

COLLEGE OF PHILOSOPHY AND LETTERS

Leadership

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Description

Founded in 1889, Saint Louis University's College of Philosophy and Letters oversees undergraduate and post-baccalaureate programs for students preparing for priesthood or lay Catholic ministry. Programs include a B.A. and B.S. in philosophy for ministry, a certificate in philosophy for ministry, and a certificate in foundations of Christian service.

Following recent congregations of the Society of Jesus, curricular and capstone requirements for the bachelor's programs for Jesuits and the two certificate programs have been structured to help students engage issues of faith and justice in dialogue with culture.

Programs in the college also include an archdiocesan concentration in the B.A. This program is oriented toward reflection on the relationship between faith and reason, and satisfies undergraduate requirements for archdiocesan seminarians.

A bachelor's degree from the College of Philosophy and Letters provides the early academic formation of students preparing for Catholic ministry and priesthood. The college is concerned with both the undergraduate training appropriate to the bachelor's degree and the implementation of ecclesiastical requirements for religious and seminarians at the collegiate level.

The bachelor's degree in the college offers four concentration options. The concentrations in humanities, language, and math/natural sciences conclude with a capstone focused on a particular context of ministry. The archdiocesan concentration concludes with a capstone on faith and reason.

The certificate in philosophy for ministry is designed primarily for post-baccalaureate students preparing for eventual ordination. As such, its requirements follow ecclesiastical standards for the philosophical training of students studying for the priesthood. Although this certificate presupposes a previous degree, its requirements may be satisfied by undergraduate coursework. The certificate in foundations for Christian service is a flexible, 15-16 credit program for religious and lay students who desire philosophical, theological, and other relevant disciplinary backgrounds for intelligent reflection on contexts of possible ministry.

The Master of Arts in Philosophy and Theology for Ministry provides interdisciplinary foundations for intelligent ministry in the Church and further divinity studies required for ordination. For future priests, the degree also offers the opportunity to satisfy one year of the four years of graduate theological studies required for ordination.

Undergraduate

- Foundations of Christian Service, Certificate (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/philosophy-letters/foundations-christian-service-certificate/>)

- Ignatian Leadership, Microcredential (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/philosophy-letters/ignatian-leadership-micro/>)
- Ignatian Service, Minor (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/philosophy-letters/ignatian-service-minor/>)
- Philosophy for Ministry, B.A. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/philosophy-letters/philosophy-ba/>)
- Philosophy for Ministry, B.A. (Archdiocesan) (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/philosophy-letters/philosophy-ba_arch/)
- Philosophy for Ministry, B.S. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/philosophy-letters/philosophy-bs/>)
- Philosophy for Ministry, Certificate (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/philosophy-letters/philosophy-ministry-certificate/>)

Graduate

- Philosophy and Theology for Ministry, M.A. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/philosophy-letters/philosophy-ministry-ma/>)