISION

Located in a rural setting north of Covington and geographically located between Louisiana's two largest cities, New Orleans and Baton Rouge, the Seminary College serves primarily the Southern region of the United States. Saint Joseph Seminary College immerses these students in integrated programs of study leading to Bachelor of Arts degrees in Philosophy and the Liberal Arts or Philosophy and Theological Studies, or in a two-year pre-theology program for students with a bachelor's degree. Its curricula introduce students to the major achievements and moral questions of Western Civilization and the Catholic intellectual tradition and help students develop the skills necessary to communicate effectively.

The institution traces its origin to December 1889, when, at the urgent request of Archbishop Francis Janssens, Father Lucas Gruwe arrived with a group of monks from Saint Meinrad Abbey in Indiana to found Saint Joseph Preparatory Seminary for the Ecclesiastical Province of New Orleans, serving the Archdiocese and its suffragan sees. Originally established at Gessen, near Ponchatoula, Louisiana, the college moved to its present site in 1902. In its early years, the school provided both a classical curriculum for seminarians and a commercial course for business students. In 1911, however, Saint Joseph Abbey purchased Dixon Academy in Covington, later named St. Paul by the monks in honor of the first Abbot of the Monastery, and moved the commercial course there; the Academy later passed to the Brothers of Christian Schools and is now operated as Saint Paul's School. Until the mid-1960s Saint Joseph Seminary operated as a high school and junior college. Students graduating with its Associate of Arts degree completed their undergraduate program with the philosophical degree required to continue towards theological studies. Beginning in 1967, Saint Joseph Seminary College was accredited as a four-year institution and offered its first Bachelor of Arts degrees in 1969. At roughly the same time, the high school department was phased out.

The Seminary College affirms that academic endeavor is more than the sterile accumulation of facts or pragmatic training in techniques. The educational program therefore strives to impart an integrated knowledge and to bring about an intellectual conversion marked by wonder and reverence before God's work in nature, human history, and redemption. This intellectual conversion and integration forms the human basis for growth in spiritual maturity and integrity.

The Seminary College offers seminarians a community experience of both faith and learning as the setting for this growth. Social interaction, service, and the rhythm of daily prayer, together with study, contribute to the development of the whole person. Times of solitude, community prayer, the daily Eucharist, and regular spiritual direction and formation advising, all afford opportunity for discerning and deepening a vocation to priestly service. The small size of the institution and the warm rapport between students and faculty enhance this educational and formational setting, as does the presence of the resident Benedictine community, with its rich liturgical and cultural tradition, its commitment to the common life and ministry, and its beautiful Abbey Church, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In addition to its degree-granting programs, the seminary has a pre-theology program for those who have already attained a bachelor's degree but who need formation and a grounding in philosophy. The institution has lengthy experience with foreign-born seminarians, and it has resources for assisting non-native speakers of English with the language skills necessary for college work. The Saint Anselm Center for Academic Excellence provides additional resources to aid seminarians in their academic studies.

THE SEMINARY FORMATION PROGRAM

The seminary college follows the guidelines of the Program for Priestly Formation (6th edition) as mandated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), including accordance with the requirements of the propaedeutic stage and discipleship stage.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Seminary student life is largely a matter of student-planned and student-directed activities. These are managed by the Executive Board of the Student Government Association (SGA) composed of five officers – President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian – elected from the student body at large.

The SGA seeks to achieve its aims through referenda, resolutions, and the appointment of committees for special objectives. Its purposes are to promote good spirit among seminarians; to assure unity among all groups; to promote a spirit of cooperation between the students and faculty; to represent student needs and legitimate requests to the proper authorities; to foster and organize student activities under faculty moderators; and to aid the development of creativity and initiative among the students.

The Seminary College administration and faculty take an active interest in and lend support to the SGA, seeing its activities as learning and maturing experiences for students through self-regulation.

ROUQUETTE LIBRARY

The seminary college's Rouquette Library honors Adrien Emmanuel Rouquette, 1833-1887, the first native of Louisiana to become a diocesan priest. Pere Rouquette published in English, French, and the language of the Choctaw Indians whom he evangelized in Saint Tammany Parish. The library building, constructed in 2018, was awarded the 2020 AIA Design Award by the New Orleans Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The library supports and enhances both the academic and formation programs of Saint Joseph Seminary College by providing the resources and services necessary to meet the educational needs described in the seminary college's mission statement. A full array of information resources and services for 21st-century learners is provided in support of the seminary college's liberal arts program, including over 39,000 print books and nearly a half-million eBooks. In addition, the seminary library provides access to hundreds of thousands of journal articles in both digital and print format through a variety of arrangements. The library has also added an extensive streaming video collection, providing access to more than 23,000 videos in 26 subject areas, including philosophy, religion, psychology, history, and language arts.

The library's resources, regardless of format, are discoverable through webpages on the seminary college's website (lib.sjasc.edu). Access to library resource collections and library services is available in the physical facility during designated hours that vary according to the academic calendar. The second floor houses the library's print book collections and provides access to the internet, word processing and printing. Library staff are available to provide individual and group research assistance. Nearby are tables for individuals and small groups, and several individual study carrels that project outside the building. The library's third floor Learning Commons is dedicated to those enrolled in the seminary college. Designed as an active learning area meant to foster collaboration, the furniture on this floor can be moved into various configurations for small and large groups. The third floor also houses the library's print serials collections and a conference room, and it features individual study carrels along the southern wall. The seminary library staff works with faculty and students to develop its collections and to provide the best in user-centered services. The seminary library's print and digital resources are available to scholars and the interested public through arrangements with the Library Director.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ACCREDITATION

Saint Joseph Seminary College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award the baccalaureate degree. Questions about the accreditation of Saint Joseph Seminary College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30003-4097, by calling 404-679-4500, or by using information on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org). The Seminary College course of training also

fulfills the requirements of ecclesiastical norms and offers a major in Philosophy and the Liberal Arts or Philosophy and Theological Studies.

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIP

To maintain professional standards and to provide academic opportunities for its administrative and teaching personnel, Saint Joseph Seminary College holds active membership in the National Catholic Educational Association and the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. Several faculty are members of their respective professional and learned societies.

ADMINISTRATION

The Archbishop of New Orleans, Bishops of the Provinces of New Orleans and Mobile, together with the Abbot of Saint Joseph Abbey and selected priests and laypersons of the area, serve as the Board of Trustees and administer Saint Joseph Seminary College. The administration of the Seminary College – fiscal, academic, and formative – is under this Board of Trustees. The President-Rector of the Seminary College is appointed by the Board of Trustees and acts as Secretary to the Board.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tuition and fees for regular (degree-seeking) and part-time students are available online at www.sjasc.edu/tuition.

REFUND POLICY

Fees other than tuition, room, and board are non-refundable. Refunds for students who do not receive federal aid are distributed based on when a student withdraws:

First Week: 80% refund

Second Week: 60% refund

Third Week: 40% refund

Fourth Week: 20% refund

Thereafter: No refund

For federal financial aid recipients, priority of refund distribution is as follows:

1. Unsubsidized Direct Loan
2. Subsidized Direct Loan
3. Direct PLUS Loan (Parent)
4. Federal Pell Grant for which a Return is required
5. Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant for which a Return is required
6. Other Title IV Assistance
7. Other State Tuition Assistance Grants, Private, Institutional Aid Programs
8. The Student

Refunds for students who receive federal financial aid are computed on a pro-rata basis in accordance with the number of days remaining in the enrollment period and

must conform to federal regulations. Because this involves a number of variables, the Director of Financial Aid should be consulted for more details and sample calculations.

COURSES FOR AUDIT

Persons who wish to audit courses for their own enrichment without receiving any credit or certificate are charged \$60.00 per course plus a \$10.00 registration fee, which allows them to have a record of their audits and access to Rouquette Library.

Persons age 55 and older may audit courses for their own enrichment without receiving any credit or certificate for a cost of \$50.00 per course plus a \$10.00 registration fee, which allows them to have a record of their audits and access to Rouquette Library.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION FOR CURRENT & PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

FINANCIAL AID CONTACT INFORMATION

The Office of Student Financial Aid is located on the second floor of Christ Court with hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday. The office can be contacted at financialaid@sjasc.edu or 985-867-2284.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR FINANCIAL AID

The Office of Financial Aid at Saint Joseph Seminary College administers and coordinates student financial aid from federal, state, institutional and private sources. Resources are available to supplement what a student and/or the student's family is able to contribute to educational costs. The goal of the Office of Financial Aid is to attempt to meet the documented financial need, within funding limitations, for all students who have completed the required application processes.

Saint Joseph Seminary College participates in Federal Title IV, Higher Education Act (HEA) programs including grants and loans. Counseling is also available for new and returning students to assist them with understanding cost of attendance, financial aid opportunities, and money management.

In order to receive full federal benefits, students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours per semester. All hours attempted will count toward the Title IV, HEA funding 150% quantitative requirements. The 150% financial aid rule prohibits students from going over 150% over a normal graduation time frame, which is six years for a bachelor's degree.

The information stated is for all prospective students and currently enrolled students of Saint Joseph Seminary College. More details regarding financial aid is available at <https://www.sjasc.edu/financial-aid>.

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

To apply for financial aid, a student must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and indicate that the results are to be sent to Saint Joseph Seminary College (federal school code 002027). This should be done immediately upon acceptance to Saint Joseph Seminary College.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a need analysis form a student must complete in order to determine eligibility for federal, state, and some institutional aid. Specifically, it is the application for federal grants and loans. The FAFSA collects income, asset, and household information about the student and their family (if applicable) to determine the student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is an estimate of the amount the student and student's family can contribute to the student's education for an academic year. The EFC is used by the seminary college to determine the student's financial need, which is an indicator for the types of aid the student is eligible to receive.

Beginning with the 2024-2025 FAFSA, the EFC will be replaced by the Student Aid Index (SAI) which represents the amount of financial aid a student is eligible to receive.

TYPES OF AID

Most of the financial aid offered by Saint Joseph Seminary College involves federal funding such as Federal Pell Grants and Federal Direct Loans. The need for such assistance is dependent upon the results of the information submitted on the FAFSA. Residents of Louisiana who graduated from a Louisiana high school may be eligible for the TOPS Scholarship. Information may be found at <https://mylosfa.la.gov/students-parents/financial-aid-101/>.

In addition to the above-mentioned aid, dioceses that sponsor students frequently assist those students in meeting their educational costs. The Vocation Director of a student's diocese should be consulted for such information.

SPECIAL OR UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Once a student's financial aid eligibility has been determined, students may pursue an adjustment based upon special or unusual circumstances. Contact financialaid@sjasc.edu for additional information on this process.

COURSE PROGRAM OF STUDY (CPOS)

Course Program of Study (or CPOS) is a federal requirement by the U.S. Department of Education that mandates that only the courses in a student's declared major or minor program will determine that student's eligibility for federal or state financial aid. In order to remain eligible to receive full-time federal and state financial aid, the student must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours within their degree program. If a student is under the 12-credit hour mark, their federal and state financial aid will be prorated dependent on their total amount of qualifying hours.

VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)

Courses offered by Saint Joseph Seminary College are approved for the payment of veterans' benefits. Students who are eligible for financial assistance from the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs should notify the admissions office of their intention to register. The Financial Aid Office will assist veterans with certification procedures. Veterans are required by the VA to maintain satisfactory academic progress in pursuit

of their educational program and to meet attendance requirements. The school works with the Veterans Affairs (VA) office; however, the determination for VA funds are made directly through the VA.

V.A. Regional Office (351)
125 S. Main Street
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Muskogee OK 74402-8888

ADMISSION POLICY

This Admission Policy is used to define the enrollment requirements for individuals who wish to enroll at Saint Joseph Seminary College as a regular (degree-seeking) student. Saint Joseph Seminary College must adhere to the U.S. Department of Education, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and Louisiana State Board of Regents guidelines.

GENERAL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION – Steps to apply (the online application and forms listed below are available within the Admissions → How to Apply section of www.sjasc.edu):

1. Complete the online application. If you do not have access to the internet then you may contact registrar@sjasc.edu or call 985-867-2273 for a paper application;
2. Complete the immunization compliance form. By Louisiana law, all new students must provide certification that they have been immunized or provide proof of immunity for mumps, measles, rubella, tetanus, meningococcal, and diphtheria;
3. Submit official high school transcript showing proof of high school diploma (may be from a foreign school if it is equivalent to a U. S. high school diploma as determined by official credential evaluation) or the recognized equivalent of a high school diploma, such as a GED certificate; or completion of homeschooling at the secondary level as defined by state law; or completion of secondary school education in a homeschool setting which qualifies for an exemption from compulsory attendance requirements under state law, if state law does not require a homeschooled student to receive a credential for their education. An official college transcript showing completion of an academic program (two-year or four-year) from an accredited institution may be accepted in lieu of high school transcript to fulfill this requirement;
4. Submit official college transcript(s) from all colleges previously attended;
5. Submit any existing official score report(s) from American College Testing (ACT), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA), or another standardized college-readiness exam as approved by the Seminary College's academic dean;
6. Veterans records, if applicable;
7. Foreign student records, if applicable

Online (internet) high school, GED and home school diploma mills are not acceptable as proof of appropriate education. A diploma mill is defined as an entity that:

1. Charges someone a fee and requires them to complete little or no education or coursework to obtain a degree, diploma, or certificate that may be used to represent to the general public that he has completed a program of secondary or postsecondary education or training; and
2. Lacks accreditation by an agency or association that is recognized as an accrediting body for institutions of higher education by the Secretary (pursuant to Part H, Subpart 2 of Title IV) or a federal agency, state government, or other organization that recognizes accrediting agencies or associations.

International applicants may be considered for enrollment as a seminarian and must submit proof of financial sponsorship by their local diocese or religious order.

Applicants wishing to take college courses without meeting the full requirements for admission may apply as an audit student. Previous academic records are not required.

ENROLLMENT

Any student seeking a degree from Saint Joseph Seminary College is required to be a full-time student, taking a minimum of 12 semester hours each semester of enrollment. Exceptions must be approved by the Academic Dean.

Full-time Resident Students (Seminarians)

The full-time resident student is a Roman Catholic male who intends to prepare for the celibate priesthood by participation in the seminary program. Once admitted to the Seminary College, the applicant for full-time resident status must provide:

1. A recent photograph;
2. Completed SJSC Physical form;
3. Requirements of Canon Law (see Canon 241) must be observed if the applicant has attended another seminary or been a member of a religious community. The applicant will request a letter be sent from the Rector/Superior of the previous seminary/religious community to the President-Rector of Saint Joseph Seminary College indicating that the applicant left the seminary/religious community in good standing;
4. Criminal Background Check conducted through one's diocese or the seminary;
5. Valid psychological evaluation;
6. Letter of sponsorship from diocese or religious community. By the statement of sponsorship, the seminary will presuppose that the following have been acquired by the diocese or religious community:
 - a. Recent (obtained within the last six months) certificate of Baptism and certificate of Confirmation.
 - b. Assurance that the applicant is suitable for admission to seminary in accord with the norms of Canon Law (see Canon 241).

A full-time resident seminarian who has withdrawn from the seminary program may seek re-enrollment as a full-time resident seminarian at a future date, but may not seek enrollment as a non-resident student. See Re-Enrollment & Procedures section.

Non-resident Students (Non-seminarians)

Individuals may seek admission to Saint Joseph Seminary College as full-time or part-time students. In addition to the aforementioned General Admission requirements, the non-resident student will be required to complete the following in order to be properly enrolled:

1. A recent photograph;
2. A completed Emergency Contact Information Form;

Students who were previously enrolled in Saint Joseph Seminary College as a full-time resident student may not seek enrollment as a non-resident student.

MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for the freshman year and transfer students must present evidence of graduation from an approved secondary school and proof of ability to follow the curriculum of the Seminary College by satisfying the following criteria:

A. Completion of approved pre-college curriculum, as certified by an official transcript. A preferred record includes success in a minimum of seventeen academic units of high school credit, normally including at least:

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| 3 units of English | 2 units of Science |
| 2 units of Mathematics | 1 unit of United States History |
| 2 units of Foreign Language | |

An official college transcript showing completion of an academic program (two-year or four-year) from an accredited institution may also be accepted in lieu of high school graduation to fulfill this requirement. Applicants who do not have these units may be required to take certain developmental courses in order to be able to participate in the Seminary College curriculum.

B. Presentation of official standardized college-readiness exam scores. The Admissions Committee reviews these scores together with an analysis of the applicant's high school record. The Saint Joseph Seminary College ACT identification number is 1604 and the SAT school code is 6689. The academic dean may waive this requirement for students who are over 21 years of age, who have completed a full semester of college-level coursework at a regionally accredited college or university, or for another reason as approved by the academic dean. In cases where this requirement is waived, the results of the institutional English essay examination (the Diagnostic Essay) given during new student orientation will be used to assess course readiness (see page 22 for more information).

C. In addition to the above, applicants for whom English is a second language must show proficiency in English adequate for college level study. Non-native English speakers will be tested upon arrival to determine their levels of proficiency in English. In cases where the TOEFL is used, the Saint Joseph Seminary College identification number is 6689.

RE-ADMISSION POLICY

A student who left the Seminary College in good academic standing will be considered for readmission upon completion of re-application procedures (see below) and subject to review of academic and formational records by the Admissions Committee.

RE-ADMISSION PROCEDURE

The applicant for re-admission as a full-time resident student will:

1. Complete a re-enrollment application;
2. Submit official transcripts for any academic work taken in the interim.

The Admissions Committee will review all records of previous enrollment and may request a personal interview with the applicant before deciding to re-admit the student or to deny his application. The decision of the Admissions Committee is final.

RE-ENROLLMENT - Full-Time Resident Seminarian

The prospective re-enrollee will submit:

1. A letter to include:
 - a. Reason for return;
 - b. What changes have made a return viable;
 - c. Reason why re-enrollment should be considered by the Seminary College;
2. A current letter of sponsorship from diocese or religious community. By the statement of sponsorship, the seminary will presuppose that the following have been acquired by the diocese or religious community:
 - a. Recent (obtained within the last six months) certificate of Baptism and certificate of Confirmation;
 - b. Assurance that the applicant is suitable for enrollment to seminary in accord with the norms of Canon Law (Canon 241).

FACILITIES/ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH PHYSICAL AND LEARNING DISABILITIES

The school complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and is wheelchair accessible. The school will provide reasonable modifications and/or accommodations for students with disabilities depending on the student's need.

If a student is in need of accommodations, they should schedule an appointment at the beginning of each semester with the Director of the St. Anselm Center for Academic Excellence. At this meeting, they will be asked to provide documentation that includes:

1. a diagnosis of the disability;
2. how the diagnosis was determined (what tests were given and the results); and
3. A clinical summary, which includes an assessment of how the disability will impact the individual in a college environment and what accommodations are recommended.

Personal information will be kept confidential.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

STUDENT LEARNING CENTER

The St. Anselm of Canterbury Center for Academic Excellence (CAE) supports teaching and learning at Saint Joseph Seminary College and comprises the ESL department, the Writing Center, and general tutoring services. The CAE faculty provide student academic support services, including individual and group tutoring, personalized ESL instruction, and exam proctoring along with primary and supplemental instruction. The CAE is a resource to all seminary students and strives to create a welcoming place in which to serve students across the curriculum and throughout their college experience

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) PROGRAM

Saint Joseph Seminary College offers ESL support as needed, welcoming non-English speakers of all ability levels. The program provides one-on-one instruction, small-group instruction and computer-assisted learning programs. ESL students also participate in formation classes with their English-speaking peers, giving them increased opportunities to practice their new language and to integrate with the whole of the seminary community.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The Louisiana Board of Regents has established Statewide General Education Requirements which are found in Board of Regents Academic Affairs Policy 2.16; Statewide General Education Requirements. The goals of the Statewide General Education Requirements are that the undergraduate completer shall attain appropriate competencies in the following areas: oral and written communication, reading, abstract reasoning and critical thinking, mathematics, the scientific method, informational applications, cultural diversity, and the fine and performing arts. St. Joseph Seminary College provides a common general education core curriculum which:

1. Assures proficiency in basic English skills so that students are able to communicate effectively in both writing and speech.
2. Assures proficiency in mathematics so that students are able to understand and use numerical data appropriate to their chosen career field.
3. Develops scientific literacy and an understanding of the scientific method.
4. Fosters those habits necessary to learn independently.
5. Develops an awareness of the great ideas, issues, and questions of world cultures.
6. Exposes students to the history and nature of the fine and performing arts.

All baccalaureate degrees include minimum general education requirements. General education requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and the Liberal Arts are listed below. General Education requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Theological Studies are described in the Special Admission Requirements section.

English composition.....	6 hours	Mathematics	3 hours
Fine Arts	6 hours	Natural Science	6 hours
Social/Behavioral Science.....	6 hours	Theology/Humanities	3 hours

CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

A full-time student is one who carries a minimum of 12 semester hours of course work. A part-time student is one who carries fewer than 12 semester hours of course work. A freshman student is one who has earned fewer than 30 semester hours of accepted credit. A sophomore student is one who has earned between 30 and 59 semester hours toward the B.A. Juniors have earned between 60 and 89 semester hours toward the B.A. Seniors have earned at least 90 hours toward the B.A.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

The seminary college is a community dedicated to learning and research, both of which include the transmission of knowledge. In striving to learn, we are often dependent on what others have achieved and thus become indebted to them. Courtesy, gratitude, and justice require that we make public our reliance on and use of the ideas and writings of others.

I. Plagiarism is an attempt to claim ideas or writings that originate with others as one’s own. Plagiarism is a violation of intellectual property rights. This is not mitigated by paraphrase or even by extensive rewriting. Whenever ideas or words have been borrowed, the student must give credit; in formal papers, this is normally done by citing the source in an accepted form. The same principle of honesty applies to information available through modern technologies; sources must be accurately credited.

II. Cheating on tests, quizzes, or general assignments can take the form of copying from another’s paper or making use of materials – whether printed, digital, or in the form of student notes - not permitted by the instructor. It must be assumed that all the work turned in by a student is the student’s own work. A student who is guilty of cheating or plagiarism is subject to disciplinary action.

An instructor who suspects that a student has been guilty of academic dishonesty must immediately confront the student and inform the Academic Dean. The instructor must then compile the materials of the case in question, including the work involved, any sources from which the student may have plagiarized or cheated, and a report of the incident and of the instructor’s conversation with the student. The instructor will then submit the documentation to the Academic Dean.

Once the material is reviewed, the Academic Dean may decide upon a penalty beyond the instructor’s grade which may result in a failing grade for the course.

GRADING SYSTEM

Saint Joseph Seminary College uses a 10-point grading system. The grades A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, and C- are given for satisfactory work. The grades of A (100-94), A- (93-90), B+ (89-88), B (87-84), and B- (83-80) are given for work of high degrees of excellence. The grades of C+ (79-78), C (77-74), and C- (73-70) indicate work of a quality acceptable for graduation. The grades of D+ (69-68), D (67-64), and D- (63 – 60)

are passing but unsatisfactory. The grade of F (below 60) is given for work failed.

After the latest date for dropping courses each semester, as indicated in the academic calendar, a student who officially drops a course while doing passing work receives the grade of WP (Withdrawn Passing); a student doing unsatisfactory work receives the grade of WF (Withdrawn Failing). A student who fails a course due to excessive absence receives the grade of FA (Failure Due to Absence). A student who must withdraw from courses due to documented medical reasons will receive the grade of WM (Withdrawn Medical).

Some courses may award grades of P (Passing) or F (Failure).

The grades of P, WP, and WM are not used in the computation of the grade point average. The grades F, WF, and FA are used in the computation of the semester and cumulative grade point averages.

The grade of "I" (Incomplete) is given when the student's work to date in the course is of passing quality and the student has satisfactorily completed substantially all of the course requirements, but due to circumstances beyond the student's control, an exam or other course requirement is missing. The deficiency must be met by the day of registration of the next regular semester or, in the spring, four (4) weeks after the end of the term unless extended by the Academic Dean. "I" grades are removed only by completion and submission of the course work, not by repeating the course. The "I" grade is computed as F until changed to a final grade. "I" grades that are not resolved by the deadline will be changed to a grade of F at the conclusion of registration or four weeks after the end of the spring term.

QUALITY POINTS

The quality of work is indicated by quality points. A grade of A carries four quality points per semester hour; a grade of B carries three quality points; a grade of C carries two quality points; a grade of D carries one quality point; and a grade of F zero quality points. The semester grade point average is computed on the basis of the total number of hours attempted during the semester. Grades of those courses for which semester hours are earned, along with F, WF, and FA grades, are included in the computation of the cumulative grade point average.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Dean's List

Each semester, those full-time students whose quality points average 3.5 or above are placed on the Dean's List. Students with a grade of D or F cannot be considered for the Dean's List, although they may have attained a B-plus average. Placement on the Dean's List is noted on the student's grade report and permanent record.

Graduation Honors

Students with a cumulative average of 3.5 to 3.6 graduate cum laude.

Students with a cumulative average of 3.7 to 3.8 graduate magna cum laude

Students with a cumulative average of 3.9 to 4.0 graduate summa cum laude

ATTENDANCE AND WITHDRAWAL

Full-time resident students (seminarians) should refer to the attendance policy in the Rule of Life Handbook. All students should refer to course syllabi for course attendance policy. Withdrawal from courses is by formal application to the Academic Office; failure to attend classes does not constitute withdrawal and may make students subject to the grade of FA (Failure Due to Absence).

ACADEMIC PROBATION AND SUSPENSION

The maintenance of a C average, i.e. a grade point average of 2.0, is necessary for obtaining an academic degree from Saint Joseph Seminary College. Returning students whose semester average is below 2.0 will be placed on academic probation for the following semester. New students will not be placed on probation after their first semester unless their grade point average is below 1.75. Students on probation may be required to carry a limited course load. Probationary status will be extended beyond one semester only if progress is being made toward the attainment of the required grade point average. Failure to remedy the deficiency may result in the Academic Affairs Committee recommending the student's suspension for a semester, at the end of which he or she may reapply for admission to Saint Joseph Seminary College and be readmitted on academic probation. Students may appeal the decision to the President-Rector. The appeal process is on the college's Intranet site. Placement or retention on and removal from probation and suspension are noted on the student's transcript. Students attempting 6-11 semester hours will be subject to the same probation or suspension rules as listed above.

TRANSFER OF CREDITS

Transfer credit will be based on a review of official transcripts from all institutions of higher education previously attended. Credits earned at other regionally accredited colleges or universities will be honored by Saint Joseph Seminary College for those courses in which a grade of C or above has been achieved and which are applicable toward its degree programs. Credits earned at Roman Catholic seminaries abroad will be honored by Saint Joseph Seminary College for those courses in which a grade of C or above has been achieved, as interpreted by transcript evaluation, and which are applicable toward its degree programs. Transferred credits carrying numerical grades will be interpreted according to the grading system in use at Saint Joseph Seminary College.

Students with international credit will be required to have their transcripts evaluated by a verified credential evaluation service. These transcripts must receive a course by course evaluation, with the cost for this evaluation borne by the student. A listing of verified credential evaluation services may be found at www.naces.org/members.htm.

Students transferring to Saint Joseph Seminary College in good standing with their prior institutions will be considered in good standing with the Seminary College during their first semester. Students transferring in probationary status from a prior institution will be subject to the academic probation and suspension policies of Saint

Joseph Seminary College and may be required to carry a limited schedule of courses during their first year of enrollment.

All transfer students will receive notification of credits accepted from other institutions no later than the end of their first semester at the Seminary College.

All hours attempted will count toward the Title IV, HEA funding 150% quantitative requirements not just the hours that were accepted as transfer hours. (See Financial Aid section for complete details).

CREDIT AND PLACEMENT BY EXAMINATION

Saint Joseph Seminary College participates in the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) of the College Board and awards credit and/or placement for the subject examinations sponsored by this program. The minimum score for all CLEP examinations for which credit will be granted is 50. The total number of combined credit hours a student may earn from CLEP examinations and advanced standing examinations (see below) is 24. Credit will be awarded only for CLEP examinations taken before or during a student's first semester of enrollment at the Seminary College. The Saint Joseph Seminary College CLEP identification number is 6689. The following chart shows the CLEP examinations for which the Seminary College awards credit:

CLEP Examination	SJSC course awarded	Hrs Awarded
College Composition	ENG 1311/12 English Composition I & II	3/6*
Analyzing & Interpreting Lit.	LIT 2312 Introduction to Literature	3
French Language	Elective or LAT 1311	3
German Language	Elective or LAT 1311	3
Spanish Language	Elective or LAT 1311	3
College Mathematics	MAT 1311 Math for Liberal Arts	3
Biology	SCI 1311 Human Biology	3
Natural Sciences	SCI 1312 Environmental Sciences	3

*The credit awarded for these exams is affected by the score achieved on the Diagnostic Essay taken by all incoming students (see below). For a score of 0-22, no CLEP credit is awarded. For a score of 23-29, CLEP credit is given for ENG 1311. For a score of 30-36, CLEP credit is given for ENG 1311 and ENG 1312.

Students of superior ability and preparation, and students who have gained a fundamental knowledge of subjects offered at the college, may be permitted at the discretion of the Academic Dean to take advanced standing examinations in specific courses which, if passed with satisfactory grades, will enable the students to receive degree credit and to advance to higher level courses. A student may take such an examination only once for each course. Credit given by examination is not used in the computation of the grade point average.

Advanced Placement (AP) scores of 3 or higher may receive credit for the equivalent course or subject area. Students will receive the grade of P and 3 credit hours for credit earned through Advanced Placement scores. Students must submit official score reports from the College Board to receive credit.

All CLEP, Advanced Standing, or AP credit is awarded at the discretion of the Academic Dean.

All incoming students — freshmen and transfer students — take an institutional English essay examination (the Diagnostic Essay) and have their ACT, SAT, or THEA scores reviewed to determine the level at which the students are functioning in academic written English. Based on the results of these measures, students may be placed in a non-credit English Composition Lab along with English Composition I which will be taken for credit.

Placement is determined from the Diagnostic Essay as follows:

Diagnostic Essay Score	Enrollment
0-22	Corequisite: ENG 1300 (Comp Lab) and ENG 1311 (Eng Comp I)
23-34	ENG 1311 English Composition I
35-36	P for ENG 1311 & Placement in ENG 1312 (Eng Comp II)

TRANSCRIPTS

Anyone who has attended Saint Joseph Seminary College, and who is not in arrears with financial obligation to the college, may obtain a certified statement of work completed. A fee of \$8.00 is charged for each official copy. Transcripts requiring special handling are subject to additional fees. Upon request from the student, transcripts will be sent directly to a designated school or organization. Unofficial transcripts may be obtained for a fee of \$5.00 each.

RELEASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION

Saint Joseph Seminary College complies with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment). The Seminary College ensures students’ access to their official academic and disciplinary records and prohibits release of personally identifiable information, other than directory information, from these records without their written permission except as specified by law. Access to these records is restricted to the student concerned, to officials within the Seminary College, to a court of competent jurisdiction, and otherwise pursuant to law.

Directory information includes: name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study (if applicable), participation in activities, dates of attendance at the college, classification, degrees, honors and awards received, educational institutions attended, and indication to recognized Student Government Association committees or other campus organizations that a student’s grade point average is sufficient for SGA posts and committees or organizational participation.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY AND THE LIBERAL ARTS

(CIP 38.0001)

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. One hundred twenty (120) credit hours, which must include a minimum of 33 credit hours in philosophy, 18 credit hours in theology, 15 credit hours in history, 15 credit hours in literature, 6 credit hours in psychology, 6 credit hours in English composition, 6 credit hours in the fine arts, 6 credit hours in the natural sciences, 6 credit hours in a foreign language, 3 credit hours in mathematics, and 3 credit hours in public speaking. These required hours are fulfilled by the courses specified below or by those approved by the Academic Dean.
2. Forty-five (45) of the credit hours must be from upper-division courses.
3. Ordinarily, at least the last 25% of credit hours must be in residence at Saint Joseph Seminary College.
4. The foreign language requirement is to be satisfied by the study of Latin. By exception, the Academic Dean may substitute another foreign language.
5. In accord with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Program of Priestly Formation, the Philosophy requirements are to include the study of the history of philosophy, logic, epistemology, philosophy of nature, metaphysics, natural theology, philosophical anthropology, and ethics.
6. Maintenance of a cumulative 2.0 GPA in both the courses applicable toward the degree and in Philosophy courses.
7. Payment of the graduation fee and presence at the graduation exercises are required of all full-time resident students who receive a degree.

COURSE OF STUDY

FRESHMAN YEAR

FALL SEMESTER	CREDIT
ENG 1311 English Composition I	3
MAT 1311 Math for Liberal Arts	3
PSY 1311 General Psychology	3
SJS 1111 Bridge to St. Ben's	1*
SCI 1311 Human Biology	3
	13

*Hour earned for SJS 1111 does not count toward degree requirements and therefore is not computed in the total hours listed for this course of study.

SPRING SEMESTER	CREDIT
ENG 1312 English Composition II	3
MUS 1312 Introduction to Music	3
PSY 1312 Human Relationships	3
SCI 1312 Environmental Science	3
	12

SOPHOMORE YEAR

FALL SEMESTER	CREDIT
ENG 2311 Introduction to Public Speaking	3
HIS 2311 History of the Americas	3
LAT 1311 Basic Latin I	3
PHI 3321 Logic	3
THE 2311 Old Testament	3

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SPRING SEMESTER	CREDIT
ART 2312 Art History	3
LAT 1312 Basic Latin II	3
LIT 2312 Introduction to Literature	3
PHI 3313 Introduction to Philosophy and Philosophical Research	3
THE 2312 New Testament	3

15

JUNIOR YEAR

FALL SEMESTER: THE ANCIENT WORLD	CREDIT
HIS 3311 Ancient Greece and Rome	3
LIT 3311 Ancient Literature	3
PHI 3331 Ancient Philosophy	3
PHI 3341 Ethics	3
Elective or Language	3

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SPRING SEMESTER: THE MEDIEVAL WORLD	CREDIT
HIS 3312 Medieval History	3
LIT 3312 Medieval Literature	3
PHI 3312 Medieval Philosophy	3
PHI 3322 Metaphysics	3
THE 3313 Life in Christ	3
Elective or Foreign Language	3

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SENIOR YEAR

FALL SEMESTER: THE MODERN WORLD	CREDIT
HIS 4311 Early Modern History	3
LIT 4311 Modern Literature	3
PHI 4311 Modern Philosophy	3
PHI 4321 Epistemology	3
PHI 4332 Natural Theology	3
THE 4311 Liturgical and Personal Prayer	3

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SPRING SEMESTER: THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD	CREDIT
HIS 4312 Contemporary History	3
LIT 4312 Contemporary Literature	3

PHI 4312 Contemporary Philosophy	3
PHI 4322 Philosophical Anthropology	3
THE 4312 Fundamental Theology	3
	15
Total Credit Hours	120

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (CIP 38.0203)

The Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Theological Studies degree is designed specifically for those students who have earned at least 60 credit hours at another college or university and wish to transfer to Saint Joseph Seminary College.

SPECIAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. A student who enters the curriculum leading to the Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and the Liberal Arts at Saint Joseph Seminary College would not, at any time, become eligible to enter the program leading to the Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Theological Studies.
2. Students will be eligible for this program if they have completed 60 or more credit hours of transferable higher education credit.
3. Twenty-seven (27) of the 60 hours must include hours within the following parameters: 6-9 credit hours in English composition or equivalent, 3-9 credit hours in science, 3-6 credit hours in math, 3-9 credit hours literature, 3-9 credit hours in history, and 2-6 credit hours in fine arts. Students missing any of these credit hours may be provisionally admitted to the major but must earn the missing hours prior to completing the degree.
4. Students must have maintained a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA. The Academic Dean may make exceptions in special cases.
5. Students who enter this program already having earned a B.A. or B.S. may earn this B.A. as well.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. One hundred twenty (120) credit hours, which must include a minimum of 33 credit hours in philosophy, 18 credit hours in theology, and 6 credit hours in a foreign language. These required hours are fulfilled by the courses specified below, or by those approved by the Academic Dean.
2. Forty-five (45) of the credit hours must be from upper-division courses.
3. Ordinarily, at least the last 25% of credit hours must be in residence at Saint Joseph Seminary College.
4. Students who enter this program already having earned a B.A. or B.S. must complete 60 credit hours beyond that degree.
5. The foreign language requirement is to be satisfied by the study of Latin. By exception, the Academic Dean may substitute another foreign language.
6. In accord with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Program of

Priestly Formation, the required courses in philosophy include the study of the history of philosophy, logic, epistemology, philosophy of nature, metaphysics, natural theology, philosophical anthropology, and ethics.

7. Maintenance of a cumulative 2.0 GPA in both the courses applicable toward the degree and in Philosophy courses.
8. Payment of the graduation fee and presence at the graduation exercises are required of all full-time resident students who receive a degree.

COURSE OF STUDY

FIRST YEAR

FALL SEMESTER	CREDIT
LAT 1311 Basic Latin I	3
PHI 3313 Introduction to Philosophy and Philosophical Research	3
PHI 3321 Logic	3
PHI 3331 Ancient Philosophy	3
THE 4391 Catholic Profession of Faith	3
	15

SPRING SEMESTER	CREDIT
LAT 1312 Basic Latin II	3
PHI 3312 Medieval Philosophy	3
PHI 3322 Metaphysics	3
THE 4392 Celebrating the Christian Life	3
Elective	3
	15

SECOND YEAR

FALL SEMESTER	CREDIT
PHI 3341 Ethics	3
PHI 4311 Modern Philosophy	3
PHI 4321 Epistemology	3
THE 2311 Old Testament	3
THE 3313 Life in Christ	3
	15

SPRING SEMESTER	CREDIT
PHI 4312 Contemporary Philosophy	3
PHI 4322 Philosophical Anthropology	3
PHI 4332 Natural Theology	3
THE 2312 New Testament	3
THE 4312 Fundamental Theology	3
	15

Total Credit Hours **60 transfer + 60 institutional = 120**

PRE-THEOLOGY

Saint Joseph Seminary College offers an integrated two-year program of formation for students who already hold a bachelor's degree but who still need to fulfill the requirements

in philosophy and undergraduate theology necessary for entrance into the configuration stage and graduate seminary studies in theology. In addition to academic coursework, Pre-Theology students participate in human, spiritual, and pastoral formation.

The undergraduate academic requirements for intellectual formation in the discipleship stage set by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Program of Priestly Formation are as follows: a minimum of 30 semester hours in philosophy covering the history of philosophy and specific areas of philosophy including logic, epistemology, philosophy of nature, metaphysics, natural theology, anthropology, and ethics, and 12 semester hours in undergraduate theology covering themes from the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Sacred Scripture (#306 and 308). The Pre-Theology curriculum is designed to fulfill these requirements

PRE-THEOLOGY CURRICULUM

FIRST YEAR

FALL SEMESTER	CREDIT
LAT 1311 Basic Latin I	3
PHI 3313 Introduction to Philosophy and Philosophical Research	3
PHI 3321 Logic	3
PHI 3331 Ancient Philosophy	3
THE 4391 Catholic Profession of Faith	3
	15

SPRING SEMESTER	CREDIT
LAT 1312 Basic Latin II	3
PHI 3312 Medieval Philosophy	3
PHI 3322 Metaphysics	3
THE 4312 Fundamental Theology	3
THE 4392 Celebrating the Christian Life	3
	15

SECOND YEAR

FALL SEMESTER	CREDIT
PHI 3341 Ethics	3
PHI 4311 Modern Philosophy	3
PHI 4321 Epistemology	3
THE 2311 Old Testament	3
THE 3313 Life in Christ	3
	15

SPRING SEMESTER	CREDIT
PHI 4312 Contemporary Philosophy	3
PHI 4322 Philosophical Anthropology	3
PHI 4332 Natural Theology	3
THE 2312 New Testament	3
THE 4394 Catholic Tradition of Prayer	3
	15
Total Credit Hours	60

DEPARTMENTS OF INSTRUCTION LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, AND FINE ARTS

Fine Arts

ART 2312 ART HISTORY 3 sem. hrs.
A study of art and history from Pre-history to Post-Modern periods, emphasizing design elements and historical backgrounds.

MUS 1101, 1102 SCHOLA 1 sem. hr.
Choir for the performance of sacred music chiefly in the liturgy of the Abbey and Seminary College. Membership by audition. Hours earned do not count for degree requirements. May be repeated each semester.

MUS 1312 INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC 3 sem. hrs.
This course is designed to increase the student's understanding of musical elements, refine the student's listening skills, and enable the student to intelligently analyze and discuss the experience of music in a variety of contexts.

MUS 3333 SPECIAL TOPICS IN MUSIC 1 - 3 sem. hrs.
Topics vary.

Language

ENG 1300 ENGLISH COMPOSITION LAB 0 sem. hrs.
Supplemental instruction and support for English Composition I. This class is taught as a co-requisite with ENG 1311, and does not apply toward degree requirements. Students may be recommended for this course based upon a review of their diagnostic essay, standardized test scores, and other factors contained in their application for admission. A student must receive a grade of P to receive credit for ENG 1311.

ENG 1311 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I 3 sem. hrs.
Offers instruction and practice in reading, writing, and critical thinking skills. Emphasis is on written assignments that require synthesis, analysis and argument based on sources. Entry is based on placement test scores. A final grade of C is required for registration for ENG 1312.

ENG 1312 ENGLISH COMPOSITION II 3 sem. hrs.
Designed to develop research and writing skills. Emphasis on methods of research, organization, and writing techniques. Includes an oral presentation. A final grade of C is required for enrollment in literature courses. Prerequisite: ENG 1311

ENG 2311 INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC SPEAKING 3 sem. hrs.
An instruction in organizing and delivering oral communications before various audiences, with an emphasis on developing skills in analysis and persuasive speaking.

ENG 3333 SPECIAL TOPICS IN ENGLISH Topics vary. Prerequisite: ENG 1312	3 sem. hrs.
GRK 1311 BASIC NEW TESTAMENT GREEK I An introductory study of the popular style of Greek (Koine) used by the New Testament writers. Primary emphasis is placed in this first course on mastering the simpler nouns and adjectives and on the formation and use of the indicative in verbs.	3 sem. hrs.
GRK 1312 BASIC NEW TESTAMENT GREEK II Continuation of Basic New Testament Greek I. By course end, students will have a working vocabulary of approximately 500 words and will be able to read the simpler parts of the New Testament with intelligent use of a lexicon. Prerequisite: GRK 1311	3 sem. hrs.
GRK 2311 NEW TESTAMENT GREEK READINGS I Translation and grammatical analysis of selected passages from the Gospels. Prerequisite: GRK 1312	3 sem. hrs.
GRK 2312 NEW TESTAMENT GREEK READINGS II Translation and grammatical analysis of selected passages from the Acts of the Apostles and Letters of St. Paul. Prerequisite: GRK 2311	3 sem. hrs.
LAT 1311 BASIC LATIN I An introduction to the basic grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of Latin, with emphasis placed on the development of basic skills in reading and translating Latin. Prerequisite: Enrollment in ENG 1311 or higher	3 sem. hrs.
LAT 1312 BASIC LATIN II A continuation of Basic Latin I, with emphasis given to building vocabulary. Prerequisite: LAT 1311	3 sem. hrs.
LAT 2311 LATIN READINGS I Review of Latin grammar and syntax. Readings and translation of classical and ecclesiastical texts. Prerequisite: LAT 1312	3 sem. hrs.
LAT 2312 LATIN READINGS II Introduction to Medieval Latin. Continued reading and translation of classical and ecclesiastical texts. Prerequisite: LAT 2311	3 sem. hrs.
LAT 3311 ADVANCED LATIN I Continued reading of more advanced Latin text, some emphasis placed on the composition of original Latin texts. Prerequisite: LAT 2312	3 sem. hrs.
LAT 3312 ADVANCED LATIN II Additional reading of advanced Latin text with further emphasis on the composition of original Latin texts. Prerequisite: LAT 3311	3 sem. hrs.

SPN 1311 BASIC SPANISH I 3 sem. hrs.
Vocabulary, language patterns and grammar are introduced and applied in the context of practical communication such as greeting others and getting acquainted; identifying yourself, your family, your studies; talking about your activities; shopping; idiomatic expressions. The class includes writing dialogues, oral and written exercises, practical use of Spanish using the internet, partner work and written assignments. You will also learn cultural information about values, beliefs and practices related to the above situations and to speakers of Spanish. You will learn about the diverse cultural contexts of the Spanish language including vocabulary associated with religious traditions and devotions in Spain and Spanish Speaking America.

SPN 1312 BASIC SPANISH II 3 sem. hrs.
Continuing course for students who have completed Basic Spanish I or the equivalent. Prepares the student for basic proficiency. Prerequisite: SPN 1311

SPN 2311 INTERMEDIATE SPANISH I 3 sem. hrs.
Vocabulary, language patterns and grammar in the past tenses are introduced and applied in the context of practical communication such as getting acquainted; identifying yourself, your family, your studies; talking about your activities; shopping; and ordering something to eat and drink. The lessons include dialogues, oral and written exercises, use of video and digital technology, role-playing, partner work and written assignments. You will also learn cultural information about values, beliefs and practices related to the above situations and to Spanish speakers in Spain and in Spanish Speaking America. Through film and news programs, you will learn about the diverse cultural contexts of the Spanish language including religious traditions and liturgical practices. Prerequisite: SPN 1312

SPN 2312 INTERMEDIATE SPANISH II 3 sem. hrs.
Continuing course for students who have completed Intermediate Spanish I or the equivalent. Stresses proficiency in speaking and reading. Prerequisite: SPN 2311

Literature

LIT 2312 INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE 3 sem. hrs.
An introduction to literary analysis and scholarship with an emphasis on genres of literature and techniques of modern writers. Prerequisite: ENG 1312

LIT 3311 ANCIENT LITERATURE I 3 sem. hrs.
(pre 5c A.D.) Literature of the Ancient World: A study of the writers and their works that best represent both the Western Judeo-Christian and Greco-Roman worlds as well as that of Eastern cultures. Prerequisite: ENG 1312

LIT 3312 MEDIEVAL LITERATURE II 3 sem. hrs.
(The 5th to the 15c): Literature of the Medieval World: A study of the writers and their

works that best represent both the traditional Western and Eastern canons. Prerequisite: ENG 1312

LIT 3333 SPECIAL TOPICS IN LITERATURE I 3 sem. hrs.
Topics vary. Prerequisite: ENG 1312

LIT 3343 SPECIAL TOPICS IN LITERATURE II 3 sem. hrs.
Topics vary. Prerequisite: ENG 1312.

LIT 4311 MODERN LITERATURE III 3 sem. hrs.
(16th c to 1850): Early Modern Literature: Representative literature from the Western and Eastern canons along with works from the Americas encompassing the Early Modern and Romantic Periods. Prerequisite: ENG 1312

LIT 4312 CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE IV 3 sem. hrs.
(1850 to today): Contemporary World Literature: Representative Western and Eastern literature and literature of the Americas and the African Diaspora encompassing the beginnings of realism through modernism and post-modernism. Prerequisite: ENG 1312

Interdisciplinary Studies

SJS 1111 BRIDGE TO SAINT BEN'S 1 sem. hr.
This course is an orientation to life as a Catholic seminarian at Saint Joseph Seminary College (St. Ben's). Course topics include general themes of Catholic priestly formation (especially as outlined in the Program for Priestly Formation), the history and identity of St. Ben's, the rationale for the study of the liberal arts and philosophy in priestly formation, and the skills, both practical and personal, necessary for fully entering into and benefiting from priestly formation at St. Ben's.

PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Philosophy

- PHI 3313 INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY AND PHILOSOPHICAL RESEARCH 3 sem. hrs.
This course surveys the major fields of philosophy, including logic, epistemology, metaphysics, ethics and the history of philosophy as divided into ancient, medieval, and modern periods. This course also offers instruction in writing in the field of philosophy, instructing students in the writing process to produce philosophy papers, in how to formulate a thesis and develop it comprehensively in philosophy papers, and how to identify scholarly sources in philosophy and cite them according to Turabian style.
- PHI 3331 ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY 3 sem. hrs.
Surveys ancient Greek and Roman philosophy with special attention given to Plato and Aristotle. Prerequisite: PHI 3313 or approval of Academic Dean
- PHI 3312 MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY 3 sem. hrs.
Examines the history of philosophical thought in late antiquity through its dissolution in the fourteenth century, with emphasis on the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas. Prerequisite: PHI 3313 or approval of Academic Dean
- PHI 3321 LOGIC 3 sem. hrs.
A comprehensive introduction to Aristotelian term logic.
- PHI 3322 METAPHYSICS 3 sem. hrs.
This course will explore the major issues of a Thomistic metaphysics and its rival alternatives. Prerequisite: PHI 3313 or approval of Academic Dean
- PHI 3341 ETHICS 3 sem. hrs.
Review of the various ethical systems in Western thought, including those of Aristotle, Aquinas and the Natural Law tradition, British Utilitarianism, and Kant. Prerequisite: PHI 3313 or approval of Academic Dean
- PHI 3333 SPECIAL TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY I 3 sem. hrs.
Topics vary. Prerequisite: PHI 3313 or approval of Academic Dean
- PHI 3343 SPECIAL TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY II 3 sem. hrs.
Topics vary. Prerequisite: PHI 3313 or approval of Academic Dean
- PHI 4311 MODERN PHILOSOPHY 3 sem. hrs.
Involves a critical analysis of texts representative of the modern period from 1600 to 1800. Prerequisite: PHI 3313 or approval of Academic Dean

PHI 4312 CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY 3 sem. hrs.
Surveys of major philosophical trends from 1800 to the present with a concentration on critical analysis of readings representative of the chief thinkers of the period.
Prerequisite: PHI 3313 or approval of Academic Dean

PHI 4321 EPISTEMOLOGY 3 sem. hrs.
This course will expose the students to the fundamental issues in a realist epistemology. It will discuss issues such as skepticism, degrees of certitude, and the role of truth in human knowing. These questions will be seen in relationship to other views proposed by great philosophers in the Western tradition such as empiricism and Kantian transcendental idealism. Prerequisite: PHI 3313 or approval of Academic Dean

PHI 4322 PHILOSOPHICAL ANTHROPOLOGY 3 sem. hrs.
This course surveys major issues in philosophical anthropology, including materialist versus non-materialist conceptions of the human person, nihilistic versus optimistic views of the human person, determinism versus free will, and the affirmation and denial of human nature (realism versus nominalism). Prerequisite: PHI 3313 or approval of Academic Dean

PHI 4332 NATURAL THEOLOGY 3 sem. hrs.
This course reviews the major arguments for and against God's existence, including the ontological argument, the cosmological argument, the argument from design, and the argument from evil. Prerequisite: PHI 3313 or approval of Academic Dean

Theological Studies

THE 2311 THE CATHOLIC OLD TESTAMENT 3 sem. hrs.
Introduces books of the Catholic Old Testament with an emphasis on the literary, historical and theological dimensions.

THE 2312 NEW TESTAMENT 3 sem. hrs.
Introduces the Books of the New Testament with emphasis on the form and content of each. Prerequisite: THE 2311 or permission from the Academic Dean

THE 3313 LIFE IN CHRIST 3 sem. hrs.
This course stresses the Christian application of basic ethical norms and values as present in Part III of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Special emphasis will be given to the relationship between the social, doctrinal, and moral traditions of the Church.

THE 3333 SPECIAL TOPICS IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES I 3 sem. hrs.
Topics vary.

THE 3343 SPECIAL TOPICS IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES II 3 sem. hrs.
"Topics vary.

THE 4311 LITURGICAL AND PERSONAL PRAYER 3 sem. hrs.
The first part of this course will explore the nature and variety of personal forms of prayer within the Roman Catholic tradition. The second part of this course will explore the origins, development, ritual components, and theological significance of liturgical prayer within the Roman Catholic tradition.

THE 4312 FUNDAMENTAL THEOLOGY 3 sem. hrs.
This course treats the foundational issues that are a necessity for the study of Catholic theology. The course begins with an examination of the nature, method, and sources of theology. Topics covered in the course include God, His existence and attributes, the relation between faith and reason, the necessity of divine revelation, biblical inspiration and interpretation, and the development of dogmas and authority in the Church. Special emphasis is given to the role of philosophy in Catholic theological reflection.

THE 4391 THE CATHOLIC PROFESSION OF FAITH 3 sem. hrs.
A study of the basics of the Catholic Profession of Faith as developed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Following the course of Part I of the Catechism, the course will give attention to the many patristic citations given in the text with an aim of arriving at a basic understanding of the nature of Divine Revelation, Theological Anthropology, Christology, Trinitarian Theology, and Ecclesiology. Limited to students in certain degree or certificate programs except by permission of the Academic Dean.

THE 4392 CELEBRATING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE 3 sem. hrs.
Views the dispensation of the fruits of Christ's Paschal mystery in the celebration of the Catholic Church's sacramental liturgy and rites as presented by Part II of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Limited to students in certain degree or certificate programs except by permission of the Academic Dean.

THE 4394 THE CATHOLIC TRADITION OF PRAYER 3 sem. hrs.
Surveys the basic teachings on private prayer from the Catholic tradition and the fourth part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Limited to students in certain degree or certificate programs except by permission of the Academic Dean.

SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND NATURAL SCIENCES

History

HIS 2311 HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS 3 sem. hrs.

A survey of the history of the Americas emphasizing the period from the colonization of the New World through 1877, including the founding and development of nation states, especially the United States of America.

HIS 3311 ANCIENT GREECE AND ROME 3 sem. hrs.

Beginning with ancient Greece and ending with the decline and collapse of the western Roman Empire, topics in this course include ancient religious practices, political institutions, the Persian and Peloponnesian Wars, Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic world, the Punic Wars, Roman political controversies, the Triumvirates, the establishment of imperial rule, and the rise of Christianity. Connections will be made to the developments in philosophy and political thought whenever possible. Junior standing or permission of the Academic Dean.

HIS 3312 MEDIEVAL HISTORY 3 sem. hrs.

Beginning with the collapse of the Roman Empire and ending with the Hundred Years War, this course will survey the development of medieval Europe by examining topics such as church-state relations, the Crusades, heresy and the mendicant orders, state formation, the Fourth Lateran Council, Church reform and renewal, the development of the papacy, medieval world view and culture, the rise of the university, the impact of Great Famine and Black Death, and the dawn of the Renaissance. Junior standing or permission of the Academic Dean.

HIS 3333 SPECIAL TOPICS IN HISTORY 3 sem. hrs.

An elective focusing on a special topic or theme in history. Junior status or permission from the Academic Dean is required.

HIS 4311 EARLY MODERN HISTORY 3 sem. hrs.

Survey of European history from c. 1450 through the Napoleonic Wars, including the Renaissance, the Reformation, the religious wars, absolutism, the Enlightenment, the French Revolution, and the Catholic Church's responses to these developments. Junior standing or permission of the Academic Dean.

HIS 4312 CONTEMPORARY HISTORY 3 sem. hrs.

Beginning with post-Napoleonic Europe, this course will examine the shifts in Europe and the US brought on by the 19th century revolutions, capitalism and industrialization, the advent of secularism and atheism, the impact of the world wars, nuclear arms development, the origins of the Civil Rights Movement, post-World War II settlements, such as NATO, the UN, and moves towards decolonization, and the Cold War. Junior standing or permission of the Academic Dean.

Social and Behavioral Sciences

PSY 1311 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY 3 sem. hrs.

This course is a broad survey of psychology but with certain emphases in personality theory, social psychology, archetype theory, and developmental psychology. Applications will be provided for personal self-understanding, clinical basics, pastoral care, and church governance.

PSY 1312 HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS 3 sem. hrs.

This is a course in human sexuality and relationship psychology. It provides a scientific complement to philosophical and theological perspectives on states of life and healthy relationship dynamics. Various contemporary challenges are addressed as well as the importance of integrity in view of nature and grace.

PSY 3333 SPECIAL TOPICS IN PSYCHOLOGY 1 - 3 sem. hrs.

Topics Vary.

Natural Sciences

MAT 1311 MATHEMATICS FOR LIBERAL ARTS MAJORS 3 sem. hrs.

An investigation of many different branches of mathematics including Logic, Set Theory, Probability, Statistics, Finance, Number Theory, Euclidean Geometry, and other topics with an emphasis on understanding how to encounter math in the real world.

SCI 1311 HUMAN BIOLOGY 3 sem. hrs.

Introductory course in human biology with emphasis on cell structure, human physiology, genetics and embryology.

SCI 1312 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE 3 sem. hrs.

An examination of our global environment from a local perspective, human interaction with this environment and the impacts humans can have on the planet. Students will explore the relationship between the environment and economics, politics, philosophy, and ethics.

LOCATION AND PHYSICAL PLANT

Located one mile off Louisiana Highway 25, four miles north of Covington, Saint Joseph Seminary College is one hour from downtown New Orleans and slightly more than an hour from Baton Rouge.

The Seminary College is ideally situated upon a fifteen-acre campus in the midst of the piney woods of the Ozone Belt. Artesian water and clean, invigorating air have justly brought fame to the region. Surrounding the college seminary is a 1,200-acre tract of rich forest land. Our western border is formed by the Bogue Falaya river. The Bogue Falaya derives its name from the language of the Choctaw Indians who once inhabited the region and means “long creek.”

The extensive campus, with its large gymnasium, two lakes, and football field, provides adequate recreational facilities for basketball, volleyball, baseball, football, soccer, hiking, and tennis.

Pius X Hall (1960), the large main building with two courtyards, houses administrative offices, faculty offices, a student oratory, a private meditation chapel, and 68 private rooms. Monumental statues of Saint Joseph and of the Mother of God, early works of Louisiana sculptor Frank Hayden, mark the front corner of the building and the large open courtyard known as Mary Plaza. An adjacent building, Borrromeo Hall (1960), contains one classroom, one conference room, the learning center, and a laundry facility on the ground floor. On the second floor of Borrromeo, there are 21 student rooms. Vianney Hall, completely renovated in 2013, has 40 student rooms, each with a private bath. In addition to the rooms, it houses a small chapel, laundry facilities, and a large lounge for student social gatherings. This residence hall is intended for older seminarians and for those who already have a college degree. Callais Residence Hall and Callais Academic Building were added in 2016. Callais Residence Hall contains 48 rooms with private baths, a community room, and laundry facilities. Callais Academic Building has five classrooms, a computer lab, a conference room, and restroom facilities.

In the fall of 2018, Saint Joseph Seminary College dedicated the new Rouquette Library. The state-of-the-art, 21st century library was built to meet the needs for the present and be readily adaptable for the future needs of seminarians enrolled in the college. The building enables Saint Joseph Seminary College to preserve our current theological and philosophical collections while providing space for new acquisitions. Rouquette Library is essential to the college’s master plan to enhance its academic and formation programs.

Other campus facilities include Savio Hall (1960) which was completely renovated in 2022 to a student dormitory with private baths.; the Meinrad Hospitality Center (1960), which has accommodations for guests, exhibits and small group meetings; Benet Hall (1960), which also underwent a complete renovation in 2022 to add a Welcome Center and enhance the auditorium to accommodate the growing needs of the seminary college, a gymnasium (1952) with a basketball court, two large recreation rooms, and faulty offices. A students’ dining hall (1918) accommodates over one hundred fifty

students, with an adjacent student lounge called The Wharf.

Saint Joseph Abbey Church dominates the landscape of the campus; it is here that the liturgical and religious life of the seminary college is most sharply focused. Extensive and colorful murals by Dom Gregory de Wit (1892-1978) of Holland add to the contemplative atmosphere and beautiful aesthetic of the Abbey Church.

DIRECTIONS

From New Orleans:

Take the Causeway north. Travel on US 190 past I-12, past LA 21 (go over the small bridge), and continue on US 190 past LA 437. Stay on US 190 until the junction of US 190 and LA 25 (traffic light at junctions; Shell service station on your left). US 190 turns off to the left toward Hammond. Do NOT go left. Instead, continue north on LA 25 for about 500 yards. Turn right on Airport Road, the first marked road. Stay on Airport Road until you reach a stop sign at the end of the road. Turn left onto River Road. Travel about 400 yards until you see a sign for Saint Joseph Abbey. Turn right onto the bridge.

From Baton Rouge:

Take I-12 East, and exit at EXIT 63-B (Covington). Follow directions listed above (once you exit, you will already be North of I-12).

From Slidell:

Take I-12 West, and exit at EXIT 63-B (Covington). Follow directions listed above (once you exit, you will already be North of I-12).

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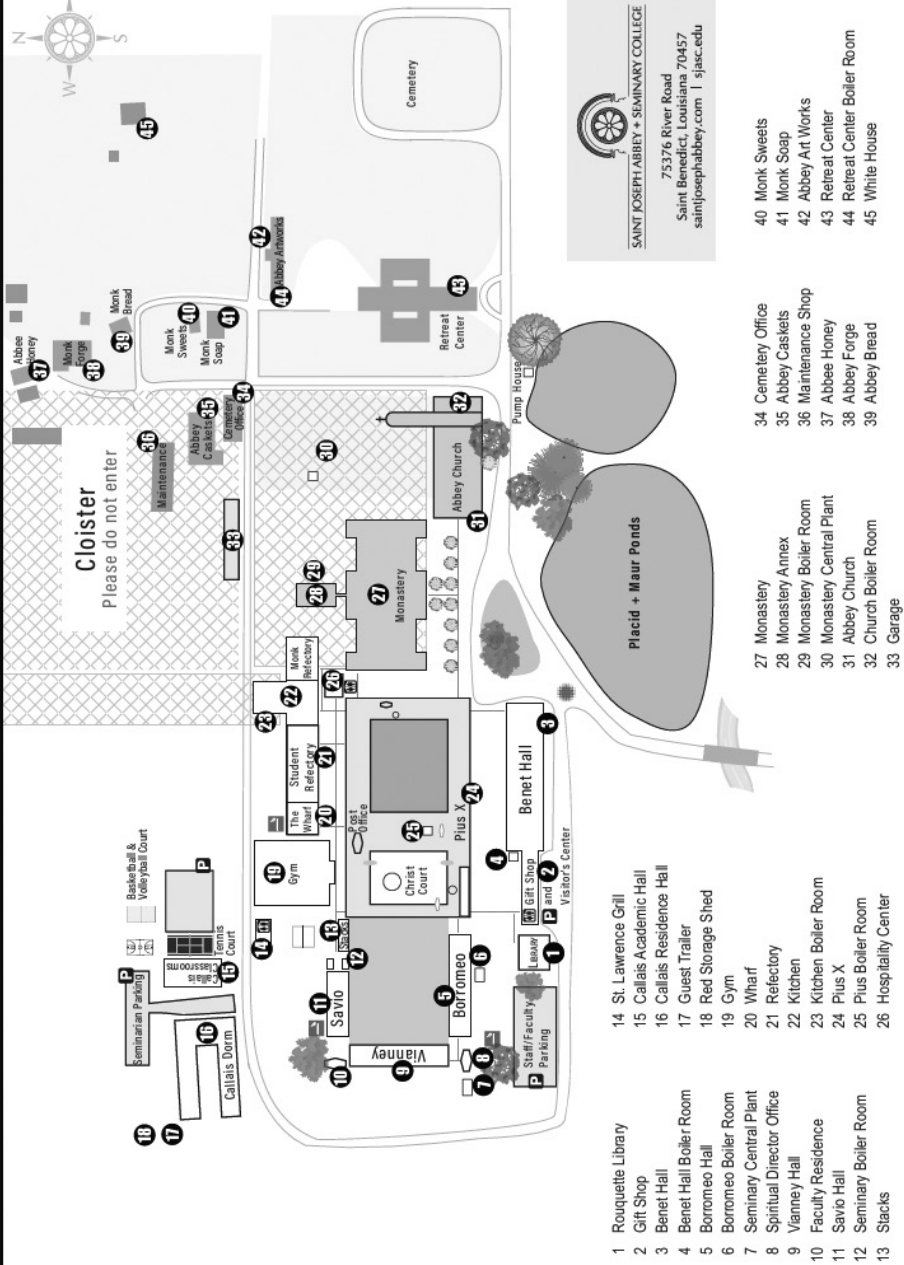
Young men who desire to follow Christ in the way proposed by Saint Benedict by becoming members of Saint Joseph Abbey may upon application be received as students in the Seminary College. Email abbeyvocations@sjasc.edu or write to Vocations Director at the above address.

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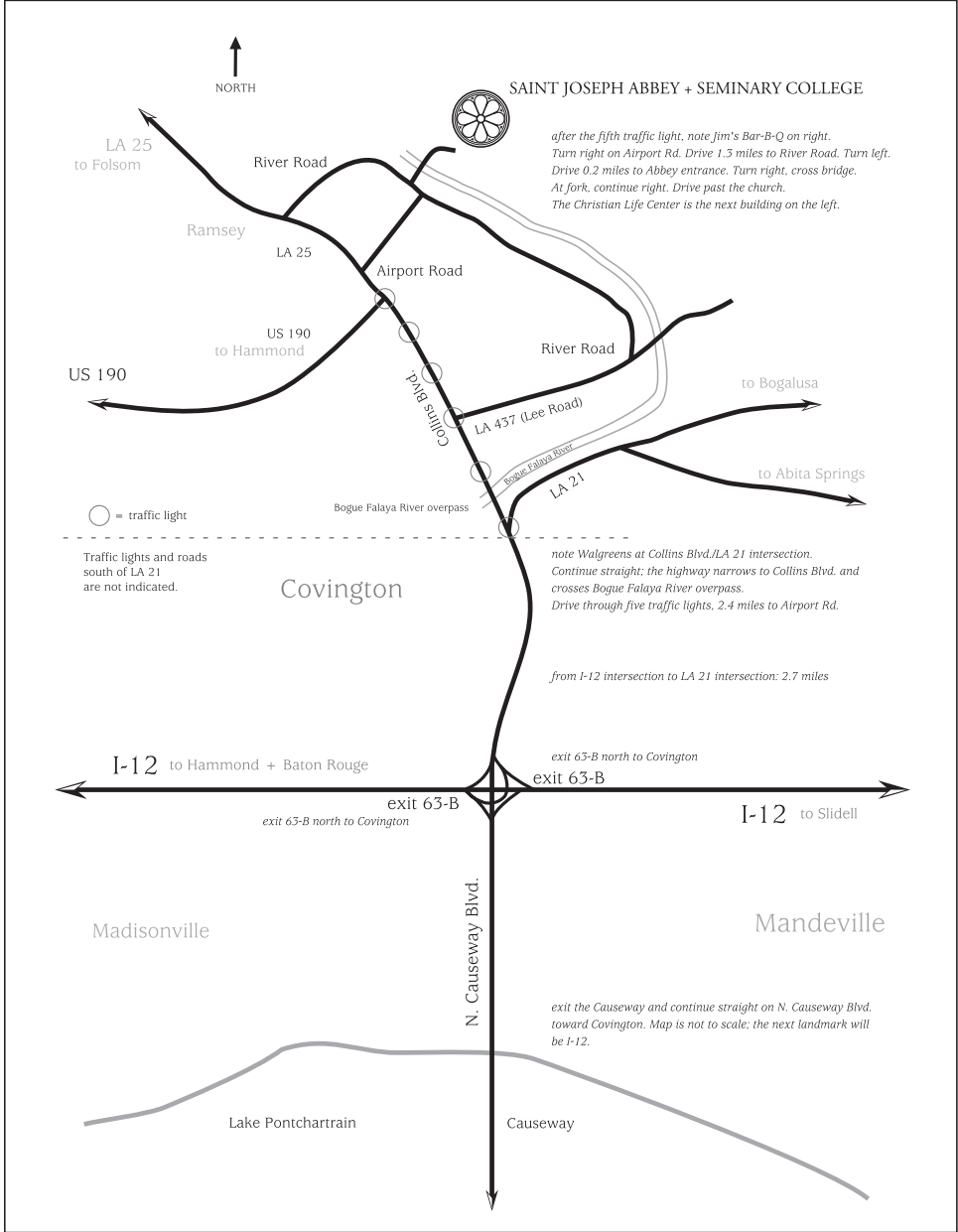
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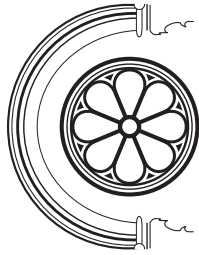
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