

# AQUINAS COLLEGE

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## Undergraduate Catalog



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# AQUINAS COLLEGE CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office of the Vice President for Administration.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 488
Office of the Vice President for Advancement.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 526
Office of the Vice President for Enrollment Management.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 442
Office of the Vice President for Student Life .....	615-297-7545, Ext. 412
School of Arts & Sciences.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 609
School of Business .....	615-297-7545, Ext. 609
School of Education.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 422
School of Nursing.....	615-297-2008, Ext. 446
Admissions .....	615-297-7545, Ext. 460
Alumni Relations.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 492
Aquinas Abroad.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 263
Campus Ministry .....	615-297-7545, Ext. 607
Campus Security.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 451
Career Services.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 462
Catechetics.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 425
Center for Catholic Education .....	615-297-7545, Ext. 471
Center for Faith and Culture.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 458
Chaplaincy.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 220
Controller.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 531
Corpus Christi Perpetual Adoration Chapel.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 472
Development.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 543
Financial Aid .....	615-297-7545, Ext. 257
Information Systems.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 464
Institutional Research .....	615-297-7545, Ext. 478
I.T. Helpdesk .....	615-297-7545, Ext. 555
Library.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 435
Marketing and Communications.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 405
Registrar .....	615-297-7545, Ext. 430
Residential Life.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 631
Services .....	615-297-7545, Ext. 437
Student Accounts .....	615-383-3230, Ext. 540
Student Activities .....	615-297-7545, Ext. 607
Student Learning Services .....	615-297-7545, Ext. 441
Write Reason Center.....	615-297-7545, Ext. 605

**Administrative Office Hours**

Monday through Friday (8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

**Library Hours**

Monday through Thursday (7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.)

Fridays (8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

Saturdays (12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.)

Sundays (1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.)

Additional Hours as Announced

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## AUGUST 2015

20 ..... Orientation for New Students and New Residents  
24 ..... **Fall Semester Begins**  
28 ..... Mass of the Holy Spirit

## SEPTEMBER 2015

7 ..... Labor Day Holiday – College Closed

## OCTOBER 2015

### 12-16 ..... **Mid-Term Exams**

20 ..... Mid-Term Deficiencies Posted and Mailed  
22 ..... Fall Fest  
20-29 ..... Students with Deficiencies Must Meet with Advisors  
20-29 ..... Advisement for Returning Students, Spring 2016  
26-Nov. 13 ... Online Registration for Returning Students, Spring 2016  
30 ..... Faculty and Staff Retreat – College Closed

## NOVEMBER 2015

7 ..... Fall Preview Day  
25-27 ..... Thanksgiving Holidays – College Closed

## DECEMBER 2015

4 ..... Last Day of Fall Semester Classes  
4,7,9,10 ..... **Final Exams**  
8 ..... Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – College Closed  
10 ..... School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony  
21-31 ..... Christmas Holidays – College Closed

## JANUARY 2016

1 ..... New Year's Holiday – College Closed  
8 ..... All New Student Orientation  
11 ..... **Spring Semester Begins**  
18 ..... Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - College Closed  
22 ..... March for Life  
28 ..... St. Thomas Aquinas Mass and Celebration

## FEBRUARY 2016

10 ..... Ash Wednesday Mass  
29 ..... Mid-Term Exams

## MARCH 2015

### 1-5 ..... **Mid-Term Exams**

9 ..... Mid-Term Deficiencies Posted and Mailed  
9-23 ..... Students with Deficiencies Must Meet with Advisors  
9-23 ..... Advisement for Returning Students  
16-Apr. 8 ..... Online Registration for Returning Students, Summer 2016  
16-Apr. 8 ..... Online Registration for Returning Students, Fall 2016  
19 ..... Spring Preview Day  
24 ..... Holy Thursday – College Closed  
25 ..... Good Friday – College Closed  
28 ..... Easter Monday – College Closed  
29-Apr. 1 ..... Spring Break – No Classes

## APRIL 2016

7 ..... Tuesday Classes Cancelled, Monday Classes Held Instead  
21 ..... Spring Fling  
29 ..... Last Day of Spring Semester Classes

## MAY 2016

### 2-5 ..... **Final Exams**

6 ..... Graduation Practice and Celebration  
14 ..... Baccalaureate Mass and Awards Ceremony  
14 ..... School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony  
14 ..... Commencement at War Memorial Auditorium  
16-27 ..... Online Registration for New Students, Summer 2016  
30 ..... Memorial Day Holiday – College Closed

## JUNE 2016

## JULY 2016

4 ..... Independence Day Holiday - College Closed  
18-Aug. 1 ..... Online Registration for All Students, Fall 2016

*\* See the Summer Schedule of Courses for summer science courses.*

*See pages 11-12 of the Aquinas College Catalog for refund schedule.*

*Drop/Add and Withdrawal dates may be found in the Office of the Registrar and online.*

*Payments and Financial Aid Deadlines may be found in the Office of Student Accounts and the Office of Financial Aid.*

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF AQUINAS COLLEGE

Aquinas College, which is located on Harding Pike in West Nashville, is owned and administered by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation. The College first began in 1928 as a normal school for the education of the Sisters and was affiliated with the Catholic University of America in 1929. In 1961, the normal school was replaced with Aquinas Junior College. Two significant milestones in the institution's history occurred at this point: the College was moved from Saint Cecilia Motherhouse to its present location, and it was opened to the public.

In 1971, the College was welcomed into membership in the regional accrediting agency, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, to award the associate degree. In December 1993, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools granted Aquinas candidacy to award its first baccalaureate degree: the Bachelor of Arts in Teacher Education. This was followed by full reaffirmation and approval in 1996 by the same accrediting agency. In order to reflect this action, the institution's original charter was officially amended to read *Aquinas College* and academic programs and majors were added in response to the needs of the community and of the Church. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reaffirmed accreditation in 2001 and again in 2011. In 2012, Aquinas College was granted approval to award master's degrees in Education and in Nursing Education. That same year, Aquinas became a residential college with contracted use of Seton Lodge facilities at St. Thomas Hospital on adjoining property.

Current degrees, certificates, and acknowledgements awarded are

### School of Arts & Sciences

A.A. in Liberal Arts  
B.A. in English  
B.A. in History  
B.A. in Liberal Arts  
B.A. in Philosophy  
B.A. in Theology

### School of Education

B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies, Elementary  
B.S. in English, Secondary  
B.S. in History, Secondary  
Education Licensure, Elementary  
Education Licensure, Secondary  
M.A.T., Elementary  
M.A.T., Secondary  
M.Ed. in Teaching and Learning

### School of Business

B.B.A. in Finance  
B.B.A. in Management  
B.B.A. in Marketing

### School of Nursing

A.S.N.  
B.S.N.  
R.N.-B.S.N.  
M.S.N. in Nursing Education  
Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing Education

## PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT OF AQUINAS COLLEGE

The Catholic Church, from the beginning of the Order of Preachers in 1217, has called Dominicans to teach the Word of God. St. Dominic embodied the teaching mission of the Church in the apostolic work of his Order. By sending his followers out into the world, he sought to proclaim the Gospel to all people.

The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation have continued this mission of St. Dominic through their dedication to Christian education in institutions of learning. For over 150 years, the St. Cecilia Congregation has owned and administered academic institutions in which students come to a deeper understanding of their faith, their heritage and their responsibilities as members of society. Aquinas College exists primarily to enable students to learn in a Christ-centered atmosphere of love and truth.

The College reflects the philosophy of the Catholic Church as it pertains to education. Each student is recognized as an individual of eternal worth whose immortal soul is destined for happiness with God. Aquinas College endeavors to nourish the intellectual gifts of its students and to develop their spiritual and physical potential in view of their final end and the good of society.

## MISSION STATEMENT OF AQUINAS COLLEGE

The Mission of Aquinas College is unchanging because Truth itself is unchanging. Taking inspiration from St. Dominic and St. Thomas Aquinas, the College exists to serve the Church by transforming lives for the gospel of Christ.

Aquinas College is a Catholic community of learning in the Dominican Tradition with Christ at its center. The College directs all its efforts to the intellectual, moral, spiritual, and professional formation of the human person in wisdom. Students are formed individually and in Christian community so that the harmonious integration between faith and reason can permeate every dimension of their lives. Immersed in exploring the relationship between human civilization and the message of salvation, the College community embraces the Dominican imperative to preach the Gospel, serve others, and engage culture in truth and charity.

## **CORE PRINCIPLES**

Derived from the Catholic and Dominican moral and intellectual tradition, our core principles are:

- The dignity, freedom, and flourishing of every human person as made in God's image
- The complementarity of faith and reason as the basis for academic community
- The prudent stewardship of God's individual and communal gifts

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The general government of Aquinas College is vested in the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors consists of seventeen directors: 5–8 Dominican Sisters from the Congregation, one of whom shall be the Prioress General of the Congregation, one of whom shall be the President of the College and one of whom shall be the Director of Education of the Congregation; 9–12 lay persons or persons not Dominican Sisters from the Congregation. The Board of Directors operates the College in accordance with the teachings and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church and the Congregation and does all else that is necessary to promote the spiritual, physical and financial well-being of the College. The current members of the Board of Directors are listed on page 103 of this Catalog.

## **APPROVALS AND ACCREDITATION**

Aquinas College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Aquinas College. The Commission should be contacted only if there is evidence that appears to support the institution's significant non-compliance with a requirement or standard.

The Associate of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing, and Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing Education programs are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. The Associate of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing, and Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing Education programs are approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing.

The Aquinas College School of Education has been granted approval by the Tennessee State Board of Education to offer programs of study leading to initial licensure at both the elementary and secondary levels.

The College is approved by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission for Veterans Training.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)  
Alpha Delta Nu  
American Association of College of Nursing (AACN)  
American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO)  
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE)  
American Library Association (ALA)  
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)  
Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU)  
Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education (AILACTE)  
Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMA)  
Catholic Medical Association (CMA)  
Coalition for Healthy and Safe Campus Communities (CHASCo)  
College and University Professional Association for Human Resource Professionals (CUPA-HR)  
College Reading & Learning Association (CRLA)  
Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)  
Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)  
Delta Epsilon Sigma  
International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE)  
MSDN Academic Alliance (MSDN AA)  
Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce  
Nashville Area Library Alliance (NALA) and Project Athena  
Nashville Health Care Council  
National Association of Catholic Nurses (NACN)  
National Association for College Admissions Counselors (NACAC)  
National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU)  
National Association of College & University Attorneys (NACUA)  
National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO)  
National Catholic College Admission Association  
National College Learning Center Association (NCLCA)

National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing  
Phi Beta Lambda  
Sigma Beta Delta  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC)  
Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (SACRAO)  
Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (SASF AA)  
Southern Regional Education Board: Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing  
TENN-SHARE  
Tennessee – Association on Higher Education & Disability (TN-AHEAD)  
Tennessee Association of Deans and Directors of Nursing  
Tennessee Association of Colleges for Teacher Education  
Tennessee Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (TACRAO)  
Tennessee Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education (TAILACTE)  
Tennessee Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (TASF AA)  
Tennessee Association for the Supervision of Curriculum Development (TASCD)  
Tennessee Clinical Placement System (TCPS)  
Tennessee College Association  
Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association (TICUA)  
Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL)  
The College Board  
The National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC)

## **BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES**

The **Main College Building** houses the offices of the Vice Presidents for Academics, Administration, and Student Life as well as the administrative offices of the School of Nursing and the Director of the A.S.N. Program. In addition, it accommodates the offices of the Center for Faith & Culture, Institutional Research, and the Registrar; the Chaplain, the Director of Residential Life, and the Coordinators of Campus Ministry, Career Services, and Student Activities; the Controller and Student Accounts; Information Systems and Technology; and Security and Services. The Main College Building also includes classrooms, faculty offices, and a variety of facilities, such as:

the **St. Jude Chapel**, which hosts daily Mass, daily Sacrament of Reconciliation, weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and is available for prayer at any time;

**Aquinas Central**, a seating area for faculty, staff, and students, where a variety of vending machines and a small kitchenette are available;

**Breen Hall**, which serves as the student center for the College;

the **Ann and Monroe Carell, Jr. Education Center**, which includes state-of-the-art computers utilizing the latest in software and Internet technologies;

a **Multimedia Nursing Laboratory** as well as science labs;

and the **Write Reason Center**, which provides tutorial assistance for writing assignments.

The **Aquinas Center** houses the **Library, Student Learning Services, the Center for Catholic Education, as well as the office of the Nashville Campus Coordinator for the Aquinas Abroad Program**. The library provides both print and non-print materials. It contains various types of study areas including group study rooms. A small computer lab is housed in the Information Resource Instruction Room and is available to students for course assignments and Internet access when the room is not being used for library instruction.

The **Corpus Christi Perpetual Adoration Chapel** is located in the former Carriage House on the east side of the circular drive that fronts the Main College Building and directly to the rear of the White House.

The **Castello Nursing Simulation Learning Center** and **Seton Lodge** are located at **St. Thomas West Hospital**.

The **Castello Nursing Simulation Learning Center**, located on the sixth floor, consists of 24 patient care settings that include instructional and practice units, debriefing areas, technology, equipment and software on the foundations of nursing, health assessment, and more advanced areas of nursing practice for all levels of nursing education.

**Seton Lodge** serves as the residential facility for students of Aquinas College with the benefit of 24/7 security and access to the hospital's cafeteria, wellness center, medical library, and chapel.

The **St. Dominic Education Building** houses the offices of the School of Education including the Dean and faculty.



The *St. Joseph Building*, which will be relocated to the area north of Aquinas Center, houses the offices of the Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences, Catechetics, and several faculty members.

The *St. Martin de Porres Building*, located behind the north wing of the Main College Building, houses the offices of the Deans of the School of Business and the School of Nursing as well as the Directors of the B.S.N. and M.S.N. Programs. The building also houses faculty offices and a lecture hall.

The *White House*, a restored mansion built by Joseph Warner in 1911, houses the offices of the President and the Vice Presidents for Advancement and Enrollment Management as well as a Board Room and meeting spaces. The offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, Alumni Relations, Development, Marketing and Communications, and Prospect Research are also located in the White House.

## **THE STUDENT RIGHT-TO-KNOW AND CAMPUS SECURITY ACT (The Jeanne Clery Act)**

The Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990, formally renamed The Jeanne Clery Act in 1998 and subsequently revised, most recently in 2008, requires that institutions that participate in federal financial assistance programs must make available to current and prospective students information about retention and completion/graduation rates and student body diversity. This information can be found on the Aquinas College and College Navigator websites. The Clery Act also requires disclosure of information on current campus crime statistics and campus safety policies and procedures. This information is available in the Aquinas College Student Handbook and on the Aquinas College website.

## **FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, sets forth requirements regarding the privacy of student records. FERPA governs the disclosure of education records maintained by an educational institution and access to these records. In accordance with FERPA, Aquinas College students have the right to review the accuracy of information and request amendment to the information kept in their cumulative file by the Registrar upon written request. Students wishing to waive FERPA rights to allow information sharing with designated individuals should complete the “*Authorization to Disclose Personal Information (FERPA Release form)*” available in the Office of the Registrar and on the Aquinas College website. Additional information regarding FERPA regulations is available in the Aquinas College Student Handbook and on the Aquinas College website.

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

It is the policy of Aquinas College, while reserving its lawful rights where applicable to take actions designed to promote the Dominican and Roman Catholic principles that sustain its mission and heritage, to comply with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination in employment and in its educational programs including, but not limited to, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, and the Americans with Disabilities Act and Amendments Act. Aquinas College admits qualified students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age or disability to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the College. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age or disability in administration of its education policies, admission policies, scholarships and loan programs. Additional information regarding these policies is available in the Aquinas College Student Handbook and on the Aquinas College website.

# **ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE**

Education at Aquinas College is more than the mere acquisition of skills; it is a complete learning experience intended to open one’s mind and heart to the world in light of the Gospel. Here, one will be encouraged to develop his/her unique potential in an atmosphere of personalized learning, with a caring faculty and administrative support.

The Office of Admissions is primarily responsible for recruiting and admitting new students to the College. Admissions counselors work closely with high school guidance offices and college registrars to create a seamless transition for incoming students. It is the policy of the College, while reserving its lawful rights where applicable, to take actions designed to promote the Dominican and Roman Catholic principles that sustain its mission and heritage, to comply with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination in employment and in its educational programs. The College admits qualified students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, or disability to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the College. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, or disability in administration of its education policies, admission policies, scholarships, and loan programs.

The provisions of this Catalog are for information purposes only and should not be construed as a contract between Aquinas College and the student. The specific courses or activities constituting the degree requirements for any program are subject to substitution at any time prior to completion by the student. The academic regulations, programs, curricula, fees, charges or costs as set forth in this Catalog are subject to change at any time.

## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Application for admission to any program begins with the Office of Admissions. Aquinas College reserves the right to make exceptions to the admission requirements for all programs offered at the College. Written requests for exceptions to the admission requirements, supported by evidence of extenuating circumstances, will be considered by the Admissions Committee with the approval of the Vice President for Academics after an official application for admission has been filed.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All admission requirements must be fulfilled as scheduled by the Office of Admissions. Students must submit proof of immunizations required by the State of Tennessee. Students who fail to meet requirements and deadlines will be administratively removed from enrollment of the College. Students removed from enrollment of the College will not receive refunds of any tuition and fees.

The admission requirements outlined below for both first-time freshmen and transfer students are for admission to Aquinas College only and should not be construed as acceptance to a particular academic program (such of those offered by the School of Education or the School of Nursing) that may have acceptance requirements that exceed those for general admission to the College. Any additional acceptance requirements for such programs are indicated in the sections of this Catalog describing those programs.

### *First-time Freshman Applicants*

**High School or Home School Graduates** must submit an official transcript from an accredited high school or home school agency, an official ACT or SAT score report, and the Secondary School Report completed by your school counselor. For admission, applicants must have an overall GPA of at least 2.4 and minimum ACT enhanced scores of 21 Composite, 21 English, and 21 Math or minimum SAT scores of 490 Critical Reading and 490 Math.

***GED Recipients*** must have an official copy of their GED with a composite score of 50 or above on the paper version or 500 or above on the computerized version. GED Recipients within the last five years must submit official ACT or SAT scores. For admission, applicants must have an overall GPA of at least 2.4 and minimum ACT enhanced scores of 21 Composite, 21 English, and 21 Math or minimum SAT scores of 490 Critical Reading and 490 Math.

First-time freshman applicants who are not in compliance with the above criteria will be required to take the English and/or Math Assessment and will then be referred to the Admissions Committee, which, with the approval of the Vice President for Academics, will rule on acceptance into Aquinas. If the Admissions Committee rules to accept the applicant, the letter of acceptance becomes the legal contract, and any conditions specified therein must be met for a student to continue in subsequent semesters. Students admitted on academic probation will be required to successfully complete IDS 106-College Learning in the Dominican Tradition in their first semester of attendance.

ACT or SAT scores are not required for first-time freshman applicants who graduated from high school more than 10 years prior to the date of application. However, applicants who do not submit these scores will be required to take the English and Math Assessments and will then be referred to the Admissions Committee which, with the approval of the Vice President for Academics, will rule on acceptance into Aquinas College.

### *Transfer Applicants*

***Transfer Students*** must submit official transcripts from all previously attended regionally accredited colleges, universities, or other post-secondary institutions. Transfer students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.4 based on all post-secondary credit-bearing coursework at regionally accredited institutions. (Coursework completed more than 10 years prior to application is excluded from the GPA calculation.)

If fewer than 24 credit hours of college work have been completed at previous institutions, an official high school or home school transcript and official ACT or SAT scores are required as well. For admission, these transfer applicants must have minimum ACT enhanced scores of 21 Composite, 21 English, and 21 Math or minimum SAT scores of 490 Critical Reading and 490 Math.

Transfer applicants who are not in compliance with the above criteria may be required to take the English and/or Math Assessment and referred to the Admissions Committee, which, with the approval of the Vice President for Academics, will rule on acceptance into Aquinas College. If the Admissions Committee rules to accept the applicant, the letter of acceptance becomes the legal contract, and any conditions specified therein must be met for a student to continue in subsequent semesters. Students admitted on academic probation will be required to successfully complete IDS 106 College Learning in the Dominican Tradition in their first semester of attendance.

When a transfer applicant's transcripts have been received, a transfer credit evaluation will be completed and then sent to the student. Transfer credit will not become a permanent part of the student's academic record until the student matriculates. (See pages 19-20 for explanations of transfer credit.)

Transfer students who will be entering at the freshman level (fewer than 24 hours of college credit) are required to take IDS 106 College Learning in the Dominican Tradition.

**International Students\*** are accepted under the same admission requirements outlined above for first-time freshman and transfer student applicants. In addition to the regular admission requirements, international applicants must satisfy the following requirements.

Students whose native language is not English will be required to demonstrate the ability to undertake advanced academic work in an English speaking institution. English language proficiency tests such as TOEFL, IELTS, and MELAB are used to assess readiness. The TOEFL may be taken at Prometric Testing Center.

The minimum recommended score for each accepted proficiency test is:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – Internet-based..... 80
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – computer-based ..... 195
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) ..... 6.5
- Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) ..... 77

The scores from the TOEFL, IELTS, or MELAB must not be older than two years from requested date of entry. This proficiency requirement will be waived if a student has scored a minimum of 21 on the ACT English section or minimum of 490 on the SAT Critical Reading, or if the applicant has received a bachelor's or more advanced degree from an accredited U.S. institution or from a university outside the U.S. at which English is the official language of instruction.

International applicants who are not in compliance with TOEFL criteria may be required to take the English Assessment and/or provide other evidence of proficiency in written and spoken English. These students will then be referred to the Admissions Committee, which, with the approval of the Vice President for Academics, will rule on acceptance into Aquinas. If the Admissions Committee rules to accept the applicant, the letter of acceptance becomes the legal contract, and any conditions specified therein must be met for a student to continue in subsequent semesters. Students admitted on academic probation will be required to successfully complete IDS 106-College Learning in the Dominican Tradition in their first semester of attendance.

International students are required to provide official proof of the ability to pay.

All credentials must be in English. If credentials require translation, they must be evaluated by a certified translator. Information regarding certified services can be obtained from the Office of Admissions. International students who have not completed a minimum of remedial Math or English on the college level will be required to take English and/or Math Assessments. The Office of Admissions will set the date and time for completing this requirement. At this time, all the required legal papers must be submitted.

*\*An International student is defined as anyone who is enrolled in courses at institutions of higher education in the United States who is not a U.S. citizen, an immigrant (permanent resident), or a refugee. These may include holders of F (student) Visas, H (temporary worker/trainee) Visas, J (temporary educational exchange-visitor) Visas, and M (vocational training) Visas.*

## **STUDENTS NOT SEEKING A DEGREE**

Students wishing to take a course at Aquinas College but are not seeking a degree, may do so in one of the categories below. These students

- must complete an application for admission and must meet the current admissions requirements for enrollment at Aquinas College;
- may be required to submit an official transcript from the most recently attended post-secondary institution or official evidence of high school graduation if a post-secondary institution has not been attended;
- must meet the prerequisite(s) for the course(s) they desire to take;
- may not be eligible for financial aid.

**Audit Courses** carry no credit but are recorded on the student's transcript with "AU". Students seeking only audit courses need not submit transcript evidence.

**Dual Enrollment Program** provides an opportunity for qualified high school juniors and seniors to enhance their education by enrolling early in college courses. Students may take courses either on the Aquinas College campus or at a participating Catholic high school. To be eligible, students must have completed their sophomore year in high school and have a minimum GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale. To apply, students must submit an application and an official high school transcript. Dual-enrolled students participating in the Dual Enrollment Program must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale for all college-level courses. Students whose cumulative Aquinas College GPA falls below 2.0 or who receive a grade below C in an individual course are ineligible to continue in the Dual Enrollment Program. Dual-enrolled students may enroll for no more than 6 credit hours per semester.

**Licensed Teachers** seeking coursework toward renewal of Teacher Licensure must provide a copy of the teaching license and have a copy of the official transcript sent by the principal of the school at which the applicant is teaching, verifying a Bachelor's degree.

**Visiting Students** who are regularly enrolled at other institutions may submit a letter of good standing in place of an official transcript from the institution in which they are enrolled. If the student's intention is to take courses at Aquinas College to fulfill degree requirements elsewhere, it is the visiting student's responsibility to determine if the course(s) taken at Aquinas College will satisfy the program requirements of the degree they are seeking at their home institution.

## READMISSION TO AQUINAS COLLEGE

Students desiring readmission to Aquinas College after more than one semester of absence, not including summer sessions, must re-apply for admission and complete the entire admissions process. At that time, all outstanding financial obligations to Aquinas or any other institution must be satisfied and official college transcript(s) for any courses taken since the last semester of attendance at Aquinas must be submitted. Any student readmitted to the College must fulfill degree requirements stipulated in the Catalog in effect at the time of return.

**One semester absence:** These students must report to the Office of the Registrar to verify their absence, having satisfied all Aquinas obligations, any changes in address or phone numbers and submit an official transcript if coursework has been taken.

**Two or more semesters' absence:** These students must report to the Office of Admissions to complete the entire admissions process. At that time, all outstanding financial obligations to Aquinas or any other institution must be satisfied and official college transcript(s) for any courses taken since the last semester of attendance at Aquinas must be submitted. Any student readmitted to the College must fulfill degree requirements stipulated in the Catalog in effect at the time of return.

## ADMISSION STATUS

Students are admitted to Aquinas College in one of the following statuses:

- **Good Standing:** All admission requirements have been met.
- **Academic Probation:** Students who have not met admissions requirements but have been admitted after review and approval by the Admissions Committee and the Vice President for Academics are placed on academic probation. At the recommendation of the Admissions Committee, academic restrictions are placed upon these students (e.g., credit hour restrictions, minimum GPA by end of term, successful completion of developmental courses, etc.). These students are also required to take IDS 106, College Learning in the Dominican Tradition. Student records are reviewed at the end of each term and students making satisfactory progress will have their status changed from academic probation to good standing by the Registrar.
- **Provisional:** Students from whom all required documentation (e.g. all official transcripts) has not been received may be admitted provisionally. When all documentation is received, the provisional status will be changed to good standing by the Office of Admissions. Provisionally admitted students will not be awarded financial aid of any kind, nor will they be allowed to take final examinations, receive transcripts or re-enroll for subsequent semesters until all paperwork is received. If all necessary paperwork is not received by the Office of Admissions within three weeks from the start of courses, provisional students will be administratively removed from the enrollment of courses. Students removed from the enrollment of courses will be eliminated from course rosters and will be ineligible to receive any refund of monies paid during the registration process.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### TUITION AND FEES

Financial arrangements for tuition and fees for each term are due by the payment deadline published on the Student Portal and Academic Calendar. This includes confirmation and acceptance of financial aid awards and scholarships. Students receiving financial aid, scholarships, and third-party payments are responsible for any remaining balance on their accounts in excess of the amount awarded or applied. Students are officially registered after all financial arrangements have been completed.

Students who register after the published payment deadline must complete financial arrangements within two (2) business days.

Payment information and options are available on the Aquinas College website and in the Office of Student Accounts located in the Main College Building.

Students are responsible for any outstanding balance on their account. This obligation includes balances that result from loss or reduction of financial aid funds due to changes in eligibility and/or enrollment.

**All financial obligations must be fulfilled according to contractual agreements before final grades for any term are released, transcript requests are honored and/or registration for subsequent semesters/sessions is official.**

A charge of \$25.00 will be assessed for returned checks and/or declined credit cards.

**Regular Tuition**

Tuition (1 to 11 credit hours) .....	\$680.00 (per credit hour)
Tuition (12 to 18 credit hours) .....	\$9,975.00
Tuition (over 18 credit hours) .....	\$9,975.00 + \$680.00 (per credit hour)

**Regular Fees**

Application Fee .....	No Charge
New student enrollment deposit (one-time fee to new students, non-refundable) .....	\$250.00
General Fee (per semester, refundable) .....	\$300.00
Audit Fee (per course; computer courses may not be audited) .....	\$275.00
Graduation Fee (non-refundable) .....	\$125.00
Payment Plan Fee .....	\$55.00
Computer Laboratory Fee .....	\$50.00
Science Laboratory Fee .....	\$55.00

**Program-Specific Fees**

A.S.N. Clinical Course Fee (per credit hour) .....	\$90.00
A.S.N. Simulation Laboratory Fee (per semester) .....	\$150.00
A.S.N. Students Liability Insurance Fee (per semester) .....	\$20.00
A.S.N. Testing/Screening Fee (per semester) .....	\$140.00
B.S.N. Clinical Course Fee (per credit hour) .....	\$90.00
B.S.N. Simulation Laboratory Fee (per semester beginning with NUR 245) .....	\$150.00
B.S.N. Student Liability Insurance Fee (per semester) .....	\$20.00
B.S.N. Testing/Screening Fee (per semester) .....	\$75.00
R.N.-B.S.N. Health and Physical Assessment Simulation Laboratory Fee .....	\$75.00
R.N.-B.S.N. Senior Practicum and Seminar Liability Insurance (per course) .....	\$20.00
School of Education Student Teaching Fee (per credit hour) .....	\$50.00
School of Education Student Liability Insurance Fee (per semester) .....	\$50.00

**Room and Board Fees**

Housing Deposit (per year, non-refundable) .....	\$200.00
Room Cost (per semester) .....	\$2,850.00
Meal Option (per semester, estimated) .....	\$1,600.00

**DELINQUENT PAYMENTS**

**Delinquent payments require cash, cashier's check, or money order. Students with delinquent payments must contact the Office of Student Accounts within 10 days of notification.**

**REFUNDS**

If the College cancels a course, all tuition and fees paid for that course will be refunded in full.

To obtain a refund

- a student approved for financial aid must have received that aid and his/her account must have been credited for the financial aid and that aid must have posted to the student's ledger;
- direct education expenses incurred by the student must have been processed by the Office of Student Accounts and applied to the student's ledger;
- and any payments by check or credit card must have cleared the bank.

Refund checks and e-refunds, including those associated with financial aid, will be issued when adequate funds have been received and processed and a credit balance exists.

After the initial date for refunds, students' refund checks will be available each week on Thursday in the Office of Student Accounts after 2:00 p.m. and Friday until 10:00 a.m. Unclaimed checks will be mailed on Fridays. Students are encouraged to enroll for e-refunds.

A student dismissed from the College for any reason will not be eligible for a refund.

When a student, within fall or spring semesters, including day and evening courses, drops a course, withdraws from a course or withdraws from the College within the published period, tuition will be refunded as follows:

- 100% of tuition paid will be refunded/credited through the fifth calendar working day of the semester;
- 80% of tuition paid will be refunded/credited through the second week of the semester;
- 50% of tuition paid will be refunded/credited through the third week of the semester;
- 25% of tuition paid will be refunded/credited through the fourth week of the semester;
- No refunds will be granted after the fourth week of the semester.

The following refund schedule applies to the summer I and II sessions and science courses:

- 80% of tuition paid will be refunded/credited the first day of class only;
- 50% of tuition paid will be refunded/credited the second day of class;
- 25% of tuition paid will be refunded/credited the third day of class.
- No refunds will be granted beyond the third day of class.

The following refund schedule applies to accelerated courses:

- 100% of tuition paid will be refunded/credited and the course is dropped if the student withdraws prior to the first meeting date;
- 80% of tuition paid will be refunded/credited if the student withdraws prior to the second meeting date;
- No refunds will be granted from the second meeting date through the end of the course.

The student is responsible for any balance resulting from changes of schedule including withdrawal from the College. This obligation includes any balance resulting from required return of financial aid funds both private and federal.

## FINANCIAL AID

Aquinas College offers a comprehensive program of financial aid in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and federal work study.

The Office of Financial Aid is committed to offering a wide range of financial products to students. Students must be provisionally or fully admitted to the College before a financial aid package is developed. Students are encouraged to work closely with the Office of Admissions to complete an application in a timely fashion.

## FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

Financial aid is administered in accordance with federal methodology and regulations established by the U.S. Department of Education. Students must complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) at [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov) in order to establish eligibility for federal, state, and some institutional financial aid. Once the results from the FAFSA are received and the student's admission file is complete, an award package will be developed. Students may accept or decline any portion of the aid package. If a student does not submit a FAFSA, only some institutional scholarships can be awarded. The Office of Financial Aid strongly encourages all students to submit a FAFSA for consideration of all aid Aquinas College can offer.

Students must meet the following criteria to be eligible for federal financial aid:

- submit the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov);
- be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen;
- comply with current Selective Service laws;
- be enrolled in a degree-seeking program;
- maintain satisfactory academic progress toward a degree;
- be enrolled at least half time (6 credit hours) for Stafford Loans and Tennessee State Grants;
- be a Tennessee resident and a Federal Pell Grant recipient to receive a Tennessee State Grant.

## VERIFICATION

Verification is the process of checking the accuracy of the information reported on the FAFSA. Students may be selected by the U.S. Department of Education or by the College's Office of Financial Aid for verification. In either case, students will be required to submit copies of tax returns, tax transcripts, or use the IRS data retrieval tool within the FAFSA, and complete other worksheets for review. Financial aid will not be awarded until the verification process has been completed. Failure to submit requested documents in a timely manner may jeopardize eligibility for financial aid.

## DEADLINES

The priority deadline for filing the FAFSA is February 15 for each year the student is in school. Failure to file the FAFSA before February 15 may jeopardize eligibility for the Tennessee Student Assistance Award Program (TSAA) and for certain campus-based funds such as Federal work-study and FSEOG.

Applicants for the President's and Vice President's scholarships are required to be admitted to Aquinas College and to complete the FAFSA and the Aquinas College Scholarship Application prior to February 15. Failure to meet these requirements may result in the loss of scholarship eligibility.

## WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COLLEGE/RETURN OF TITLE IV FUNDS

Students should be aware that their eligibility for financial aid may be jeopardized by dropping courses or by withdrawing from Aquinas College. Therefore, students are urged to seek academic counseling from their academic advisor and financial aid advising from the Office of Financial Aid before deciding to alter their enrollment status. Institutional, state, and federal (Title IV) funds will be removed from the student's account based on the number of days (percentage of period) completed. This percentage will be applied to the total amount of Title IV aid for which the student established eligibility before withdrawing (earned aid). The amount of earned aid which was (or could have been) disbursed and the remaining amount will be returned to the Title IV programs. This may result in a loan from the department of Education for the portion applied to the student's account and an outstanding balance due to the College.

## DISTRIBUTION OF UNEARNED AID

If the Return of Title IV Funds calculation reveals that the student has received funds that were not earned, these funds will be returned to the Title IV programs in the following order:

- unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan;
- subsidized Federal Stafford Loan;
- Federal Plus Loan;
- Federal Pell Grant;
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant.

## SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY

*NOTE: Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards for financial aid apply to all students whether or not they are receiving federal aid, and must be taken into consideration at such time as a student begins to receive federal aid.*

Students who receive federal or state financial aid must be making satisfactory academic progress (SAP) toward earning a degree. For SAP purposes, progress is measured by the student's cumulative GPA, percentage of credit hours earned in relation to those attempted, and the length of the academic program. In order to ensure that each student makes satisfactory progress both in terms of the cumulative number of hours completed and the cumulative GPA earned, Aquinas College will use the following satisfactory academic progress policy and analyze student performance at the end of each semester.

The Office of Financial Aid reviews student transcripts at the end of each fall, spring, and summer semester. The first time a student fails to meet the minimum requirements of the grade point average and/or the 67% passing rate, he or she will be placed on a one semester financial aid warning. The student's financial aid will continue through the warning period. If the student fails to meet the minimum requirements at the end of the warning period, he or she will be placed on satisfactory academic progress suspension and financial aid will be terminated. A student has the right to appeal the suspension.

## COMPONENTS OF SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

### Satisfactory Grades

Satisfactory grades are A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, P, W, or WP. Unsatisfactory grades are F, NP, FN, WF, or I. If, at the end of a semester, a student receives all unsatisfactory grades, he or she will be placed on immediate financial aid warning.

### Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)

Students are required to maintain a satisfactory cumulative grade point average based on the total number of hours attempted as indicated below. Please note each school may have additional program specific requirements to maintain Good Standing (see page 25 of this Catalog).

<u>Number of Hours Attempted</u>	<u>Cumulative GPA</u>
0-23	1.75
24+	2.0

### 67% Completion Rate

Students are required to complete at least 67% of all attempted credit hours in their current degree program.

### 150% Time Frame

Students are required to complete their program of study within a required time frame of no longer than 150% of the published length of the program. For example, for a baccalaureate degree requiring 120 credit hours, a student may attempt a maximum of 180 credit hours. For an associate degree that requires a total of 71 credit hours, a student may attempt a total of 107 credit hours.

Please note that this component is reviewed independently, and there is no SAP warning period for the 150% time frame for completion. Students will be notified prior to their final semester of eligibility.

If a student changes from one degree program to another, the cumulative number of credit hours attempted and earned will be adjusted to reflect the requirements of the new program.

### **Financial Aid Warning**

Students will be placed on a one semester financial aid warning for

- failure to maintain the minimum cumulative grade point average or
- failure to pass at least 67% of cumulative hours attempted for the degree.

The warning will be removed from a student's record the following semester provided the minimum requirements for satisfactory academic progress (SAP) are met. If the requirements are not met, financial aid will be suspended.

### **Financial Aid Suspension**

Students will be placed on financial aid suspension for failure to meet the minimum requirements for satisfactory academic progress (SAP) for two successive semesters. Financial aid will be reinstated when the requirements for SAP are met or if SAP is successfully appealed.

### **Appeals Process**

Students must demonstrate that they were unable to complete a semester under normal circumstances (e.g., medical problems, accident, or death in the immediate family). Students must provide evidence that they are capable of achieving satisfactory academic progress by the end of the next enrolled semester. Appeals are made to the Office of Financial Aid using the *Satisfactory Academic Progress Suspension Appeals* form and must include documents as indicated on the form.

Appeal documentation and any mitigating circumstances will be reviewed by the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Committee. The Committee reserves the right to speak directly with the student. The Committee may deny the appeal, approve the appeal, or approve the appeal with the condition that an academic plan is prepared for the student in consultation with his/her Dean or academic advisor.

Students' financial aid will continue for one semester if an appeal has been processed and approved.

### **General Information**

Credits completed at other institutions are not calculated in a student's cumulative grade point average at Aquinas College.

Audit (AU), Withdraw Passing (WP), Withdrawal (W), Not Passing (NP) count as credits attempted but not earned and have no impact on GPA.

Withdraw Failing (WF) and Failure non-attendance (FN) count as credits attempted but not earned and are factored into the GPA as an "F".

Pass (P) and No Grade (NG) count as credits attempted and earned but have no impact on GPA.

Incompletes (I) and In Progress (IP) count as credits attempted but not earned and have no impact on GPA.

Repeated courses count as credits attempted, but the grade for the first course will not be earned and have no impact on GPA.

Developmental courses are graded Pass (P) or Non-Pass (NP) and have no impact on GPA.

Students who are approaching the maximum number of credit hours, and are warned that their financial aid will soon be exhausted, may appeal for the continuation of financial aid if extenuating circumstances have led to an excessive accumulation of credit hours.

Students who change grade levels while on financial aid warning must meet the cumulative grade point average for that grade level at the end of the financial aid warning period.

### **Reinstatement of Financial Aid Eligibility**

A student may be eligible to have his/her financial aid reinstated whenever he/she enrolls without financial aid and successfully completes the requirements necessary for satisfactory academic progress standards.

## **FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS**

The **Federal Pell Grant** is a federal financial assistance program for undergraduate students who have demonstrated financial need. These are grant funds that do not need to be repaid.

The **Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)** is for undergraduate students with exceptional financial need who are also Federal Pell Grant recipients. FSEOG does not need to be repaid. However, funding is limited and is given out on a first come, first served basis until available funds are exhausted.



The **Federal Work-Study (FWS)** program provides part-time employment for students who demonstrate financial need. FWS jobs may be on campus or off campus at a non-profit agency. The basic rate of pay may be equal to, but not less than the prevailing federal minimum wage. Funds must be earned and will be paid monthly on an as-worked basis. Funding is limited. Students are expected to use these funds as payments applied to existing account balances.

**Federal Stafford Loans** are low-interest, long-term educational loans made to students enrolled in at least 6 credit hours per semester.

**Federal PLUS** loans are for parents of dependent students enrolled in at least 6 credit hours per semester.

#### ***Veterans' Assistance Program***

Courses at Aquinas College are approved for Veterans' Training. Information concerning these programs may be obtained from the local Veterans' Administration Office or the Office of the Registrar at Aquinas College. Veterans are certified to receive benefits beginning with the first day of courses. Students enrolled in any program that is not accredited by the regional accrediting agency may not participate in the Veterans Assistance Program.

The **Tennessee Student Assistance Award (TSAA)** provides financial assistance to needy undergraduate students who are residents of Tennessee and are enrolled at an eligible post-secondary institution in Tennessee. Funding is limited; therefore, it is recommended that students submit a FAFSA as close to January 1<sup>st</sup> as possible, using a "will file" status for tax information, if necessary. The funds are awarded "first come, first served, based on need". Awards are made until funds are depleted.

The **Hope Scholarship** is available to all first-time freshmen under the following conditions.

To be eligible for the Hope Scholarship a student must be a Tennessee resident for one year prior to the application deadline which is September 1st for the fall semester and February 1st for the spring and summer semesters. Students must enroll in at least 6 credit hours in a Hope-eligible institution within 16 months of graduation from high school, a home school program, or GED program. Students must have a minimum score of 21 ACT (composite), 980 SAT (math & critical reading only), or have a final weighted GPA of 3.0 when graduating from a public or private high school. GED students must have the minimum ACT/SAT scores listed above and 525 on the GED test. Home school graduates must have the ACT/SAT scores listed above and must have been enrolled in a home school for at least one academic year immediately preceding completion.

To renew the scholarship students must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 after 24 and 48 attempted credit hours and a minimum GPA of 3.0 at 72, 96, and 120 attempted credit hours. Students will have their eligibility checked at the end of each semester of continuous enrollment. Students must maintain continuous enrollment to be eligible for the scholarship. Scholarship recipients should never drop a course after the drop/add period without first talking to the Financial Aid counselors about how it will affect the scholarship.

#### ***Hope Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students***

To be eligible for the Hope Scholarship for non-traditional students, a student must be a resident of Tennessee prior to the application deadlines stated above and be at least 25 years old. Household adjusted gross income must be \$36,000 or less (any year that income exceeds this amount will make a student ineligible for the scholarship for that year). Students must be an entering freshman or have not been enrolled in a postsecondary institution for at least two years. Students earn their way into the Hope Scholarship program by completing 12 credit hours without the scholarship and achieving a 2.75 GPA. The renewal criteria are the same as for the traditional Hope Scholarship.

## **AQUINAS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Aquinas College maintains an extensive scholarship program. Scholarship applicants must

- be a degree-seeking student in a designated program;
- have and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 unless otherwise stated;
- register for and complete the minimum credit hours stated;
- maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (see page 13).

Scholarships are renewable on a semester-by-semester basis, provided the student maintains the required cumulative grade point average and other criteria as specified in the scholarship agreement.

Scholarships will be awarded according to the decisions of the Scholarship Committee appointed by the President of the College. All scholarship amounts are subject to change and scholarships may be added or deleted at any time. Scholarship recipients automatically become Student Ambassadors; four service hours per semester are requested from each scholarship recipient at Aquinas College. Scholarships are not retroactive and may not be used for summer sessions.

Students receiving scholarships and grants above the cost of tuition, fees, and books may receive a refund in order to supplement the indirect costs associated with attending college. The amount of any refund resulting from institutional funding may not exceed \$2,000 per semester. In the event that a student receives more than \$2,000 in excess institutional funds each semester, Aquinas College will reduce the total amount of institutional scholarships received.

## Scholarship Application Procedures

- Be admitted to Aquinas College by February 15 as a new student.
- Complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) by February 15 for need based scholarships.
- Complete Aquinas College Scholarship application by February 15 (required only if notified to apply for the President's and Vice President's Scholarships).

## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

*Academic Scholarships* are based on a combination of ACT/SAT score and high school Grade Point Average (GPA). Students who receive the President's Scholarship or Vice President's Scholarship are ineligible for other Aquinas College Academic Scholarships.

The *President's Scholarship* represents the College's highest recognition of scholastic achievement of the first-time, full-time college student. Full tuition is awarded each year to a limited number of qualified candidates. The President's Scholarship competition is open to any prospective freshman who has achieved a minimum standard composite of 30 ACT or minimum 1340 SAT combined score in Critical Reading and Math, has a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and demonstrates outstanding leadership potential. Two letters of recommendation are required from the student's guidance counselor, teacher, Honor Society moderator, and/or community service club sponsor. A personal interview is required of candidates for this scholarship. The President's Scholarship is renewable for up to four years if a GPA of 3.5 is maintained with full-time attendance.

The *Vice President's Scholarship* acknowledges the exceptional scholastic achievement of the first-time, full-time college freshman. A maximum of fifty percent of tuition is awarded each year to a limited number of qualified candidates. The Vice President's Scholarship competition is open to any prospective freshman who has achieved a minimum standard composite of 26 on the ACT or a minimum of 1190 SAT combined score in Critical Reading and Math and has a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.2 or greater on a 4.0 scale and demonstrates leadership ability. Two letters of recommendation are required from the student's guidance counselor, teacher, Honor Society moderator, and/or community service club sponsor. A personal interview is required of candidates for this scholarship. The Vice President's Scholarship is renewable for up to four years if a minimum GPA of 3.0 is maintained with full-time attendance.

The *Provost's Award, Dean's Award, Distinguished Scholar Award, and Aquinas Scholar Award*, based on a combination of ACT /SAT score and high school GPA, are awarded to first-time, full-time college freshmen. Eligibility for these scholarships is nullified if a recipient receives the President's Scholarship or Vice President's Scholarship. Awards range from \$1,000-\$4,000 annually and are renewable for up to four years if a minimum GPA of 3.0 is maintained with full-time attendance.

*Transfer Scholarships* are granted to college transfer students who have earned at least 12 credit hours at previous institutions and have a minimum 2.75 collegiate GPA. Students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a collegiate cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale to continue their eligibility. Awards range from \$1,000-\$2,000 annually and are renewable for up to four years.

*Catholic Student Awards* are granted to first-time college freshmen and transfer students. The Award is for \$2,000 annually. Award recipients must show proof of active membership at a Catholic Church and enroll in at least 12 credit hours per semester or full-time enrollment in their respective academic program. Recipients must remain in good standing as defined by the College to renew this award for up to eight semesters.

## SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

The *J. Randall Wyatt, Jr. Scholarship Fund* was named in honor of Judge Randall Wyatt, Jr., a former instructor in the Criminal Justice Program at Aquinas College. Awarded to a student who has been admitted into the School of Arts & Sciences and who maintains a minimum GPA of 2.5. The student must demonstrate financial need and enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

The *Sister Henry Suso Scholarship* was named in memory of Sister Henry Suso Fletcher, O.P., a former president of Aquinas College. The scholarship provides financial assistance for one student pursuing a major in the School of Arts & Sciences who demonstrates exceptional academic capability as evidence by a minimum GPA of 3.2. The student must enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

The *Jean and Bernard Curran Scholarship Fund* was established in 1987 by the family members of a Dominican Sister to provide financial assistance to one student pursuing a major in the School of Arts & Sciences with financial need. This scholarship is only available in even-numbered years (e.g., the academic year of 2016-2017). The student must maintain a GPA of 3.2 and must enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. Maximum award amount is \$1400.

The *Evelyn Howington Scholarship* was named in honor of former St. Cecilia Academy faculty member, Evelyn Howington and provides financial assistance to one student pursuing a major in the School of Arts & Sciences with a minimum GPA of 3.0. This scholarship is only available in odd-numbered years (e.g. the academic year 2015-2016). The student must enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

## SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The *Judy and Patrick Sharbel Business Scholarship* was established by Mr. and Mrs. Sharbel, long time friends, supporters and member of the Aquinas College Board of Directors (Patrick). The four year scholarship is based on financial need and awarded to a maximum of two students per year. Students must be admitted into the School of Business and have earned a minimum composite score of 20 on the ACT. Students must enroll in and complete a minimum of 15 credit hours per semester and maintain a GPA of 2.8. The amount awarded may be equal to 50% of the annual tuition and may not exceed this amount.

## SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

The *Terry O'Rourke Scholarship* was named in memory of John Terrance O'Rourke, Jr., a graduate of the Class of 1976 at Aquinas College and former Aquinas alumni association officer. The scholarship provides financial assistance to a student with a minimum GPA of 2.5 in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program of study.

The *Denis-Shepherd-Sprouse Scholarship Fund* was established in memory of Miss Magdalene Denis and Miss Hazel Shepherd by Dr. Daphne Sprouse, former member of the Aquinas College Board of Directors. The scholarship provides financial assistance to a student with a minimum GPA of 2.5 in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program of study.

The *Aquinas College A.S.N Alumni Scholarship for the R.N.-B.S.N Program* was established to promote continuous academic progression in nursing for registered nurses who are graduates of the Aquinas College Associate Degree in Nursing Program. This scholarship provides \$5,000 per year and is applied to the costs of tuition for graduates of the Aquinas College Associate Degree Nursing Program who meet all policies for admission to Aquinas College and to the R.N.-B.S.N. Program. Students must be enrolled full-time in the R.N.-B.S.N. Program. Scholarships will be awarded to students in good standing on a per term basis at the time of registration.

The *Anne and Kevin Lynch Family Nursing Scholarship* was established to encourage and assist deserving students to enroll in the Master of Science in Nursing Education Program. Recipients must be Catholic, be in good academic standing and have financial need.

## SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The *Ann and Monroe Carell, Jr. Catholic Teacher Education Scholarship* was established by Ann and Monroe Carell, longtime friends and supporters as well as former Board of Director member (Ann) of Aquinas College to provide financial assistance to a Catholic student pursuing a degree in the School of Education. The scholarship is renewable for a maximum of four academic years with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and the completion of a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

The *Ann and Monroe Carell, Jr. Teacher Education Scholarship* was established by Ann and Monroe Carell, longtime friends and supporters as well as former Board of Director member (Ann) of Aquinas College to support the education of a Dominican Sister at Aquinas College in the School of Education. Freshmen and sophomores may be awarded a maximum of \$1,000. Awards to juniors and seniors may not exceed \$3,000.

The *J.W. Carell Family Scholarship* was established by Jim Carell, father of several Aquinas College graduates to support the education of a Dominican Sister at Aquinas College preferably in the School of Education.

The *Marianelli Scholarship* was named in honor of Andrew Marianelli, former member of the Aquinas College Advisory Council and is awarded to one student in the School of Education. The applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.2 and enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. The recipient must be reviewed annually by the Scholarship Committee for renewal.

The *Andrew Marianelli Teacher Education Scholarship* was named in honor of Andrew Marianelli, former member of the Aquinas College Advisory Council. Awarded to a student in the School of Education, the applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.8 and enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester (16 credit hours is preferred). The recipient must be reviewed annually by the Scholarship committee and is renewable for a maximum of four academic years and awarded in increments as follows:

Year 1	25% tuition (excluding fees)
Year 2	50% tuition (excluding fees)
Year 3	75% tuition (excluding fees)
Year 4	100% tuition (excluding fees)

The *Angela Healey McCormick Memorial Scholarship* was established by her family to honor Mrs. McCormick and her twenty years of service in the Davidson and Williamson counties educational system. Applicants must be a resident of Williamson or Davidson counties. To apply for the scholarship, applicants must submit a 250 word essay and two letters of recommendation. The scholarship is renewable for a maximum of four academic years and recipients must maintain a 2.75 GPA. The scholarship is stackable up to 100% of the cost of tuition; however, federal and state program will be factored first.

The *Marion Beckham and Jim Clayton Scholarship for the Education of the Dominican Sisters* was established in memory of the parents of Jim Clayton, III, an Aquinas College board member and the grandparents of Carole Reinke AC'00, SCA'97, OS'93, Susan Kennedy SCA'88, OS'84 and Nancye Henderson SCA'84, OS'80. The scholarship provides tuition for a Dominican Sister attending Aquinas College preferably in the School of Education.

## GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

*Aquinas Scholar Award* provides two (2) St. Cecilia Academy students ranking in the top of the junior class the opportunity to be named Aquinas Scholar according to the recommendation of the faculty of St. Cecilia Academy. Such students are entitled to take one course per semester of their senior year at Aquinas College with no tuition beyond the tuition charged at St. Cecilia Academy.

The *Mary Sue and Joel Cheek Scholarship Fund* was established by the Cheeks, lifelong friends of Aquinas College, to provide tuition assistance to Catholic students who demonstrate financial need. Applicants may enroll in any program, complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester and must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0.

The *Margaret and Dan Maddox Tuition Assistance Scholarship* was established by Mr. and Mrs. Maddox before their untimely passing and provides tuition assistance to a student in any program who demonstrates financial need and maintains a GPA of 2.0. The student must enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

The *Grannis Family Scholarship Fund* is named for a family very devoted to the success of not only Aquinas College but also The Dominican Campus. The scholarship was established by Jay Grannis (OS '72) and his mother, Evelyn, in 2002 to ensure that students from all financial backgrounds can attend Aquinas College. A recipient must enroll in 12 credit hours and maintain a GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

The *Sister Dominica Scholarship* was established in 1986 to honor Sr. Dominica Gobel, O.P., former Academic Dean, for her service to Aquinas College since its beginning in 1961. The scholarship provides need-based aid to two students per academic year who have achieved a minimum GPA of 3.0. Applicants must enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

The *Janet and Bill Bachus Family Scholarship* was established by alumnus and former Board of Directors member, Stephen Bachus '80, in memory of his parents and ensures that students from all financial backgrounds can attend Aquinas College. Scholarship award should not exceed the full cost of tuition and fees. Students must enroll in 12 credit hours per semester and maintain a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

The *Dominican Scholarship* is available to students who have been enrolled at least four years in an elementary or high school where the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia serve as teachers and administrators. Students receive a tuition discount of 25-75% depending on the number of years enrolled. This scholarship is available to first time, full time students and can be received for four years as long as a student is enrolled in 12 credit hours each semester, maintains a GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale and is active in the Fourth Pillar Program.

## OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Private sources offer financial assistance and students are encouraged to research the availability of funds from private foundations and organizations. Source information may be obtained through the Office of Financial Aid, the Aquinas College library, other local libraries, and the Internet. Students must inform the Office of Financial Aid upon receipt of an outside scholarship.



# GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

## THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Aquinas College operates according to a semester calendar with two (2) 16-week semesters comprising the academic year. In addition, the College offers summer sessions, evening courses, and an accelerated R.N.-B.S.N. Program.

## CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

Students are classified as follows:

- \* Freshman: 0 - 23 credit hours earned;
- \* Sophomore: 24 - 47 credit hours earned;
- \* Junior: 48 - 71 credit hours earned; and
- \* Senior: 72 or more credit hours earned.

*\*This classification is not the means for determining a student's academic progress toward completion of degree requirements or graduation date. Students must consult with their academic advisor to understand the number of credit hours required for completion of their specific degree and for scheduling remaining courses. Only after consulting his/her academic advisor will the student have a basis for determining an anticipated graduation date.*

## COURSE SCHEDULES

Prior to the beginning of each semester, and summer sessions, a schedule of courses is published. Aquinas College reserves the right to alter the published schedule at any time. In addition to the course listings, the schedule contains calendar information, registration procedures, financial information and the schedule for drop/add and withdrawal, including the refund policy.

## COURSE LISTINGS/OFFERINGS

Individual courses under course schedules are subject to change or cancellation at any time and may not be offered each semester or every year. Any course may be cancelled from current offerings if the number of registrants does not justify its offering.

## COURSE SCHEDULE CHANGES

During the fall and spring semesters, official changes in a student's schedule will be accepted only during the times stipulated on the College calendar. Deadlines for these changes during summer sessions will be posted prior to the beginning of each session. Changes must be made with the consent of the student's academic advisor and the Offices of Financial Aid, Student Accounts, and the Registrar. (*See Dropping/Adding Courses*).

*Students who fail to make financial arrangements at the time they register for courses will not be considered officially registered until financial arrangements have been made through the Office of Student Accounts. These students will be automatically deleted from the system according to dates published in the fall, spring and summer session schedules, if financial arrangements are not made by the designated date (or the first day of the course, if no date is specified).*

## STUDENT COURSE LOAD

For the purposes of determining student financial aid eligibility, students taking 12 or more credit hours per semester are full-time students. Students taking 6 to 11 credit hours are considered part-time students. Students may not enroll for more than 18 credit hours without completing the *Extension of Maximum Number of Semester Hours*. This form may be obtained in the Office of the Registrar and must be approved by the Vice President for Academics. It is the student's responsibility to obtain and be aware of the published schedules and the Aquinas College calendar.

## DEVELOPMENTAL COURSES

Developmental courses are offered to help the student meet the required proficiency in a designated subject area. No credit is awarded for developmental courses. Course grades are Pass (P) or Non-Pass (NP) and are indicated on the College transcript. Developmental courses are not considered in GPA computation.

Although developmental courses do not count towards required credit hours for graduation, they do count toward eligibility for financial aid. Students who are required to take developmental courses must successfully complete them during the first semester of attendance with a minimum grade of 80% (P) before entering the next level of study. Failure to complete with 80% will necessitate a second enrollment during the following term. Students who do not pass on the second attempt will be unable to continue their studies at Aquinas College.

## TRANSFER CREDIT

All transfer credit is granted at the discretion of the institution. Aquinas College reserves the right to reject any course that is contrary to the College's mission. Transfer credit is not considered in the computation of the Aquinas GPA except for the purpose of determining honors designations for graduation for students who matriculated prior to the 2014-2015 academic year.

Only courses taken at other regionally accredited institutions, in traditional format or by distance learning, for which the student has earned a grade of at least “C-”, will be evaluated for transfer credit. Vocational, technical, developmental, and remedial courses will not be considered. The amount of transfer credit accepted will be determined by the Dean of the appropriate school in accordance with the degree requirements. Transfer credit is evaluated based on the student’s degree requirements and will be awarded if the evaluator can determine that the course is equivalent to the course required at Aquinas College. The determination is made based on comparison of course descriptions, outcomes, and/or syllabi from the student’s previous institution.

In all degrees except the Associate of Science in Nursing (A.S.N.) and the four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degrees, science courses must have been completed within the last ten (10) years to be transferable. To be transferrable for the A.S.N. and the four-year B.S.N. degrees, all required science courses must be completed within five (5) years of starting these degree programs. The ten-year limitation of lower-division science courses for the R.N.-B.S.N degree may be waived if, at the discretion of the Dean of the School of Nursing, the student has been actively involved in the practice of nursing.

Once a student starts attending Aquinas College, the student must complete all of the course work required for the degree at Aquinas College. Should special circumstances arise that require a student to take a course or courses at another institution while attending Aquinas, the student must obtain a *Request for Transfer Credit* form from the Dean of the appropriate school to be approved by the Vice President for Academics. This form serves as confirmation that the credit will be accepted if the required grade is made. Failure to obtain such an agreement jeopardizes the transfer of credit.

### **Non-accredited Institutions**

Transfer credit is not accepted from institutions lacking regional accreditation, including professional programs and vocational institutions. Transfer of credits from new colleges or universities which are seeking regional accreditation is dependent upon the review of the course syllabus, as determined by the Dean of the appropriate school, with approval by the Vice President for Academics.

### **Syllabus Approval**

Due to the specialized courses or mission-oriented courses, there is no guarantee that every course will be transferred to Aquinas College. If a Dean has a question about the transferability of a course, the student should provide a syllabus from the course. The Dean will then submit the syllabus to the faculty member who is an expert in the discipline of the course in question. The faculty member will review the syllabus for scope, content, and rigor to determine if the course is equivalent to the Aquinas course. The judgment is then communicated to the Dean who will complete the transfer credit process or who will communicate to the student that the course will not transfer.

### **Transfer Credit – For Extra-Institutional Learning**

Aquinas College acknowledges that learning experiences can occur in settings other than traditional college courses and thus may warrant college-level credit. Any acceptable credits gained through the following programs are recorded as transfer credit. Students may earn up to a maximum of 30 credit hours toward an associate degree and up to 60 credit hours toward a baccalaureate degree.

### **Extra-institutional Examples**

**AP (Advanced Placement)** – The Office of the Registrar maintains a list of accepted exams and course equivalencies. For credit to be awarded, a minimum scaled score of 3 is required on the College Entrance Examination Board’s Advanced Placement tests. The amount of credit allotted is based on ACE (American Council on Education) recommendations. The grade is recorded as “CR” on the student’s transcript.

**CLEP (College-Level Examination Program)** – The Office of the Registrar maintains a list of accepted exams and course equivalencies. Generally, a minimum score of 50 is required. Credit allotted is based on ACE (American Council on Education) recommendations. The grade is recorded as “CR” on the student’s transcript.

**Military Credit** – Credit will be awarded if equivalent to Aquinas course content and necessary for student’s degree. Students must submit an official military transcript for evaluation. All credit awarded is based on ACE (American Council on Education) recommendations. The grade is recorded as “CR” on the student’s transcript.

**Computer Competency Exam** – Aquinas College offers a competency examination for students who believe they have the required knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access to meet the objectives of CPU 115, Introduction to Computers. Permission to take the test must be obtained from the student’s academic advisor. Students must pass the examination with a score of 70% or higher to be awarded 3 credit hours and a grade of “P”. If a student fails to pass the competency exam, it is important that the student remember to register for the CPU 115 course as soon as possible. Students should be aware that credit given by Aquinas College for the Computer Competency Exam might not be transferable to other institutions.

### **Change of Program**

Students who change academic programs may be eligible for additional transfer credits. Upon change of program and/or major, the student’s Dean will re-evaluate the student’s official transcripts in terms of the new program of study.

### **Quarter Hours Conversion**

Quarter hours earned at previous institutions that are accepted for transfer credit convert at a rate of .66 semester hours for each quarter hour.

## ADVISEMENT AND REGISTRATION

Advisement decisions are made on the basis of the student's designated program of study. The purposes of advisement are to guide the student in terms of course selection and to provide academic counseling. Students must meet with their academic advisor in order to register for the upcoming semester.

The new student advisement and registration process begins after the student has been admitted and has paid the enrollment deposit. After receipt of the deposit, the student is assigned an academic advisor who will contact the student to discuss scheduling and registration for the upcoming semester. Following advisement, the student will be permitted to register online.

Returning students must meet with their academic advisor before registering for the next semester. Dates for academic advisement and online registration are posted in the Office of the Registrar and on the academic calendar (see page 3).

The student is entirely responsible for completing the requirements for the degree program in which he/she is registered. It is up to the student, in consultation with his/her academic advisor, to select the appropriate courses, maintain the required GPA, and carry the required hours in preparation for graduation. Course drops, withdrawals, and failures are the complete responsibility of the student and may affect his/her graduation date. A student's decision to change his/her program of study may also impact progress toward graduation.

## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

New student orientation is held prior to the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. Students receive an overview of campus policies and procedures and meet with their academic advisor. Students also receive information and training about academic integrity, student services, student activities, safety procedures, and Title IX.

## ATTENDANCE

Effective learning requires active involvement of both students and faculty. Each instructor establishes his/her own attendance policy. Students are expected to attend all classes and be punctual unless prevented by extenuating circumstances. It is the student's obligation to personally notify the individual course instructor(s) about any absence, in advance if possible. Students may be penalized if the number of absences becomes excessive, as defined in the course syllabus. The instructor has the discretion to allow for the completion of missed work and to determine how such work will be evaluated, including possible penalties.

## SUBMISSION OF COURSEWORK

All work submitted in courses must be original and properly cited. Coursework (research, presentations, essays, papers, etc.) cannot be recycled for credit in another course or in a repeated course.

## EXAMINATIONS

Instructors may give tests at any time and a final written examination/assessment is required at the end of most courses. Only in extreme emergencies will any deviation from a final examination schedule be allowed. Any unexcused absence from a final examination will result in a grade of "F" for the final examination and, depending on the weight of the exam, may result in a grade of "F" for the course.

## THE GRADING SYSTEM

Final course grades represent a common standard intended to reflect the degree to which expected learning outcomes of the course have been achieved. The method(s) for determining final course grades, including grading scale, are indicated in each course syllabus disseminated at the beginning of the term. The standard used by Aquinas College faculty for determining final course grades are reported on students' transcripts as letters and conform to the following rubric:

- A, A- Work of superior quality indicating an excellent level of achievement;
- B+, B, B- Work of above average quality indicating a high level of achievement;
- C+, C, C- Work of average quality indicating a satisfactory level of achievement;
- D+, D Passing, below graduation and transfer standard;
- F Failing, course must be repeated to receive credit;
- FN Failing due to non-attendance, course must be repeated to receive credit.

Each instructor establishes his/her own grading scale, including numerical standards and equivalent letter grades.

The following are recorded on the transcript depending upon the circumstances:

AU	Audit	W	Withdrawal
WP	Withdraw passing	WF	Withdraw failing
I	Incomplete	NG	No grade
P	Passing	NP	Not Passing
R	Course repeated	FN	Failure non-attendance

An “**I**” indicates that work required for a course was not completed and the student was granted a temporary extension to complete course requirements. The “I” will be removed from the transcript and a grade assigned when the student fulfills the conditions for completing the course requirements stipulated on the *Intent to Take an Incomplete* form (see *Incompletes* below). The “I” has no effect on the student’s GPA during the period of the extension. If the conditions for removing the “I” are not met by the end of the subsequent semester (excluding the summer term), the Registrar will assign a grade of “F” for the course.

A “**P**” (*passing*) and “**NP**” (*not passing*) are awarded for developmental courses or for successful completion of the Computer Competency Exam (see page 20) and have no grade point value.

A “**W**” appears on the transcript when a student withdraws from a course or the College during the withdrawal without academic penalty period. The “W” has no effect on the student’s GPA.

A “**WP**” (*withdraw passing*) appears on the transcript when a student withdraws from a course or the College during the withdrawal with academic penalty period. The “WP” has no effect on the student’s GPA.

A “**WF**” (*withdraw failing*) appears on the transcript when a student withdraws from a course or the College during the withdrawal with academic penalty period. The “WF” does affect the student’s GPA. It is calculated in the GPA as an “F”.

An “**FN**” (*failure non-attendance*) appears on the transcript when a student is determined by an instructor to be in violation of either the instructor’s attendance policy (contained within each course syllabus) or the general attendance policy of the school. (See page 21 of this Catalog regarding attendance.) The “FN” is calculated into the GPA as an “F”.

## QUALITY POINTS

Each grade is accompanied by an equivalent number of quality points based upon the numbers of credit hours a course is worth. A student must earn twice as many quality points as credit hours earned toward the degree to determine eligibility for graduation. Quality points are awarded as follows:

A.....	4.000	Quality Points per credit hour	C+.....	2.333	Quality Points per credit hour
A- .....	3.667	Quality Points per credit hour	C.....	2.000	Quality Points per credit hour
B+.....	3.333	Quality Points per credit hour	C- .....	1.667	Quality Points per credit hour
B.....	3.000	Quality Points per credit hour	D+ .....	1.333	Quality Points per credit hour
B-.....	2.667	Quality Points per credit hour	D.....	1.000	Quality Points per credit hour
			F .....	0.000	Quality Points per credit hour

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE

The student’s Grade Point Average (GPA) is computed by dividing the number of Quality Points (PNTS) earned from courses taken at Aquinas College by the number of Credit Hours (HRS) earned from courses taken at Aquinas College.  $PNTS \text{ divided by } HRS = GPA$ . Excluded from the GPA calculations are courses taken as audit, courses officially dropped, courses officially withdrawn during the “no penalty period”, courses assigned a WP, developmental courses registering a grade of “P” or “NP”, courses that have been repeated and replaced, and transfer credit for courses taken at other institutions.

## MID-TERM AND FINAL GRADES

Mid-term deficiencies are provided to the student and his/her academic advisor in the fall and spring semesters, but are not recorded on the transcript. Students who receive mid-term deficiencies must make appointments with their academic advisor within one week. Final course grades are available to the student on the student portal at the end of each semester and summer sessions. Students who prefer to have their grades mailed must notify the Office of the Registrar. Final grades will not be available until all financial obligations are met.

A student has a period of ten business days following completion of a course to refute the grade given for that course. The student must contact the instructor of the course in order to challenge the grade. (See the *Aquinas College Student Handbook* for details.)

## INCOMPLETES

A student may be granted an “I” (Incomplete) for a course in which requirements were not completed due to serious illness or extraordinary circumstances beyond the student’s control as determined by the faculty member. The faculty member will complete the *Intent to Take an Incomplete* form which will specify the conditions and timing for completing the course requirements. The *Intent to Take an Incomplete* form will be signed by the student, the faculty member, and the Dean of the School in which the faculty member resides prior to submitting the original to the Registrar’s Office. The student is responsible for initiating the form process, which must be completed prior to the due date for final grades for the term. When conditions for completing the course requirements have been met, the faculty member will notify the Registrar of the student’s final course grade. If the conditions for removing the “I” are not met by the end of the subsequent semester (excluding the summer term), the Registrar will assign a grade of “F” for the course.



## REPEATING COURSES

If a student fails a developmental course, it must be repeated at Aquinas College. If a second failure results, the student will be suspended and unable to continue his/her studies at Aquinas College.

Credit-bearing courses may be repeated only once. Petitions for an exception may be accepted and reviewed by the Dean of the appropriate school. The petition must contain documentation and a compelling argument for the exception to this policy to proceed to the Vice President for Academics. The decision of the Vice President for Academics is final. The student's academic advisor will notify the student of the final decision in writing. The grade received in repeating that course supersedes the previous grade. Credit is awarded following completion of the course that was repeated. When a student receives a "WF" or "FN" in a credit-bearing course that is considered the initial attempt of a course, the student may only repeat the course one more time.

A student enrolled in a specific program of study, e.g. nursing, must be careful to follow the program's individual stipulation for repeating courses.

## CHANGE OF ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Students who wish to change from one academic program to another must submit a copy of the *Request to Change Academic School and Major* form to the student's current Dean. All forms can be obtained in the office of the Dean.

## DOUBLE MAJOR

Students may earn two majors during the completion of their degree requirements. Students should be aware that a minimum of 67% of the credit hours for each major are required to earn any two majors simultaneously and must be unique (that is, do not overlap the requirements for the second major). In certain circumstances, therefore, it may be impossible to earn two majors if the requirements for the majors under consideration share a number of common courses that would thus prevent the attainment of the required percentage of unique courses. In some instances, due to the large number of credits necessary to complete the obligations of both majors, double majors may not be feasible. In these situations, permission from the Dean(s) of the appropriate school(s) from which the majors are sought will be required.

Students considering the possibility of the double major should consult with their academic advisor and develop a written proposal outlining their request. If one of the proposed majors does not originate from the student's academic school, permission must be sought and granted from the Dean of the School of that major. The Vice President for Academics is responsible for final authorization of the student's request.

## DROPPING/ADDING COURSES

The drop/add period for

- fall and spring semesters begins on the first calendar day of the semester and end after the fifth calendar day of the semester.
- summer I and II sessions begins on the first calendar day of the session and end after the second calendar day of the session.
- summer night sessions end after the first class meeting.
- science courses ends after the second class meeting.
- accelerated course drops must be processed before the first class meeting.

Drop transactions do not appear on the transcript. (See pages 11-12 of this Catalog for refund policy.)

## WITHDRAWAL FROM COURSES WITHOUT ACADEMIC PENALTY

Once the drop/add period has ended, students are permitted to withdraw without penalty from individual courses(s) as follows:

- fall and spring semesters begin the second week and end the tenth week. No student may withdraw from any course during the two weeks prior to final examinations.
- summer I and II sessions begin the 3<sup>rd</sup> calendar day of the session and end after the 7<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the session.
- summer night sessions begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of class and end after the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of class;
- science courses begin the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of class and end after the 7<sup>th</sup> day of class;
- accelerated courses:
  - 4-week course: must withdraw before the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> class;
  - 5-week course: must withdraw before the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> class;
  - 6-week course: must withdraw before the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> class;
  - 7-week course: must withdraw before the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> class;
  - 8-week course: must withdraw before the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> class.

Once withdrawn, a "W" (withdrawn) is indicated on the transcript. "W" does not compute in the GPA. Withdrawal does not affect the GPA. (See pages 11-12 of this Catalog for refund policy.)

## WITHDRAWAL FROM COURSES WITH ACADEMIC PENALTY

Students are permitted to withdraw with penalty from individual courses(s) as follows:

- fall and spring semesters begin with the eleventh week and end two weeks before the start of final examinations;
- summer I and II sessions begin the 8<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the session and end after the 15<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the session;
- summer night sessions begin the 4<sup>th</sup> day of class and end after the 7<sup>th</sup> day of class;
- science courses begin the 8<sup>th</sup> day of class and end after the 15<sup>th</sup> day of class;
- accelerated courses:
  - 4-week course: must withdraw before the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> class;
  - 5-week course: must withdraw before the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> class;
  - 6-week course: must withdraw before the start of the 5<sup>th</sup> class;
  - 7-week course: must withdraw before the start of the 6<sup>th</sup> class;
  - 8-week course: must withdraw before the start of the 7<sup>th</sup> class.

Once withdrawn, a “WP” (withdraw passing) or “WF” (withdraw failing) is indicated on the transcript. “WP” does not compute in the GPA. “WF” does compute in the GPA as an “F.” (See pages 11-12 of this Catalog for the refund policy.)

Summer I, Summer II, and summer science courses; under no circumstances may a student withdraw within the last three days of the term.

Summer night sessions; under no circumstances may a student withdraw within the last two days of the term.

When the number of meetings in a course does not conform to the “Withdraw with Penalty” policy (such as, due to holidays) refer to the *Refund and Withdrawal Schedule* for exact dates. This can be found in the front of the current course schedule or the Office of the Registrar.

Following the withdrawal period, students may not withdraw from individual courses.

## WITHDRAWAL PROCESS FOR STUDENTS IN THE RESERVES AND NATIONAL GUARD

Reserve and National Guard armed forces are serving our country. The purpose of this policy is to minimize the financial and educational impact on Aquinas students called to active duty from the National Guard and Reserves.

The following procedure will be implemented at Aquinas College for students in the Reserves or National Guard who are called to active duty:

- If a student receives written orders to report to active duty, the student should bring the original orders to his/her academic advisor who will make a copy to be kept on file in the Office of the Registrar.
- The student should complete the withdrawal process by completing the *Change of Schedule* form by seeing his/her academic advisor and the Offices of Financial Aid, Student Accounts, and the Registrar. Students will receive a grade of “W” and “WP” depending upon the time in the term the student withdraws.
- If the student is the recipient of Federal financial aid or recipient of VA benefits, the appropriate guidelines will be followed regarding the tuition paid up to the point of withdrawal (all fees and books are nonrefundable).
- If the student is a cash-pay student or the recipient of employer tuition assistance, he/she will either receive a credit, which will be applied when the student re-enrolls or a full refund to the payee (student or employer) for the monies paid to the point of withdrawal for the current semester or course. This policy for enrolling will be honored for 5 years or 10 semesters following the semester of withdrawal.
- In the event that the call to active duty of a Reservist or National Guardsman causes his/her spouse enrolled in the college to withdraw because of hardship, the administration will, on a case-by-case basis, consider granting academic relief and tuition credit for monies paid to the point of withdrawal. Hardship on the part of the spouse is demonstrated by presenting all of the following documentation:
  - a copy of the official orders calling his/her spouse to active duty;
  - documentation of a change in the family income as a result of the spouse’s call to active duty;
  - a letter from the responsible Reserve or National Guard commander attesting to the hardship and recommending relief;
  - demonstrated need as determined by the Director of Financial Aid using the FAFSA.

## WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COLLEGE

A student finding it impossible or inadvisable to continue his/her studies at Aquinas College may withdraw from the College. Such withdrawal is considered official only when the student processes the proper withdrawal forms and satisfies all financial obligations. The withdrawal forms must be approved by the Vice President for Academics and the Office of Student Accounts and submitted to the Office of the Registrar. Withdrawal beyond the designated period will be permitted only under extreme circumstances as determined by the Vice President for Academics. The transcript will reflect withdrawal as “WP” passing or “WF” failing. “WP” does not compute in the GPA. “WF” does compute in the GPA as an “F.”

If the student fails to officially withdraw from the College, an “F” will appear on the transcript for each registered course and the GPA will be affected. Should the student desire to return to the College, the readmission procedures must be followed. Should a student withdraw with a balance due to the College, the student will be liable for this debt and neither grades nor transcripts will be released until all debts to the College have been cleared.

Students who withdraw from Aquinas College will be required to complete a withdrawal survey in the Office of the Registrar prior to the finalization of the withdrawal process.

It is important that the student understands it is his/her responsibility to follow the procedure for official withdrawal from courses and/or the College. Failure to do this will result in a grade of “F” for each course in question. Grades of “F” will be reflected in the GPA and no refunds will be given.

## **GOOD STANDING**

Unless stated otherwise below, the student is in good standing if his/her GPA credit hours meet the standard as follows:

<i>Credit Hours Completed at Aquinas College</i>	<i>Minimum Grade Point Average</i>
0-23	1.75
24+	2.00

The term “good standing” indicates only that the student meets the minimum standard for retention and is not related to disciplinary matters.

Students enrolled in the School of Arts & Sciences must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 beyond 23 credit hours and must earn a grade of “C” or higher in all courses intended to satisfy their major and minor requirements.

Students enrolled in the School of Business must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at all times and must earn at least a “C” in all business core and major courses.

Students enrolled in the School of Education must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 for formal induction into the Educator Preparation Program. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 through program completion and must attain a grade of “C” or higher in all courses in the major and professional education.

Students enrolled in the School of Nursing must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at all times and must earn a minimum grade of “C” in all nursing courses and all degree-required science courses.

## **ACADEMIC PROBATION**

A student is placed on academic probation at the end of any regular semester or Summer Session in which his/her cumulative GPA falls below the standard of “Good Standing.”

The student is removed from probation at the end of the probationary semester if he/she earns a semester GPA of at least 2.0 or if the semester GPA is sufficient to bring the cumulative GPA up to the standard for good standing as stated in the chart on page 25. A student may be placed on continued probation for one additional semester with the approval of the Vice President for Academics, if considerable progress is evident. If a student fails to meet the criteria for academic progress at the end of the probationary semester, he/she will then be placed on academic suspension.

## **ACADEMIC SUSPENSION**

Any regularly admitted student who receives a suspension at the end of any given semester or Summer Session will not be eligible for re-enrollment until one regular fall or spring semester has elapsed. At that time, the student may be readmitted on probation.

Upon the receipt of a second suspension, a student will not be eligible for re-enrollment until one calendar year has passed. The student’s application for readmission will then be reviewed by the Admissions Committee to determine if re-admission is in the best interest of the student.

## **DISMISSAL FROM COLLEGE**

A student may be dismissed from Aquinas College subject to the appeals process for grievances as outlined in the *Aquinas College Student Handbook* for, but not limited to, any of the following reasons:

- Conduct of an unacceptable nature (See the *Aquinas College Student Handbook* for details);
- Falsification of records or withholding of information.

Any student dismissed from the College will not receive a refund of tuition or fees.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for undergraduate degrees must meet the following graduation requirements.

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Minimum Number of Credit Hours</u>	<u>Final 25% of Total Credit Hours Completed at Aquinas College*</u>
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)	120	30
Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.)	120	30
Bachelor of Science (B.S.)**	120	30
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.)	120	30
Associate of Science in Nursing (A.S.N.)	71	18
Associate of Arts (A.A.)	63	16

\* Any deviation must be approved by the Dean of the School in which the student is enrolled and by the Vice President for Academics.

\*\* Schools awarding the Bachelor of Science degree may have additional program-specific requirements.

### GPA Requirements\*

- School of Arts & Sciences:
  - Bachelor of Arts – 2.0
  - Associate of Arts – 2.0
- School of Business:
  - Bachelor of Business Administration – 2.0
- School of Education:
  - Bachelor of Science – 2.75
  - Education Licensure, Elementary – 2.75
  - Education Licensure, Secondary – 2.75
- School of Nursing:
  - Associate of Science in Nursing – 2.0
  - Bachelor of Science in Nursing – 2.0

\*See *Good Standing* on page 25 of this Catalog.

### Testing Requirements

- The Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP):
  - Must be taken by all student in their final semester prior to graduation.
- Major Field Test in Business II:
  - Must be taken by senior status students seeking the Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

### Financial Obligations

- Must have all financial obligations to the College fulfilled.
- All graduate candidates are responsible for the following expenses pertaining to graduation:
  - a graduation fee of \$125.00 (non-refundable);
  - expenses incurred through the ordering of announcements, diploma frames, rings, etc.

### Degree Conferral and Commencement

- Submission of an Intent to Graduate form:
  - Must be completed in order to be awarded a degree from Aquinas College and have the degree recorded on the official transcript.

Aquinas College confers degrees three times per year: December, May, and August. Commencement occurs once per year in May. Students are eligible to participate in the Commencement Ceremonies if the following criteria have been met.

- Graduation requirements have been completed prior to the May commencement date or students are within 6 credit hours of completing the graduation requirements by the commencement date.
- Accounts are paid in full by the final payment plan deadline.
- Academic regalia have been ordered by the student by the specified deadline.

Should the student fail to meet graduation requirements or decide not to participate in the Commencement Ceremonies, expenses incurred are the responsibility of the student and no refunds will be made. *Please see the Aquinas College Student Handbook or the Aquinas College website for additional information regarding graduation.*

## AWARDS AND HONORS

Students earning associate or baccalaureate degrees (all coursework having been successfully completed) and having the following cumulative grade point averages will graduate with honors:

3.900 - 4.000	Summa Cum Laude
3.750 - 3.899	Magna Cum Laude
3.500 - 3.749	Cum Laude

To be eligible for Latin Honors for the baccalaureate degree, students must have earned at least 60 credit hours at Aquinas College. To be eligible for Latin Honors for the associate degree, students must have earned at least 30 credit hours at Aquinas College. The GPA for awarding Latin Honors is computed on the basis of credit hours completed at Aquinas College and includes only courses that are used to satisfy degree requirements. Developmental courses are not calculated in the grade point average. For students who matriculated prior to Fall 2014, the Latin Honors criteria in effect at the time of their matriculation will be utilized.

Education Licensure students are not eligible for honors since they are not in pursuit of a degree.

Students who are full-time (taking at least 12 credit hours in a semester) and earn a term grade point average of 3.5–4.0 are placed on the Dean's List. Developmental courses are not calculated in the grade point average.

## TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts and all student records are confidential. Current students, alumni, and former students can order official transcripts and remit payment through an online service called Parchment. Requests are fulfilled by the Office of the Registrar. Transcripts of grades will not be released if a student, past or present, has outstanding financial obligations and/or other paperwork requirements. Only transcripts from Aquinas College are released. Transcripts from other colleges or universities must be obtained from the original institution.

When applicable, the student is responsible for Federal Express or Overnight Mail charge.

# STUDENT SERVICES

## COUNSELING

Confidential personal counseling with a therapist may be available for students for up to six visits free of charge with a contracted counselor offsite. Referrals for confidential counseling may be made through the Office of Student Life.

## STUDENT LEARNING SERVICES

Student Learning Services (SLS) enhances the academic performance of students through individual and group tutorial assistance. Students may request services or be referred by their instructor or advisor. This assistance does not replace the individual student/instructor relationship. SLS also offers study strategies for any student who is interested. There is no charge for these services. SLS is located in the Aquinas Center Library.

Services include group study sessions with a tutor, individual sessions with a tutor or academic coach, academic accommodations for students with learning disabilities, and group workshops addressing effective study sessions.

## STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES

Aquinas College strives to provide an optimal opportunity for students with disabilities to be successful, while not compromising the caliber of instruction or the self-confidence of the learner. The *Americans with Disabilities Act* of 1990 prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities. Section 504 of the *Rehabilitation Act* of 1973, as amended, mandates that postsecondary institutions that receive federal monies provide "reasonable accommodations" for students with disabilities.

Enrolled students of the College who have a disability that requires accommodation *must request* such services from the Director of Student Learning Services. It is the responsibility of the student to be certain that all necessary documentation is provided to the Director of Student Learning Services early enough to provide sufficient planning time to coordinate and provide appropriate support services. Documentation must be provided by professionals and must

- clearly state each diagnosed disability;
- clearly describe the current functional limitations resulting from each disability;
- describe the diagnostic methodology/test instruments used (evaluation must be completed within the last 3 years with the exception of permanent physical or sensory disabilities);
- describe past accommodations, medications, or services;

- include recommendations for accommodations, medications, or services;
- submit recommendations on official letterhead and signed by a licensed professional/evaluator who is qualified to make such a diagnosis; and
- identify the professional credentials/license of the evaluator.

Once professional documentation is received and reviewed, the qualified student must work with the Director of Student Learning Services to complete the *Academic Accommodations Request Form* for each course, listing the requested accommodations. The form will be considered complete when signed by the Director of Student Learning Services, the student, and the appropriate faculty member. A copy of this form will be given to the student and the instructor of each course for which a form was submitted. The College reserves the right to request another evaluation, if it is deemed necessary by the Director of Student Learning Services. Such evaluations are the financial responsibility of the student.

The student will work with individual course instructors to obtain the needed accommodations, following up with faculty and the Director of Student Learning Services if the accommodations are ineffective or if additional assistance is needed. The Director of Student Learning Services acts as the liaison between the student and the accommodation provider at the College. It is the responsibility of the Director of Student Learning Services to facilitate the acquisition of such reasonable accommodations as may be required.

These accommodations may include such services as classroom accommodation on tests and examinations; recording of class lectures; assistance with class scheduling and selection (though not to replace the responsibilities of the academic advisor); referrals to Student Learning Services for tutoring services; and referral to the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The accommodation is made on a per term basis. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the student to request support services each term for which the student is enrolled.

## **WRITE REASON CENTER**

The Write Reason Center at Aquinas College exists to help students express themselves clearly, logically, and elegantly in writing according to the standards of objective truth and the ethical use of rhetoric. The Center provides free one-on-one tutorial assistance for any written assignment associated with any class taught at the College. This service is available to all Aquinas College students, and the Center is open every semester in which classes are taught. Tutorial sessions with professional tutors are available to help students at any stage of the writing process, including pre-writing, editing a final draft, or documentation and citation of sources.

## **LIBRARY**

The Aquinas College Library houses a collection of more than 70,000 items selected to support the College's curriculum. In addition to books and periodicals, the library provides over 95 databases from information vendors such as OCLC, EBSCO, Gale, JSTOR, Project MUSE, Oxford University Press and several others. These online databases provide access to more than 17, 000 full-text periodicals. Aquinas Library is a member of the OCLC network through which the library has access to the world's largest bibliographic database with over 72,000 members with more than 2 billion holdings. Through OCLC the library catalogs materials as well as lends and borrows items via interlibrary loan. Additionally, Aquinas Library participates in the Nashville Area Library Alliance, Tenn-Share, and Lyasis. These are local and regional consortiums from which the Library acquires several online databases. The library has an Internet accessible online public access catalog, an integrated library system, and provides Wi-Fi access within the library facility. There are computer workstations in the library to be used for word processing, course projects and programmed instruction by the students. Equipment for viewing and listening to audiovisual materials is likewise available. The library provides photocopy services. The library's special collections include the Monsignor Flanigen Papers, Sister Aloysius Mackin Papers and rare books.

## **BOOKSTORE**

The College bookstore is a "virtual bookstore" operated by e-Campus.com and accessed online through the "Bookstore" link on the Aquinas College website. All textbooks and required or recommended materials for courses are available through the virtual bookstore, which accepts credit/debit cards, checks, money orders, and financial aid. Students may also sell back used textbooks on the site. Students receiving financial aid may request electronic book vouchers that will enable them to enjoy the same discounted prices offered through the virtual bookstore, and the same buy-back privileges.

## **PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD**

All students are required to obtain an Aquinas College official photo identification card. The ID card entitles a student to attend college campus activities and to use the library facilities. Nursing students are required to display identification cards at all times during all clinical experiences. Pictures for ID cards are taken during New Student Orientation.

# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A statement of “*Student Rights and Responsibilities*” can be found in the *Aquinas College Student Handbook*. Students are required to acknowledge that they have read and agree to adhere to the policies and procedures set forth in the *Aquinas College Student Handbook* before registering for classes.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Ministry supports the spiritual growth of the student. Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation are offered daily in St. Jude Chapel during the fall and spring semesters, and during the summer session as schedules permit. Chapel hours are posted outside of the chapel. Opportunities for retreats, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, faith leadership, service and fellowship also are available.

## HOUSE LIFE

House Life is a system that uses the Oxbridge model, an ancient design for university life that incorporates all members of the College into smaller group communities in order to support each student through common scholarship, prayer and friendship. There are eight houses, four male and four female, placed under the patronage of eight saints who represent a vast array of ages and experiences throughout the Church. Each College member is placed in a house and participation is voluntary. House Lunches are held each Thursday, and various lectures and events are held throughout the year.

## RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Living on campus plays an important role in the spiritual, psychological, and social growth of young adults new to the college experience. Adjusting to college life that first year is often challenging for young adults, if not overwhelming. To help ensure a smooth transition, living on campus in the residential community at Aquinas College is strongly encouraged, though not required, for all students under the age of 21. More information about Residential Life is available on the College’s website: <http://www.aquinascollege.edu/admissions/seton-lodge/>.

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student organizations at Aquinas exist in order to enrich the academic experience and allow for opportunities that cannot be met through House Life. They must be in full accord with the mission of the College and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Activities that are social in nature normally are initiated through House Life or Student Activities Board. Speakers for student organizations or House lectures must be pre-approved by the Coordinator of Student Activities in consultation with the Vice President for Student Life.

The following clubs and organizations are available to Aquinas students:

- Alpha Delta Nu (Associate Degree Nursing Honor Society) (School of Nursing)
- Aquinas College Association of Nursing Students (ACANS) (School of Nursing)
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) - Student Chapter (School of Education)
- Delta Epsilon Sigma (Academic Honor Society)
- Phi Beta Lambda (School of Business)
- Student Activities Board (SAB)
- Sigma Beta Delta (School of Business)
- Synaxis of St. John the Divine (School of Arts & Sciences)
- Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL)
- The Socratic Club (School of Arts & Sciences)

## GENERAL

- Student activities are announced through various ways: flyers, portal announcements, e-mail, the College’s website and social media.
- All meetings, events, and classes at Aquinas College begin with a prayer or spiritual reading.
- Classrooms, grounds, or buildings may be reserved for a College sponsored activity or meeting with the approval of the Coordinator of Student Activities in consultation with the Vice President for Student Life.
- Minors may not be brought to or participate in College classes, events, or activities unless approved beforehand.
- Dually enrolled high school students may not participate in College events or activities unless it is specific to the class in which they are enrolled.

# SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

The School of Arts & Sciences at Aquinas College offers degree programs in the Catholic liberal arts tradition. The programs direct students to the perfection of the mind through the acquisition of knowledge and intellectual virtue. The faculty endeavors to assist students in coming to a mature knowledge of themselves and of their human potential, nurturing their personal capacity for Truth, Goodness, and Beauty. The School of Arts & Sciences strives to provide integrated college-level curricula which lead students to understand that although the Truth is one, it can be discovered in many dimensions.

## **Dr. Aaron Urbanczyk**

**Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences**

**Director of the Write Reason Center**

**Associate Professor of English**

Ph.D., Florida State University

M.A., Franciscan University of Steubenville

B.A., Franciscan University of Steubenville

The School of Arts & Sciences offers the Associate of Arts (A.A.) in Liberal Arts.

The School of Arts & Sciences also offers the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in the following:

### Majors

- English
- History
- Liberal Arts
- Philosophy
- Theology

### Minors

- Catechetics
- English
- History
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Theology

## **GOALS**

The School of Arts & Sciences seeks to provide students with

- an understanding of the basic doctrines of Christianity as taught by the Catholic Church;
- a knowledge of the history and principles of philosophy in the Western tradition, emphasizing the relationship between philosophy and theology, and stressing the rational foundation of ethical action;
- the ability to acquire, critically analyze, document, and communicate information effectively;
- the capacity to recognize Truth, Goodness, and Beauty through literature and the arts, and to appreciate the contribution the creative process makes to the development of human culture;
- the ability to reason mathematically and to conceptualize and apply mathematical logic in problem solving;
- an awareness of the major contributions of science as well as the ability to apply scientific method in the acquisition of knowledge;
- a Christian understanding of man and society, emphasizing the history of Western Civilization in general and of the United States in particular;
- a knowledge of other cultures, societies, and religions from the perspective of Christian faith so as to gain a deeper understanding of the forces shaping contemporary persons and societies;
- a practical respect for the good of the human person in his entirety – for his physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Meeting the admission requirements to the College satisfies admission to the School of Arts & Sciences.

## **PROGRAMS OF STUDY**

Aquinas College offers two degrees from the School of Arts & Sciences. The Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts is a two-year degree for students wishing to complete a degree for personal or professional advancement. The Bachelor of Arts is a four-year degree that reflects the rich heritage of the Catholic academic tradition and affirms the universality of Truth. For each degree, the faculty of the School of Arts & Sciences emphasize the profound relationships that exist among all forms of knowledge through carefully integrated curricula.



# THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

The Bachelor of Arts degree has three components: the Bachelor of Arts core, the Major Area of Study, and a Minor Area of Study. The Bachelor of Arts degree requires the completion of 120 credit hours. Of the 120 credit hours required, 39 credit hours must be at the 300 or 400 level. Finally, at least 12 credit hours at the 400 level must be successfully completed.

## THE BACHELOR OF ARTS CORE

The Bachelor of Arts core is designed to give students a breadth of experience in the liberal arts as well as prepare them for the upper-level coursework required of the Major and Minor Areas of Study.

### THE BACHELOR OF ARTS CORE .....69 Hours

#### **THEOLOGY (9 hours)**

THE 110 Fundamental Theology .....	3 hours
THE 121 Introduction to Sacred Scripture .....	3 hours
THE 210 Moral Theology .....	3 hours

#### **PHILOSOPHY (9 hours)**

PHI 105 Logic .....	3 hours
PHI 215 Ethics .....	3 hours
PHI 225 Philosophy of the Human Person.....	3 hours

#### **ENGLISH (9 hours)**

ENG 110 Speech.....	3 hours
ENG 111 English Composition I.....	3 hours
ENG 112 English Composition II .....	3 hours

#### **LITERATURE (6 hours)**

Literature elective .....	3 hours
Literature elective .....	3 hours

#### **HISTORY – two-semester sequence (6 hours)**

History sequence I.....	3 hours
History sequence II .....	3 hours

#### **NATURAL SCIENCE (8 hours)**

Any <i>two</i> courses in Science with laboratory.....	8 hours
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#### **MATHEMATICS (6 hours)**

Any <i>two</i> courses in Mathematics.....	6 hours
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#### **FOREIGN LANGUAGE – two-semester sequence (6 hours)**

Language sequence I.....	3 hours
Language sequence II.....	3 hours

#### **FINE ARTS (3 hours)**

Any <i>one</i> course in Fine Arts .....	3 hours
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#### **SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE (3 hours)**

Any <i>one</i> course in Social/Behavioral Science.....	3 hours
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#### **COMPUTER (3 hours)**

CPU 115 Introduction to Computers .....	3 hours
<i>(must pass computer competency test or take CPU 115)</i>	

#### **INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (1 hour)**

IDS 106 – College Learning in the Dominican Tradition .....	1 hour
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## BACHELOR OF ARTS MAJORS

The thorough Bachelor of Arts core curriculum serves as a broad foundation for the more focused studies undertaken for majors and minors. Majors available within the Bachelor of Arts degree include Theology, Philosophy, English, History, and Liberal Arts. All students intending to complete the Bachelor of Arts degree must complete a major. In addition, coursework intended to satisfy the major requirements must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher.

## THEOLOGY MAJOR

Built upon the thorough foundation of the Bachelor of Arts core curriculum, the Theology major at Aquinas College offers a robust and systematic exploration of Sacred Doctrine (*sacra doctrina*) that seeks to carry the many avenues of liberal learning to their ultimate destination—the contemplation of Divine Wisdom. The curriculum of the Theology major provides a balanced sequence of courses in Sacred Scripture, dogma, and morality, rooted in the insights of the College's patron, St. Thomas Aquinas, and the teachings of the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. Students will participate in a senior seminar and thesis course, which brings their pursuit of the Theology major to completion.

### **Theology Requirements of the Bachelor of Arts Core**

THE 110 Fundamental Theology.....	3 hours
THE 121 Introduction to Sacred Scripture.....	3 hours
THE 210 Moral Theology.....	3 hours

*(These three courses simultaneously satisfy the Theology component of the B.A. core curriculum)*

### **THEOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

THE 316 The Sacraments .....	3 hours
THE 330 The Church .....	3 hours
THE 431 Christology .....	3 hours
THE 441 Theology of the Trinity .....	3 hours
THE 490 Senior Seminar and Thesis .....	3 hours

#### **Scripture Component – Old Testament (3 hours)**

*Choose one of the following courses*

THE 318 Old Testament Prophets .....	3 hours
THE 328 Wisdom Literature and the Psalms .....	3 hours
THE 338 Pentateuch .....	3 hours

#### **Scripture Component – New Testament (3 hours)**

*Choose one of the following courses*

THE 345 The Synoptic Gospels .....	3 hours
THE 410 The Writings of John .....	3 hours
THE 450 New Testament Letters .....	3 hours

#### **Upper-Level Theology Electives**

Any *four* additional courses in Theology numbered 300 or higher

#### **33 total hours in Theology beyond the Bachelor of Arts core**

(must have at least 4 courses at the 400 level)

## PHILOSOPHY MAJOR

Traditionally, philosophy is defined as the study of first causes and first principles; it considers ultimate questions and foundational answers. For example, philosophers seek to understand reason, logic, truth, nature, life, being, goodness, and the human person, among many other topics. The philosophy major at Aquinas College gives students the opportunity to pursue this discipline in an intellectually rigorous program inspired by the insights and method of St. Thomas Aquinas.

### Philosophy Requirements of the Bachelor of Arts Core

PHI 105 Logic .....	3 hours
PHI 215 Ethics.....	3 hours
PHI 225 Philosophy of the Human Person.....	3 hours

*(the above three courses simultaneously satisfy the Philosophy component of the B.A. core curriculum)*

### PHILOSOPHY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

PHI 490 Senior Seminar and Thesis .....	3 hours
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#### History of Philosophy (9 hours)

PHI 301 History of Philosophy I: Ancient .....	3 hours
PHI 302 History of Philosophy II: Medieval .....	3 hours
PHI 303 History of Philosophy III: Modern.....	3 hours

#### Systematic Philosophy (9 hours)

PHI 370 Philosophy of Knowledge .....	3 hours
PHI 460 Metaphysics .....	3 hours
PHI 465 Philosophy of God .....	3 hours

#### Upper-Level Philosophy Electives

Any *four* additional courses in Philosophy numbered 300 or higher

### Philosophy Major Summary

- 11 courses in Philosophy *beyond* the Bachelor of Arts core requirement
- 9 courses will be upper-level (300 or 400 level); and,
- at least 4 courses will be at the 400 level

## ENGLISH MAJOR

The Aquinas College English major combines the study of genres, authors and language into a unique and cohesive curriculum. The capacity of literature to explore and analyze the human condition and consequences of choice, especially moral choice, underscores its relevance as a unique mode of knowing. Thus, the anchor of the major is the genre-based World Literature series, supporting surveys in English and American literature and studies of authors such as Dante and Shakespeare. In addition, the English major will develop important communication skills, especially writing, as well as analytical abilities valued for post-graduate education or employment.

### English Requirements of the Bachelor of Arts Core

ENG 110 Speech .....	3 hours
ENG 111 English Composition I .....	3 hours
ENG 112 English Composition II .....	3 hours
ENG 213 English Literature I .....	3 hours
ENG 214 English Literature II .....	3 hours

*(the above five English courses simultaneously satisfy the English and Literature components of the B.A. core curriculum)*

### ENGLISH MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

ENG 215 American Literature .....	3 hours
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#### World Literature Series (12 hours)

ENG 311 World Literature: Epic .....	3 hours
ENG 312 World Literature: Lyric .....	3 hours
ENG 313 World Literature: Tragedy and Comedy .....	3 hours
ENG 314 World Literature: Novel .....	3 hours

#### Author Studies (6 hours)

ENG 412 Dante .....	3 hours
ENG 413 Shakespeare .....	3 hours

#### English Language (3 hours)

Choose *one* of the following courses

ENG 344 Advanced Composition .....	3 hours
ENG 393 Linguistics .....	3 hours
ENG 407 Advanced Grammar .....	3 hours
ENG 411 History of the English Language .....	3 hours

#### Upper-Level English Electives

Any *three* additional courses in English numbered 300 or higher\*

### English Major Summary

- 11 courses in English *beyond* the Bachelor of Arts core requirement
- 9 courses will be upper-level (300 or 400 level); and,
- at least 4 courses (12 hours) will be at the 400 level

\*ENG 400 *Children's Literature, Speech and Drama* or ENG 403 *Adolescent Literature* may not serve as English electives to satisfy the English major.

## HISTORY MAJOR

The development of influential ideas in literature and philosophy, the evolution of economic and political systems, the maturation and impact of scientific discovery, and Christianity's role in culture and society can all be simultaneously examined from the historical perspective. That is to say, by its very nature, the discipline of history is intrinsically integrative, and thus complements the liberal arts mission of Aquinas College. Toward that end, the History major at Aquinas explores a broad sweep of human history, across geographical space and wide spans of time, while deliberately concentrating on America and its predominant influence - Western Europe.

### **History Requirements of the Bachelor of Arts Core**

HIS 111 Western Civilization I.....	3 hours
HIS 112 Western Civilization II .....	3 hours

*(the above HIS courses simultaneously satisfy the History component of the B.A. core curriculum)*

### **HISTORY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

HIS 201 United States History I .....	3 hours
HIS 202 United States History II .....	3 hours
HIS 490 Seminar in Historical Studies .....	3 hours

#### **European History (9 hours)**

*Choose three of the following courses*

HIS 351 The Ancient World .....	3 hours
HIS 352 Medieval History .....	3 hours
HIS 354 The Age of Reformation .....	3 hours
HIS 356 The French Revolution and Nineteenth Century Europe.....	3 hours
HIS 357 Europe and The World Wars.....	3 hours
HIS 358 Post World War II Europe .....	3 hours
HIS 453 The Crusades .....	3 hours
HIS 456 Russian History.....	3 hours

#### **United States History (9 hours)**

*Choose three of the following courses*

HIS 311 Tennessee History.....	3 hours
HIS 332 Colonial America .....	3 hours
HIS 333 The Age of Jefferson and Jackson.....	3 hours
HIS 334 Civil War and Reconstruction.....	3 hours
HIS 335 The Gilded Age and Progressivism.....	3 hours
HIS 336 The United States in The Age of War.....	3 hours
HIS 337 The United States Since 1945 .....	3 hours
HIS 420 Western Civilization and America .....	3 hours
HIS 421 United States Foreign Policy.....	3 hours

#### **World History (6 hours)**

*Choose two of the following courses*

HIS 425 Global History Since 1945 .....	3 hours
HIS 460 Studies in African History.....	3 hours
HIS 464 Studies in East Asian History.....	3 hours
HIS 472 Studies in Latin American History.....	3 hours
HIS 476 Studies in Middle Eastern History .....	3 hours

### **History Major Summary**

- 11 courses in History *beyond* the Bachelor of Arts core requirement
- 9 courses will be upper-level (300 or 400 level); and,
- at least 4 courses will be at the 400 level

## LIBERAL ARTS MAJOR

The major in Liberal Arts is interdisciplinary in nature and will extend the natural integration evident in a liberal arts curriculum. This major is designed to reflect the belief that truth is not confined to a single academic discipline and that all disciplines should be "... brought into dialogue for their mutual enhancement" (*Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, #15). Five liberal arts disciplines (Theology, Philosophy, History, Literature and Fine Arts) are thus given detailed consideration toward that end.

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

<b>Fine Arts:</b> <i>One</i> 300-400 level Fine Arts course .....	3 hours
<b>History:</b> <i>Two</i> 300-400 level History courses .....	6 hours
<b>Literature:</b> <i>Two</i> 300-400 level Literature courses .....	6 hours
<b>Philosophy:</b> <i>Two</i> 300-400 level Philosophy courses .....	6 hours
<b>Theology:</b> <i>Two</i> 300-400 level Theology courses .....	6 hours

### Liberal Arts Major Summary

- 9 total courses from five liberal arts disciplines, all of which are upper-level (300 or 400 level)
- at least 4 of those courses (12 hours) will be at the 400 level



## BACHELOR OF ARTS MINORS

A required minor area of study provides an additional focus for a student's study and contributes to the liberality of the Bachelor of Arts degree. Minors currently available include Theology, Philosophy, English, History, Psychology, and Business Administration. A Catechetics Minor is also available to Theology Majors only. It is not possible to major and minor in the same discipline, and coursework completed for a major may not be duplicated to complete a minor. The number of hours required for completion of the minor will vary, depending on the minor chosen. The hours listed for each minor below are those required in addition to the requirement for each discipline in the Bachelor of Arts core curriculum. Courses intended to satisfy the minor requirements must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.

### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MINOR (21 hours)**

BUS 360 Business Law .....	3 hours
ECO 220 Microeconomics.....	3 hours
FIN 215 Principles of Financial Accounting and Analysis .....	3 hours
MGT 300 Principles of Management.....	3 hours
MGT 460 Personnel Management .....	3 hours
MKT 302 Principles of Marketing.....	3 hours
PHI 355 Business Ethics and Social Responsibility.....	3 hours

### **CATECHETICS MINOR (12 hours)**

CAT 350 Catechesis: Nature and Mission .....	3 hours
CAT 370 Craft and Charism of Catechesis .....	3 hours
CAT 420 Introduction to Catechetical Pedagogy.....	3 hours
CAT 450 Advanced Catechetical Pedagogy .....	3 hours

### **ENGLISH MINOR (12 hours)**

Any <i>four</i> courses in English/Literature at the 300 or 400 level .....	12 hours
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### **HISTORY MINOR (12 hours)**

Any <i>four</i> courses in History at the 300 or 400 level .....	12 hours
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### **PHILOSOPHY MINOR (12 hours)**

Any <i>four</i> courses in Philosophy at the 300 or 400 level .....	12 hours
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### **THEOLOGY MINOR (12 hours)**

Any <i>four</i> courses in Theology at the 300 or 400 level .....	12 hours
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## **ELECTIVES**

Elective courses are completed as necessary to satisfy the Bachelor of Arts degree requirement of 120 credit hours. It is important to restate that the Bachelor of Arts degree requires the completion of at least 39 credit hours at the 300 or 400 level. Additionally, the completion of at least 12 credit hours at the 400 level is required.

# THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS

THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS CORE .....47-48 Hours

**THEOLOGY (6 hours)**

Any *two* courses in Theology ..... 6 hours

**PHILOSOPHY (3 hours)**

Any *one* course in Philosophy ..... 3 hours

**ENGLISH (6 hours)**

ENG 111 English Composition I ..... 3 hours

ENG 112 English Composition II ..... 3 hours

**LITERATURE (3 hours)**

Any *one* course in Literature ..... 3 hours

**HISTORY (6 hours)**

HIS 111/112 Western Civilization I & II **OR** ..... 6 hours

HIS 201/202 U.S. History I & II

**NATURAL SCIENCE (4 hours)**

Any *one* course in Science with laboratory ..... 4 hours

**MATHEMATICS (3 hours)**

Any *one* course in Mathematics ..... 3 hours

**NATURAL SCIENCE OR MATHEMATICS (3-4 hours)**

*One* additional course in either Math or Natural Science ..... 3-4 hours

**HUMANITIES (6 hours)**

Any *two* courses in Humanities ..... 6 hours

**SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE (3 hours)**

Any *one* course from the social/behavioral sciences ..... 3 hours

**COMPUTER (3 hours)**

CPU 115 *Introduction to Computers* ..... 3 hours

(*must pass computer competency test or take CPU 115*)

**INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (1 hour)**

IDS 106 – College Learning in the Dominican Tradition ..... 1 hour

**GENERAL ELECTIVES**

General electives are taken to fulfill the degree requirement of **63 credit hours**.

*Only students who are in pursuit of The Associate of Arts degree are eligible to earn it by successful completion of all requirements. It is not a degree earned by default when sufficient requirements have been met while pursuing a degree from another academic program.*



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B.A., St. John's College

# SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The School of Business strives to educate intellectually and spiritually developed business professionals who will join the community of work, exceed the expectations of their employers and advance the common good of society. This will be achieved by providing a robust, fully integrated, professional curriculum taught by faculty who are committed to Catholic social teachings.

**Dr. Daniel K. Donnelly**

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**Assistant Professor of Business**

Ph.D., George Mason University

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The School of Business offers the Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) with the following Majors:

- Finance
- Management
- Marketing

## GOALS

- Instill within the students the motivation and desire to follow sound moral judgment in personal and professional roles.
- Provide students with an understanding of the principles of a market-based, free enterprise economy within the framework of Christian business ethics.
- Strengthen the business judgment of graduates by providing a capability for critical thinking, creative problem solving, and innovative decision-making processes in an organizational setting.
- Develop students' skills in areas such as written and verbal business communication, the application of quantitative tools and technology in a management environment, and the utilization of management science techniques to resolve complex business problems.
- Promote in students an understanding of the relationships among business functions (e.g., finance, marketing, operations), and their respective roles in the overall management of the firm.

## ADMISSION TO THE BUSINESS PROGRAM

### REQUIREMENTS

Students will be assigned an academic advisor to plan their program of studies when they are initially accepted into the program. Each student must make subsequent appointments each semester thereafter for advisement prior to registration. Students are responsible for selecting courses that will enable them to make reasonable progress toward the completion of the B.B.A. degree.

- Students are responsible for obtaining and reading all policies contained within the Aquinas College Catalog and the Student Handbook.
- Students are expected to be familiar with the current academic calendar.
- No more than two elective special topics courses (6 semester hrs.) may be taken for credit.

### REPEATING COURSES

Students who are not repeating an upper-division course have priority of enrollment over those who are repeating the course.

### NON-BUSINESS MAJORS

Other students within the college may take 300 and 400 level courses with the permission from the instructor provided the following conditions are met.

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Successful completion of at least 30 semester hours.
- If a course has a prerequisite, it must be met prior to taking the course.

## TRANSFER OF CREDIT

Aquinas College, at the discretion of the Dean of the School of Business, may accept transfer credit from another accredited institution. Aquinas will not grant upper-division (300 and 400 level) degree credit for any transfer course taken at a lower-division in another accredited institution. Upper-division coursework transferred from an accredited four-year institution will be evaluated on an individual course basis to determine transferability of degree credit. Transfer credit will not be allowed for any non-business course in which the transfer student has earned a grade lower than a “C-.”

## FEATURES

Aquinas College business students consistently characterize the learning environment as supportive, challenging and nurturing, much like a family unit. Small class sizes allow students to develop mentor relationships with faculty and enjoy a more personalized educational experience. At the same time students are earning their business administration degree, they are able to pursue a minor in a Liberal Arts discipline. In their senior year, students look forward to completing an Internship in Business. The Internship course transitions the student from learning core business skills in the classroom to applying them in the business community.

## BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

The Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) degree consists of three components: the Liberal Arts Foundation, the Business Core, and a Major area of study. The B.B.A. degree requires 120 semester hours for completion. Students enrolled in the School of Business must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at all times and must earn at least a “C” in all business core and major courses.

### THE LIBERAL ARTS FOUNDATION

The business profession necessarily involves interaction with varied stakeholders. The Liberal Arts Foundation of the B.B.A. degree hones important communication and analytic skills necessary for those interactions to be effective. Moreover, because business processes involve and affect diverse groups of people, it is important to have a thorough conception of the human condition—an academic feature unique to liberal arts education.

<b>THE LIBERAL ARTS FOUNDATION</b> .....	<b>56 Hours</b>
<b>COMMUNICATIONS (3 hours)</b>	
BUS 215 Business Communications.....	3 hours
<b>COMPUTERS (3 hours)</b>	
CPU 115 Introduction to Computers ( <i>or successful completion of computer competency test</i> ) .....	3 hours
<b>ENGLISH (6 hours)</b>	
ENG 111 English Composition I.....	3 hours
ENG 112 English Composition II .....	3 hours
<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGE – two semester sequence (6 hours)</b>	
Language sequence I .....	3 hours
Language sequence II .....	3 hours
<b>HISTORY (6 hours)</b>	
HIS 111 Western Civilization I.....	3 hours
HIS 112 Western Civilization II.....	3 hours
<b>INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (1 hour)</b>	
IDS 106 College Learning in the Dominican Tradition .....	1 hour
<b>LITERATURE (3 hours)</b>	
Any <i>one</i> course in Literature.....	3 hours
<b>MATHEMATICS (9 hours)</b>	
MAT 121 College Algebra*.....	3 hours
MAT 210 Statistics I.....	3 hours
MAT 240 The Nature of Math .....	3 hours
<b>NATURAL SCIENCE (4 hours)</b>	
Any <i>one</i> course in Science with laboratory .....	4 hours

**PHILOSOPHY (3 hours)**

PHI 215 Ethics\*\* ..... 3 hours

**SOCIAL SCIENCE (6 hours)**

ECO 220 Microeconomics ..... 3 hours

ECO 221 Macroeconomics ..... 3 hours

**THEOLOGY (6 hours)**

Any *two* courses in Theology \*\* ..... 6 hours

\* *If a student has successfully completed an advanced mathematics course as part of his/her high school curriculum, then a 3 credit hour general elective course may be substituted for the MAT 121 requirement.*

\*\* *Courses must be taken at Aquinas College.*

**THE BUSINESS CORE**

The Business Core provides a professional foundation in support of the major area of study. The completion of this component, unique to the B.B.A. degree, will ensure that students will be well-grounded in the larger body of business theory and principles.

**BUSINESS CORE REQUIREMENTS..... 25 HOURS**

ACC 215 Principles of Financial Accounting & Analysis ..... 3 hours

BUS 111 Fundamentals of Business ..... 1 hour

BUS 360 Business Law ..... 3 hours

BUS 480 International Business ..... 3 hours

BUS 497 Strategic Management in the Good Company ..... 3 hours

FIN 300 Principles of Corporate Finance ..... 3 hours

MAT 211 Statistics II ..... 3 hours

MGT 300 Principles of Management..... 3 hours

MKT 302 Principles of Marketing..... 3 hours

**THE MAJOR AREAS OF STUDY**

The Liberal Arts Foundation and the Business Core prepare students for the more specialized study required in the major. The majors currently available for the Bachelor of Business Administration degree are Finance, Management, and Marketing.

**FINANCE MAJOR**

The Finance major is a professionally oriented major and one that will provide students with a solid understanding of the operation of organizations and the climate in which they must conduct business. In addition, the Finance major will allow students to develop the tools necessary for effective decision-making while at the same time prepare them for careers in the financial services industry and business administration.

**MAJOR IN FINANCE REQUIREMENTS ..... 27 Hours**

**Business (9 hours)**

BUS 312 Management Science..... 3 hours

BUS 400 Leadership Seminar ..... 3 hours

BUS 498 Internship in Business ..... 3 hours

**Philosophy (3 hours)**

PHI 355 Business Ethics and Social Responsibility ..... 3 hours

**Finance (18 hours)**

FIN 311 Finance Theory ..... 3 hours

FIN 321 Investment Management ..... 3 hours

FIN 411 Options and Futures Markets ..... 3 hours

FIN 421 Financial Institutions ..... 3 hours

FIN 426 Advanced Corporate Finance ..... 3 hours

## MANAGEMENT MAJOR

The Management major at Aquinas helps prepare students to manage people and processes operating within today's organizations. Emphasis is placed on achieving a thorough understanding of the theories and practices that shape the discipline.

### MAJOR IN MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS.....27 Hours

#### Business (12 hours)

BUS 312 Management Science .....	3 hours
BUS 400 Leadership Seminar .....	3 hours
BUS 445 Entrepreneurship .....	3 hours
BUS 498 Internship in Business .....	3 hours

#### Philosophy (3 hours)

PHI 355 Business Ethics and Social Responsibility .....	3 hours
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#### Management (15 hours)

MGT 420 Project Management for Business .....	3 hours
MGT 425 Global Supply Chain Management .....	3 hours
MGT 465 Business Analytics .....	3 hours
MGT 491 Management Consulting Capstone .....	3 hours

## MARKETING MAJOR

The Marketing major at Aquinas College provides students with an understanding of the role and principles of marketing within the framework of Christian business ethics and Catholic social teaching. The Marketing major provides a distinctive approach by focusing on fulfilling existing needs rather than on demand creation and consumerism and by forming students able to balance profitability with the interests of customers.

### MAJOR IN MARKETING REQUIREMENTS .....27 Hours

#### Business (9 hours)

BUS 312 Management Science .....	3 hours
BUS 400 Leadership Seminar .....	3 hours
BUS 498 Internship in Business .....	3 hours

#### Philosophy (3 hours)

PHI 355 Business Ethics and Social Responsibility .....	3 hours
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#### Marketing (18 hours)

Choose *five* of the following courses:

MKT 425 Marketing Research .....	3 hours
MKT 435 Product Management .....	3 hours
MKT 445 Consumer Behavior .....	3 hours
MKT 455 Digital Marketing.....	3 hours
MKT 465 Advertising Management.....	3 hours
MKT 476 Marketing Strategy .....	3 hours

## GENERAL ELECTIVES

Elective courses are completed as necessary to satisfy the Bachelor of Business Administration degree requirement of 120 credit hours.

## DEGREE IN THREE

The School of Business offers the opportunity for students to complete their BBA in three calendar years. An example course of study can be found on the Aquinas College website.

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MINOR

The Business Administration Minor is offered from the School of Business to students pursuing degrees in the other schools within the College who desire a foundation/exposure to basic principles of business theory.

### MINOR IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.....15 Hours

BUS 360 Business Law .....	3 hours
ECO 220 Microeconomics.....	3 hours
FIN 215 Principles of Financial Accounting and Analysis .....	3 hours
MGT 300 Principles of Management.....	3 hours
MKT 302 Principles of Marketing.....	3 hours

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# SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The School of Education reflects the belief that teaching is more than a career choice; it is both a gift and a mission. The Mission of the School of Education of Aquinas College is to provide a broad spectrum of liberal arts, sciences, and professional education courses permeated with faith and enriched by Christian principles and values. Students are prepared to be Teachers of the Truth, thus enabling them to bring the message of salvation to bear on ethical, social, political, religious and cultural issues in a variety of public, private and parochial school settings.

**Sister Mary Anne Zuberbueler, O.P.**

**Dean of the School of Education**

**Assistant Professor of Education**

Ed.D., The University of Memphis

M.Ed., Northwestern State University

B.A., Christendom College

The School of Education offers the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Science (B.S)
- Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary (M.A.T., Elementary)
- Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary (M.A.T., Secondary)
- Master of Education (M.Ed.)

*Please refer to the Aquinas College Graduate Catalog for more information regarding graduate degrees.*

The School of Education also offers the following:

Majors:

- Interdisciplinary Studies (Elementary Education)
- English (Secondary Education)
- History (Secondary Education)

Education Licensure:

- Elementary Education
- English (Secondary Education)
- History (Secondary Education)

The Aquinas College School of Education initial licensure graduate will be prepared to

- demonstrate depth and breadth in subject area content;
- integrate a variety of instructional strategies to develop student's performance skills in critical thinking, problem solving, and personal achievement;
- design and implement a variety of assessments to evaluate student's progress;
- direct and manage individual and group behavior to promote an atmosphere conducive to academic progress;
- model respect and reverence for the dignity of all peoples of various cultures and creeds by creating learning opportunities that enhance and value differences in learning styles, development, and other diversities;
- employ effective communication techniques to encourage supportive, collaborative interaction among teachers, students, and parents;
- collaborate and cooperate with other professionals and professional organizations in order to remain current and abreast of new trends and research in education.

## ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

### REQUIREMENTS

For initial entry into the School of Education at Aquinas College, all admission requirements for the College must be fulfilled. Students must provide evidence of the following prior to program induction:

- two (2) letters of recommendation: one professional reference and one personal reference;
- an overall GPA of 2.75;
- a completed application form for the School of Education;
- an additional set of official academic transcripts from each college and/or university attended sent to the Dean of the School of Education;
- passing scores on the Praxis I (Pre-Professional Skills test) shown below:

#### Computerized and Standard Format

Math	173
Reading	174
Writing	173

- a score of 21 on the ACT or a score of 22 on the Enhanced ACT or a combined Math and Verbal score of 920 on the SAT or a combined Math and Verbal score of 1020 on the re-centered SAT is accepted in lieu of Praxis I, if the ACT and SAT were taken in high school;



- a health form submitted prior to the first day of Enhanced Student Teaching noting proof of immunization for rubella and tetanus, and tuberculosis screening;
- proof of individual professional liability insurance (required of all students).

#### Applicants must

- report any felony convictions;
- be free of substance abuse;
- report any medical or psychological problems that would prohibit a teaching career;
- schedule an interview with the Dean of the School of Education or a person designated by the Dean of the School of Education;
- submit evidence to the Education Office of having completed required background check(s).

*Note: Completing the signature page in the School of Education's Policy and Procedures Handbook substantiates that the applicant does not have any prior or existing history with regard to felony conviction, substance abuse or medical-psychological problems that would prohibit a teaching profession.*

Transfer students applying to the School of Education must have a cumulative GPA of 2.6. Coursework with a GPA below a "C-" will not be accepted. The Dean of the School of Education or designee will evaluate transcripts. Credits are accepted only from regionally accredited institutions. Students who do not pass the Praxis I may not enroll in upper-division EDU courses unless they choose to pursue a non-licensure track. Transfer students must pass the Praxis I upon the completion of 65 hours (cumulative credit hours, including transfer credit). Students who at a later date pass the Praxis I tests may request induction by writing the Dean of the School of Education and the Education faculty that they have met all the criteria.

An Elementary or Secondary Education Licensure candidate whose ACT or SAT score is below the cut-off established by the State of Tennessee must take the Praxis I test. A student may not enroll in an upper-division EDU courses until the Praxis I is passed. A student who passes two sections of the Praxis I and is within 2 points of passing the third test may bring an appeal to the TEAC (Teacher Education Advisory Committee).

The Teacher Education Advisory Council (TEAC) for Elementary and Secondary includes the Director of the respective program and representatives from the professional education community. Each of these committees is responsible for the overall assessment of candidacy to the School of Education and the Education Licensure. The Vice President for Academics and the Dean of the School of Education, in consultation with the TEAC and faculty, reserve the right to make exceptions to the admission requirements. Only in rare cases shall exceptions be granted. Written requests for exceptions to the admission requirements, supported by evidence of extenuating circumstances should be submitted to the Dean of the School of Education for Committee review. An official application for admission must be filed prior to the Committee review. A formal interview with the applicant will be scheduled. The applicant will receive written notice of the action by the Committee.

Students are officially accepted into Teacher Education at the end of their sophomore year or beginning of their junior year. Students who wish to change from one academic program to another must submit to the Vice President for Academics a copy of the request form: *Change of Academic Program*. All forms can be obtained in the office of the Dean of the School of Education.

The Office of the Dean of the School of Education is located in St. Dominic Education Building. Additional information concerning the School of Education is available from this office.

## LICENSURE

A teacher candidate must have acquired the knowledge and skills specified by the Tennessee State Board of Education, have student teaching experiences as outlined in the Tennessee State Board of Education guidelines, and meet additional standards, procedures and guidelines, *if mandated*, by the State Board and the Aquinas College School of Education.

A teacher candidate seeking initial licensure must attain passing scores on the *Educational Testing Service Praxis II Examinations* as required by the State of Tennessee and the Aquinas College School of Education before the Enhanced Student Teaching Experience. Aquinas College Education administration and faculty must recommend the candidate.

HEA Compliance Title II of the Higher Education Act requires teacher preparation institutions to report *Praxis II* test scores and other data. Information regarding Praxis pass rates for Aquinas College may be viewed at the following address: <https://title2.ed.gov/View.asp>

## NON-LICENSURE

A student who chooses not to pursue teacher licensure is required to take four upper-division courses approved by his/her advisor in lieu of the student teaching. The four courses will fulfill the remaining requirements for the respective Bachelor of Science degree.

## MAJORS

In addition to the liberal arts (general education) core courses and the professional education courses, the Tennessee Department of Education requires an academic major, which constitutes approximately 30% of the student's coursework.

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE  
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR  
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MINOR**

<b>ELEMENTARY EDUCATION CORE.....</b>	<b>60 Hours</b>
<b>COMMUNICATIONS (3 hours)</b>	
ENG 110 Speech.....	3 hours
<b>COMPUTER (3 hours)</b>	
CPU 115 Introduction to Computers ( <i>or computer competency test</i> ).....	3 hours
<b>ENGLISH (6 hours)</b>	
ENG 111 English Composition I.....	3 hours
ENG 112 English Composition II .....	3 hours
<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGES (3 hours)</b>	
<i>One</i> three hour credit foreign language course.....	3 hours
<b>HISTORY (6 hours)</b>	
HIS 111/112 Western Civilization I & II <b>OR</b>	
HIS 201/202 U.S. History I & II .....	6 hours
<b>HUMANITIES: FINE ARTS (3 hours)</b>	
<i>One</i> three hour credit fine arts course .....	3 hours
<b>INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (1 hour)</b>	
IDS 106 College Learning in the Dominican Tradition.....	1 hour
<b>LITERATURE (3 hours)</b>	
<i>Choose one of the following courses</i>	
ENG 213 English Literature I .....	3 hours
ENG 214 English Literature II .....	3 hours
<b>MATH (6 hours)</b>	
<i>Choose two of the following courses</i>	
MAT 121 College Algebra.....	3 hours
MAT 130 Concepts of Geometry .....	3 hours
MAT 153 Calculus I.....	3 hours
MAT 154 Calculus II .....	3 hours
MAT 210 Statistics I.....	3 hours
<b>NATURAL SCIENCES (8 hours)</b>	
<i>Two</i> laboratory science courses.....	8 hours
<b>PHILOSOPHY (3 hours)</b>	
<i>Choose one of the following courses</i>	
PHI 105 Logic.....	3 hours
PHI 215 Ethics .....	3 hours
PHI 225 Philosophy of the Human Person.....	3 hours
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES (3 hours)</b>	
<i>Choose one of the following courses</i>	
ECO 220 Microeconomics .....	3 hours
IDS 210 Personhood and Human Flourishing .....	3 hours
SOC 210 Introduction to Sociology .....	3 hours
<b>THEOLOGY (3 hours)</b>	
<i>Choose one of the following courses</i>	
THE 110 Fundamental Theology .....	3 hours
THE 121 Introduction to Sacred Scripture .....	3 hours

**ADDITIONAL TEACHER EDUCATION CORE (9 hours)**

EDU 240 Foundations in Education .....	3 hours
HPE 110 Personal and Community Health .....	3 hours
PSY 285 Developmental Psychology .....	3 hours

**MAJOR IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES..... 37 Hours**

**English (6 hours)**

ENG 400 Children’s Literature, Speech and Drama .....	3 hours
ENG 393 Linguistics.....	3 hours

**History (3 hours)**

HIS 420 Western Civilization and America .....	3 hours
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**Literature (3 hours)**

*Choose one of the following courses*

ENG 311 World Literature: Epic .....	3 hours
ENG 312 World Literature: Lyric .....	3 hours
ENG 313 World Literature: Tragedy & Comedy .....	3 hours
ENG 314 World Literature: Novel.....	3 hours
ENG 330 Modern Multi-Cultural Writers .....	3 hours

**Math (3 hours)**

MAT 240 Nature of Math .....	3 hours
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**Natural Sciences (4 hours)**

BIO 310 Ecosystems .....	4 hours
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**Philosophy (3 hours)**

PHI 330 Philosophy of Education .....	3 hours
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**Psychology (12 hours)**

PSY 315 Educational Psychology .....	3 hours
PSY 400 Tests and Measurements .....	3 hours
PSY 410 Behavior Interventions .....	3 hours
PSY 423 Exceptional Child.....	3 hours

**Theology (3 hours)**

THE 210 Moral Theology .....	3 hours
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**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION .....27 Hours**

**Professional Core (15 hours)**

EDU 312 Literacy Through Learning .....	3 hours
EDU 336 Methods in Mathematics & Science Instruction.....	3 hours
EDU 350 Methods in Language Arts, Social Studies & Culture .....	3 hours
EDU 418 Reading Assessment and Remedial Strategies .....	3 hours
EDU 425 Media and Technology in Education .....	3 hours

**Student Teaching Experience (12 hours)**

EDU 401 Elementary Education Seminar: Classroom Organization and Management. ....	1 hour
EDU 435 Enhanced Student Teaching: Elementary Licensure Program.....	11 hours

**TOTAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS ..... 124 HOURS**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE**  
**ENGLISH MAJOR**  
**SECONDARY EDUCATION MINOR**

<b>ENGLISH CORE .....</b>	<b>47 Hours</b>
<b>ENGLISH (6 hours)</b>	
ENG 111 English Composition I.....	3 hours
ENG 112 English Composition II .....	3 hours
<b>MATH (6 hours)</b>	
Any <i>one</i> (credit-bearing) course in Mathematics .....	3 hours
MAT 210 Statistics I.....	3 hours
<b>COMPUTER (3 hours)</b>	
CPU 115 Introduction to Computers .....	3 hours
<i>(must pass computer competency test or take CPU 115)</i>	
<b>PHILOSOPHY (3 hours)</b>	
Any <i>one</i> 100 or 200 level course in Philosophy.....	3 hours
<b>THEOLOGY (6 hours)</b>	
THE 210 Moral Theology .....	3 hours
Any <i>one</i> 100 or 200 level course in Theology.....	3 hours
<b>SCIENCE (4 hours)</b>	
<i>One</i> laboratory science course .....	4 hours
<b>HISTORY (6 hours)</b>	
HIS 111/112 Western Civilization I & II <b>OR</b>	
HIS 201/202 U.S. History I & II .....	6 hours
<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGES (6 hours)</b>	
<i>Two</i> consecutive semesters of the same foreign language .....	6 hours
<b>FINE ARTS (3 hours)</b>	
<i>One</i> fine arts course .....	3 hours
<b>INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (4 hours)</b>	
IDS 106 College Learning in the Dominican Tradition.....	1 hour
IDS 210 Personhood and Human Flourishing .....	3 hours
<b>TEACHER EDUCATION CORE.....</b>	<b>15 Hours</b>
EDU 240 Foundations in Education .....	3 hours
PHI 330 Philosophy of Education .....	3 hours
PSY 285 Developmental Psychology .....	3 hours
PSY 315 Educational Psychology .....	3 hours
PSY 400 Test and Measurements .....	3 hours
<b>MAJOR IN ENGLISH: SECONDARY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS .....</b>	<b>39 Hours</b>
ENG 213 English Literature I .....	3 hours
ENG 214 English Literature II .....	3 hours
ENG 215 American Literature .....	3 hours
ENG 311 World Literature: Epic .....	3 hours
ENG 312 World Literature: Lyric .....	3 hours
ENG 313 World Literature: Tragedy & Comedy .....	3 hours
ENG 314 World Literature: Novel.....	3 hours
ENG 330 Modern Multi-Cultural Writers .....	3 hours
ENG 393 Linguistics OR ENG 411 History of English Language .....	3 hours

ENG 344 Advanced Composition .....	3 hours
ENG 403 Adolescent Literature .....	3 hours
ENG 407 Advanced Grammar .....	3 hours
ENG 413 Shakespeare .....	3 hours

**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION .....24 Hours**

EDU 334 Methods of Instruction for Secondary Education .....	3 hours
EDU 335 Reading Strategies for Secondary Education.....	3 hours
EDU 402 Secondary Education Seminar: Classroom Organization and Management .....	1 hour
EDU 424 Instructing Diverse Learners .....	3 hours
EDU 425 Media and Technology in Education.....	3 hours
EDU 436 Enhanced Student Teaching: Secondary Licensure Program .....	11 hours

**TOTAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS ..... 125 HOURS**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE  
HISTORY MAJOR  
SECONDARY EDUCATION MINOR**

**HISTORY CORE .....47 Hours**

**ENGLISH (6 hours)**

ENG 111 English Composition I.....	3 hours
ENG 112 English Composition II .....	3 hours

**MATH (6 hours)**

Any <i>one</i> (credit-bearing) course in Mathematics .....	3 hours
MAT 210 Statistics I.....	3 hours

**COMPUTER (3 hours)**

CPU 115 Introduction to Computers .....	3 hours
<i>(must pass computer competency test or take CPU 115)</i>	

**PHILOSOPHY (3 hours)**

Any <i>one</i> 100 or 200 level course in Philosophy.....	3 hours
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**THEOLOGY (6 hours)**

Any <i>one</i> 100 or 200 level course in Theology.....	3 hours
THE 210 Moral Theology .....	3 hours

**SCIENCE (4 hours)**

<i>One</i> laboratory science course .....	4 hours
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**HISTORY (6 hours)**

HIS 111/112 Western Civilization I & II .....	6 hours
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**FOREIGN LANGUAGES (6 hours)**

<i>Two</i> consecutive semesters of the same foreign language .....	6 hours
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**FINE ARTS (3 hours)**

<i>One</i> fine arts course .....	3 hours
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**INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (4 hours)**

IDS 106 College Learning in the Dominican Tradition.....	1 hour
IDS 210 Personhood and Human Flourishing .....	3 hours

**TEACHER EDUCATION CORE.....15 Hours**

EDU 240 Foundations in Education .....	3 hours
PHI 330 Philosophy of Education.....	3 hours
PSY 285 Developmental Psychology .....	3 hours
PSY 315 Educational Psychology .....	3 hours
PSY 400 Test and Measurements .....	3 hours

**MAJOR IN HISTORY: SECONDARY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS .....36 Hours**

HIS 201 United States History I .....	3 hours
HIS 202 United States History II .....	3 hours
HIS 490 Seminar in Historical Studies .....	3 hours

**United States History (9 hours)**

*Choose three of the following courses*

HIS 311 Tennessee History.....	3 hours
HIS 332 Colonial America.....	3 hours
HIS 333 The Age of Jefferson and Jackson.....	3 hours
HIS 334 Civil War and Reconstruction.....	3 hours
HIS 335 The Gilded Age and Progressivism.....	3 hours
HIS 336 The United States in The Age of War.....	3 hours
HIS 337 The United States Since 1945 .....	3 hours
HIS 420 Western Civilization and America.....	3 hours
HIS 421 United States Foreign Policy.....	3 hours

**European History (9 hours)**

*Choose three of the following courses*

HIS 352 Medieval History .....	3 hours
HIS 354 The Age of Reformation .....	3 hours
HIS 356 The French Revolution and Nineteenth Century Europe.....	3 hours
HIS 357 Europe and the World Wars.....	3 hours
HIS 358 Post World War II Europe .....	3 hours
HIS 456 Russian History.....	3 hours

**World History (9 hours)**

*Choose three of the following courses*

HIS 351 The Ancient World .....	3 hours
HIS 460 Studies in African History.....	3 hours
HIS 464 Studies in East Asian History.....	3 hours
HIS 472 Studies in Latin American History.....	3 hours
HIS 476 Studies in Middle Eastern History .....	3 hours

**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION .....24 Hours**

EDU 334 Methods of Instruction for Secondary Education.....	3 hours
EDU 335 Reading Strategies for Secondary Education .....	3 hours
EDU 402 Secondary Education Seminar: Classroom Organization and Management .....	1 hour
EDU 424 Instructing Diverse Learners .....	3 hours
EDU 425 Media and Technology in Education .....	3 hours
EDU 436 Enhanced Student Teaching: Secondary Licensure Program.....	11 hours

**TOTAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS ..... 122 HOURS**

# EDUCATION LICENSURE

## ELEMENTARY EDUCATION LICENSURE

Aquinas College offers a program in Education Licensure in preparation for State of Tennessee licensure in elementary education. The program for Elementary Education Licensure consists of 45 hours of major and professional courses plus any courses that are deemed to be deficiencies from the previous degree. A person holding a baccalaureate degree and/or higher degree may upon successful completion of the program for Elementary Education Licensure, and having fulfilled the standards required by the State of Tennessee, be recommended by the Aquinas College School of Education administration and faculty for licensure in elementary education.

*\*Policies and procedures governing Education Licensure are found in the School of Education Policy and Procedure Handbook.*

### **INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSEWORK.....18 Hours**

ENG 400 Children’s Literature, Speech, and Drama .....	3 hours
PHI 330 Philosophy of Education.....	3 hours
PSY 400 Tests and Measurements.....	3 hours
PSY 410 Behavior Interventions .....	3 hours
PSY 423 Exceptional Child .....	3 hours
THE 210 Moral Theology .....	3 hours
<i>(if THE 210 is completed, then THE 420 Catechetics)</i>	

### **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION.....27 Hours**

#### **Professional Core (15 hours)**

EDU 312 Literacy Through Learning .....	3 hours
EDU 336 Methods in Mathematics and Science Instruction.....	3 hours
EDU 350 Methods in Language Arts, Social Studies & Culture .....	3 hours
EDU 418 Reading Assessment and Remediation Strategies .....	3 hours
EDU 425 Media and Technology in Education .....	3 hours

#### **Student Teaching Experience (12 hours)**

EDU 401 Elementary Education Seminar: Classroom Organization and Management .....	1 hour
EDU 435 Enhanced Student Teaching: Elementary Licensure Program .....	11 hours

### **TOTAL FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION LICENSURE ..... 45 HOURS**

## SECONDARY EDUCATION LICENSURE: ENGLISH

The Education Licensure program for secondary school English in the School of Education at Aquinas College fulfills the post-baccalaureate teacher education guidelines of the State of Tennessee Department of Education. Teacher candidates will be those individuals who have completed baccalaureate degrees but who did not complete teacher preparation. Candidates will be screened by instructors of Aquinas College and school personnel where candidates will pre-service teach.

The School of Education will incorporate an enhanced student teaching experience (clinical practice), planned by Aquinas College with significant input from principals and teachers who serve as supervisors and mentors to pre-service student teachers and interns. Aquinas College will require candidates to address any gaps in their undergraduate education to ensure the attainment of the knowledge and skills required in general education, professional education, and the English major for the teaching field. Additional course work may be required based upon assessment of the knowledge and skills demonstrated by the candidate when admitted to the Education Licensure program in the School of Education and through assessment of performance during the induction experience.

Teacher candidates in the Education Licensure program will complete at least a full semester carrying a full load of course work in professional education including laboratory/field experiences prior to entering an induction experience. Enhanced student teaching will then follow. Additional course work to meet other knowledge and skills required in general education, professional education, or the content area will be completed before the induction experience. When candidates complete a semester of enhanced student teaching, they will be eligible for the first year apprentice licensure.

## GENERAL ELEMENTS FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION LICENSURE: ENGLISH

- A. The plan will provide for a minimum twelve (12) calendar month program of substantially full-time study. This minimum applies to candidates with no prior professional education study.
- B. The plan requires careful evaluation of applicants' transcripts assuring that teacher candidates are highly capable individuals with undergraduate degrees who are either seeking to change careers or who have recently graduated from a baccalaureate program but did not complete teacher preparation. Applicants accepted into the program must meet high academic criteria and be able to attain passing scores on tests of knowledge and skills required in Tennessee.
- C. A committee consisting of Aquinas College instructors will screen individual applicants through an interview process and transcript evaluation. The program of study for Secondary English Licensure (B.S. in English), will be the criterion for the transcript evaluation. After this process is completed, the Dean of the School of Education will meet with individual applicants to explain the academic and pre-service teaching plans designed for each of them. The plan will take into consideration the following points:
- i. Candidates will complete at least a full semester carrying a full load of professional education course work prior to entering an induction experience.
  - ii. Candidates will continue their academic and clinical requirements as advised to remove deficiencies evident as a result of their initial screenings so that they will gain the knowledge and experience that they need to be proficient secondary English teachers.
  - iii. Coursework completed at Aquinas College must include Moral Theology (THE 210), Philosophy of Education (PHI 330), and Media and Technology in Education (EDU 425). After the transcript evaluation, Methods of Instruction for Secondary Education (EDU 334), Reading Strategies for Secondary Education (EDU 335), and Instructing Diverse Learners (EDU 424) will be required of the candidate if equivalent coursework has not been successfully completed at another undergraduate institution.
  - iv. There must be sufficient evidence that the candidates have proficient knowledge from courses comparable to Foundations in Education (EDU 240), Developmental Psychology (PSY 285), Educational Psychology (PSY 315), Tests and Measurements (PSY 400), and Foreign Language I and II or they will need to take those courses in order to begin Enhanced Student Teaching.
  - v. Candidates may take the PRAXIS for content knowledge in English grammar and literature, but it is important that they have opportunities to strengthen their knowledge of the subject matter through courses that they take in English at Aquinas College. They will be required to take up to 24 hours of coursework (major for their teaching field), to supplement their studies from the past. Adolescent Literature (ENG 403) is required of all candidates if it has not been successfully completed at another undergraduate institution.

### TEACHER EDUCATION CORE.....18 Hours

THE 210 Moral Theology.....	3 hours
EDU 240 Foundation in Education.....	3 hours
PHI 330 Philosophy of Education.....	3 hours
PSY 285 Developmental Psychology.....	3 hours
PSY 400 Tests and Measurements.....	3 hours
ENG 403 Adolescent Literature.....	3 hours

### PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION .....24 Hours

#### Professional Core (12 hours)

EDU 334 Methods of Instruction for Secondary Education.....	3 hours
EDU 335 Reading Strategies for Secondary Education.....	3 hours
EDU 424 Instructing Diverse Learners.....	3 hours
EDU 425 Media and Technology in Education.....	3 hours

#### Student Teaching Experience (12 hours)

EDU 402 Secondary Education Seminar: Classroom Organization and Management.....	1 hour
EDU 436 Enhanced Student Teaching: Secondary Licensure Program.....	11 hours

### TOTAL FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION LICENSURE: ENGLISH ..... 42 HOURS



## SECONDARY EDUCATION LICENSURE: HISTORY

The Education Licensure program for secondary school History of the School of Education at Aquinas College fulfills the post-baccalaureate teacher education guidelines of the State of Tennessee Department of Education. Teacher candidates will be those individuals who have completed baccalaureate degrees but who did not complete teacher preparation. Candidates will be screened by instructors of Aquinas College and school personnel where candidates will pre-service teach.

The School of Education will incorporate an enhanced student teaching experience (clinical practice), planned by Aquinas College with significant input from principals and teachers who serve as supervisors and mentors to pre-service student teachers and interns. Aquinas College will require candidates to address any gaps in their undergraduate education to ensure the attainment of the knowledge and skills required in general education, professional education, and the History major for the teaching field. Additional course work may be required based upon assessment of the knowledge and skills demonstrated by the candidate when admitted to the Education Licensure program in the School of Education and through assessment of performance during the induction experience.

Teacher candidates in the Education Licensure program will complete at least a full semester carrying a full load of course work in professional education including laboratory/field experiences prior to entering an induction experience. Enhanced student teaching will then follow. Additional course work to meet other knowledge and skills required in general education, professional education, or the content area will be completed before the induction experience. When candidates complete a semester of enhanced student teaching, they will be eligible for the first year apprentice licensure.

### GENERAL ELEMENTS FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION LICENSURE: HISTORY

- A. The plan will provide for a minimum twelve (12) calendar month program of substantially full-time study. This minimum applies to candidates with no prior professional education study.
- B. The plan requires careful evaluation of applicants' transcripts assuring that teacher candidates are highly capable individuals with undergraduate degrees who are either seeking to change careers or who have recently graduated from a baccalaureate program but did not complete teacher preparation. Applicants accepted into the program must meet high academic criteria and be able to attain passing scores on tests of knowledge and skills required in Tennessee.
- C. A committee consisting of Aquinas College instructors will screen individual applicants through an interview process and transcript evaluation. The program of study for Secondary History Licensure (B.S. in History), will be the criterion for the transcript evaluation. After this process is completed, the Dean of the School of Education will meet with individual applicants to explain the academic and pre-service teaching plans designed for each of them. The plan will take into consideration the following points:
  - i. Candidates will complete at least a full semester carrying a full load of professional education course work prior to entering an induction experience.
  - ii. Candidates will continue their academic and clinical requirements as advised to remove deficiencies evident as a result of their initial screenings so that they will gain the knowledge and experience that they need to be proficient secondary History teachers.
  - iii. Coursework completed at Aquinas College must include Moral Theology (THE 210), Philosophy of Education (PHI 330), and Media and Technology in Education (EDU 425). After the transcript evaluation, Methods of Instruction for Secondary Education (EDU 334), Reading Strategies for Secondary Education (EDU 335), and Instructing Diverse Learners (EDU 424) will be required of the candidate if equivalent coursework has not been successfully completed at another undergraduate institution.
  - iv. There must be sufficient evidence that the candidates have proficient knowledge from courses comparable to Foundations in Education (EDU 240), Developmental Psychology (PSY 285), Educational Psychology (PSY 315), Tests and Measurements (PSY 400), and Foreign Language I and II or they will need to take those courses in order to begin Enhanced Student Teaching.
  - v. Candidates may take the PRAXIS for content knowledge in World and U.S. History, but it is important that they have opportunities to strengthen their knowledge of the subject matter through courses that they take in History at Aquinas College. They will be required to take up to 24 hours of coursework (major for their teaching field), to supplement their studies from the past.

**TEACHER EDUCATION CORE.....15 Hours**

THE 210 Moral Theology.....	3 hours
EDU 240 Foundation in Education.....	3 hours
PHI 330 Philosophy of Education.....	3 hours
PSY 285 Developmental Psychology.....	3 hours
PSY 400 Tests and Measurements.....	3 hours

**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION.....24 Hours**

**Professional Core (12 hours)**

EDU 334 Methods of Instruction for Secondary Education.....	3 hours
EDU 335 Reading Strategies for Secondary Education.....	3 hours
EDU 424 Instructing Diverse Learners.....	3 hours
EDU 425 Media and Technology in Education.....	3 hours

**Student Teaching Experience (12 hours)**

EDU 402 Secondary Education Seminar: Classroom Organization and Management.....	1 hour
EDU 436 Enhanced Student Teaching: Secondary Licensure Program.....	11 hours

**TOTAL FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION LICENSURE: HISTORY ..... 39 HOURS**



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# SCHOOL OF NURSING

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The School of Nursing, using an academic progression curriculum model, offers degree programs leading to the Associate of Science in Nursing (A.S.N.), the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) and the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) as well as a certificate program leading to a Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing Education. Each program supports and implements the mission and core values of Aquinas College founded on Christian principles of truth and charity in the Catholic and Dominican tradition.

*Please refer to the Aquinas College Graduate Catalog for more information regarding graduate degrees.*

The Faculty of the School of Nursing commits itself

- to provide a culture of learning in an educational community where Christian caring, critical thinking, moral decision-making, quality education, holistic nursing practice, and standards of professional nursing are modeled by faculty and acquired by students; and
- to prepare women and men to practice nursing in a competent, professional, ethical, and effective manner within a culturally diverse society in a variety of settings.

## THE ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the A.S.N. Program is to prepare graduates for initial licensure and entry-level roles as a Registered Nurse by: (a) offering an academically challenging nursing curriculum integrated with liberal arts and sciences and, (b) fostering personal and professional growth in a learning environment based on Christian principles.

### PROGRAM OUTCOMES

At the completion of the program, graduates will be able to

- provide individualized and holistic nursing care to clients/families/communities that enables them to maintain or restore an optimum level of health based on the integration of the nursing process, critical thinking and professional knowledge and judgment;
- implement effective skills as a leader and manager in multi-disciplinary health care environments by coordinating resources and delegating responsibilities;
- implement prioritized therapeutic nursing interventions that are safe, ethical, effective and efficient, and that integrate the dignity, worth and uniqueness of each client, consistent with his/her socio-cultural and demographic background;
- implement effective written and oral communication skills and the use of information technology systems in a variety of health care settings;
- participate in activities that continue to enhance personal and professional growth and contribute to safe quality care and to the advancement of nursing practice;
- incorporate into ongoing practice the professional behaviors that integrate moral, ethical, legal, cultural and spiritual principles consistent with the Catholic and Dominican Tradition, the application of research findings, and professional engagement;
- advocate for client rights and access to health care resources to empower them to participate in their own care regardless of age, race, gender, culture or creed.

**The A.S.N. Program is currently being phased out as the School of Nursing transitions to a four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) Program, which begins August 2015. No new students will be accepted into the A.S.N. Program.**

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

<b>LIBERAL ARTS CORE</b> .....	<b>30/31 hours</b>
BIO 211 Anatomy and Physiology I** .....	4 hours
BIO 212 Anatomy and Physiology II** .....	4 hours
BIO 220 Microbiology** .....	4 hours
ENG 111 English Composition I .....	3 hours
ENG 112 English Composition II* .....	3 hours
IDS 106 College Learning in the Dominican Tradition*** .....	1 hour
PHI 215 Ethics .....	3 hours
PSY 115 General Psychology .....	3 hours
SOC 210 Introduction to Sociology .....	3 hours
THE 210 Moral Theology .....	3 hours

\* ENG 112 must be completed prior to beginning the second year of study.

\*\* Science courses must be current within the last five (5) years of starting the A.S.N. Program.

\*\*\* IDS 106 is required of all freshman-level students entering Aquinas College for the first time.

<b>NURSING COURSES</b> .....	<b>41 hours</b>
NUR 110 Fundamentals of Nursing.....	6 hours
NUR 115 Mental Health Nursing .....	4 hours
NUR 121 Medical-Surgical Nursing I .....	7 hours
NUR 135 Pharmacology .....	2 hours
NUR 222 Medical-Surgical Nursing II .....	9 hours
NUR 223 Clinical Decision Making .....	2 hours
NUR 225 Parent-Child Nursing .....	9 hours
NUR 232 Trends and Technology in Nursing.....	2 hours

<b>TOTAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS</b> .....	<b>71/72 hours</b>
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### PROGRAM OF STUDY FALL ADMISSION

#### FALL

BIO 211 Anatomy & Physiology I.....	4 hours
NUR 110 Fundamentals of Nursing.....	6 hours
NUR 135 Pharmacology .....	2 hours
PSY 115 General Psychology .....	3 hours
SOC 210 Introduction to Sociology .....	3 hours
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>18 Hours</b>

#### SPRING

BIO 212 Anatomy & Physiology II.....	4 hours
NUR 225 Parent-Child Nursing .....	9 hours
NUR 232 Trends and Technology in Nursing.....	2 hours
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>15 Hours</b>

#### SUMMER

ENG 111 English Composition I .....	3 hours
ENG 112 English Composition II* .....	3 hours
PHI 215 Ethics .....	3 hours
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>9 Hours</b>

\*ENG 112 must be completed prior to beginning the second year of study.

#### FALL

NUR 115 Mental Health Nursing .....	4 hours
NUR 121 Medical-Surgical Nursing I.....	7 hours
THE 210 Moral Theology .....	3 hours
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>14 Hours</b>

#### SPRING

BIO 220 Microbiology .....	4 hours
NUR 222 Medical-Surgical Nursing II .....	9 hours
NUR 223 Clinical Decision Making .....	2 hours
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>15 Hours</b>

### PROGRAM OF STUDY SPRING ADMISSION

#### SPRING

BIO 211 Anatomy & Physiology I.....	4 hours
NUR 110 Fundamentals of Nursing.....	6 hours
NUR 135 Pharmacology .....	2 hours
PSY 115 General Psychology .....	3 hours
SOC 210 Introduction to Sociology .....	3 hours
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>18 Hours</b>

#### SUMMER

ENG 111 English Composition I .....	3 hours
ENG 112 English Composition II* .....	3 hours
PHI 215 Ethics .....	3 hours
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>9 Hours</b>

\* ENG 112 must be completed prior to beginning the second year of study.

#### FALL

BIO 212 Anatomy & Physiology II .....	4 hours
NUR 225 Parent-Child Nursing .....	9 hours
NUR 232 Trends and Technology in Nursing.....	2 hours
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>15 Hours</b>

#### SPRING

NUR 115 Mental Health Nursing .....	4 hours
NUR 121 Medical-Surgical Nursing I.....	7 hours
THE 210 Moral Theology .....	3 hours
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>14 Hours</b>

#### FALL

BIO 220 Microbiology .....	4 hours
NUR 222 Medical-Surgical Nursing II .....	9 hours
NUR 223 Clinical Decision Making .....	2 hours
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>15 Hours</b>

Note: Required non-nursing courses may be taken prior to the semester in which they are listed. If not, they must be taken in the designated semester. The prescribed sequence of nursing courses may change resulting in full-time enrollment with 12 or more nursing credit hours in at least one semester of the A.S.N. Program.

# THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAMS

The School of Nursing offers two programs leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree: a traditional four-year undergraduate academic program designed to prepare its graduates for licensure and nursing practice; and an accelerated upper-division undergraduate academic program for registered nurses to complete their baccalaureate degree.

Consistent with the Mission and Core Values of Aquinas College and the philosophy of the School of Nursing, the B.S.N. Programs consist of academically challenging nursing curricula integrated with a liberal arts core that is grounded in Catholic teaching and the Dominican emphasis on the compatibility of faith and reason. The B.S.N. Programs focus on preparing confident and competent clinicians who promote caring, integrity, diversity, and excellence in nursing practice in many health care settings as well as promote the dignity, freedom and flourishing of every human person.

## PURPOSE

The B.S.N. Program is a traditional, four-year undergraduate academic program designed to prepare its graduates for licensure and nursing practice beyond the hospital environment to the increasing numbers of sick and marginalized persons encountered in community settings. B.S.N. graduates are conversely charged to actively contribute to the improvement of the health of individuals, families, communities, and populations as well as to develop and re-shape standards of nursing practice, health policy, and care systems.

The R.N.-B.S.N. Program is an accelerated upper division undergraduate academic program designed for the working professional to build upon the basic nursing education of the registered nurse by further expanding knowledge from the liberal arts and professional practices of nursing. Based on Christian principles, the R.N.-B.S.N. program prepares registered nurses for a baccalaureate degree in nursing which identifies and meets the health care needs of a changing society and to continue advanced studies.

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

At the completion of either B.S.N. Program, graduates will be able to

- administer evidence-based, clinically relevant holistic care to individuals, families, groups and multi-dimensional populations with diverse demographic and cultural characteristics in a variety of settings;
- communicate effectively using oral, written and electronic methods, to transmit the analysis and integration of data required to provide safe quality care and inform nursing practice;
- integrate critical reasoning and problem-solving methods to make effective nursing judgments and help patients make relevant decisions to improve their health and quality of life;
- implement interventions that integrate ethical, legal, and Christian principles and behaviors, consistent with the Catholic and Dominican Tradition, in all professional nursing activities in order to advocate for the health, well-being and best interests of nurses, patients, families, significant others and the community;
- integrate teaching strategies to assist individuals, families and communities to achieve the highest level of health and well-being possible;
- collaborate in partnership with other healthcare team members to promote, protect, and improve health of patients at any point on the illness/wellness continuum;
- engage in leadership and management activities in a multi-disciplinary healthcare environment to plan, implement, delegate, evaluate and promote safe quality nursing care that is holistic and cost effective; and,
- participate in the ongoing changes in the profession and actions that promote safe quality patient care and engage in their ongoing preparation through continued learning and advanced practice education that advance the goals of the profession.

## ADMISSION TO THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM

### REQUIREMENTS

Students seeking admission to the B.S.N. Program must be admitted to Aquinas College and meet the same criteria for admission as all other students. The School of Nursing will notify applicants in writing regarding admission to the B.S.N. Program following a review of all application materials. Early application is strongly encouraged since enrollment is limited in the B.S.N. Program. Spaces are assigned based on the timely completion of the application process.

In addition to the requirements for admission to the College, the B.S.N. applicant must meet the following requirements as part of the application process for full admission to the B.S.N. Program.

- Submit high school and/or all college transcripts. Transfer students with a bachelor’s degree do not need to submit high school transcript.
- Have a minimum ACT composite of 21 with 21 in English, Math, Reading and Science or 980 SAT with minimum 490 in math.
- Have a GPA of 2.75 or greater on a 4.0 scale and a “C” or higher in the following high school courses:
  - Algebra I and II
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
- Transfer students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or greater based on all college course work within the last 10 years. All required science courses for the B.S.N. degree must be current within 5 years with a final course grade of a C or better.
- GED recipients must have a 57 in Math, 57 in English, and 57 in Science and ACT enhanced scores of 21 Composite, 21 English, and 21 Math or minimum SAT scores of 490 Critical Reading and 490 Math.
- Submit two letters of recommendation from persons not related by blood or marriage that provides statement of character and values.
- Submit a concise written essay of career goals as a nurse not to exceed 500 words.
- Have an interview with members of the B.S.N. Program Admissions Committee.
- If applicant is denied admission, the applicant may appeal the decision by writing to the Director of the B.S.N. Programs.
- Applicants who have sustained two failures (D, F, WF) in any required nursing or support courses regardless of where the courses were taken will not be considered for admission to the B.S.N. Program.

**Conditional Admission to the B.S.N. Program**

Applicants who do not meet all of the admission requirements stated above may be admitted conditionally to the B.S.N. Program. They may enroll in the B.S.N. Program of Studies, including NUR 101 and NUR 102, and other non-nursing courses. However, enrollment in nursing courses with course numbers 200 or above is not permitted until the student has been formally admitted to the B.S.N. Program.

**Exception to the Admission Policies**

The B.S.N. Nursing Program reserves the right to make exceptions to the admission requirements. Written requests for exceptions to the admission requirements, supported by evidence of extenuating circumstances, may be considered after an official application for admission has been filed. Granting an exception to an admission requirement must be approved by the Program Director and the Dean of the School of Nursing.

**Admission Deferral**

Students who are granted admission to the B.S.N. Program and wish to defer their admission to a later date, must submit this request in writing to the Director of the B.S.N. Programs. Deferrals are good for one year from the original admission date.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR B.S.N. PROGRAM**

Once admitted to the B.S.N. Program a student must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 and earn a grade of at least a “C” in all required nursing courses and support courses.

**LIBERAL ARTS CORE ..... 53 HOURS**

**ENGLISH (9 hours)**

- ENG 111 English Composition I..... 3 hours
- ENG 112 English Composition II ..... 3 hours
- Any *one* course in English ..... 3 hours

**GENERAL ELECTIVE (3 hours)**

- Any course(s) ..... 3 hours

**HISTORY ELECTIVE (3 hours)**

- Any *one* course in History ..... 3 hours

**HUMANITIES ELECTIVE (3 hours)**

- Any *one* course in History, Philosophy, Literature or Theology ..... 3 hours

**INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (4 hours)**

- IDS 106 College Learning in the Dominican Tradition..... 1 hour
- IDS 210 Personhood and Human Flourishing ..... 3 hours

**MATHEMATICS (3 hours)**

- MAT 210 Statistics I ..... 3 hours

**NATURAL SCIENCES (16 hours)**

CHE 100 Fundamentals of Chemistry.....	4 hours
BIO 211 Anatomy and Physiology I .....	4 hours
BIO 212 Anatomy and Physiology II.....	4 hours
BIO 220 Microbiology.....	4 hours

**PHILOSOPHY (3 hours)**

PHI 215 Ethics .....	3 hours
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**PSYCHOLOGY (6 hours)**

PSY 115 General Psychology .....	3 hours
PSY 285 Developmental Psychology.....	3 hours

**THEOLOGY (3 hours)**

THE 210 Moral Theology .....	3 hours
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**NURSING CORE ..... 67 HOURS****ART OF NURSING (16 hours)**

NUR 101 Learning and Self-Care .....	1 hour
NUR 102 Healing and Communities.....	1 hour
NUR 201 Creating Healing Relationships.....	1 hour
NUR 202 Collaborating in Healing Environments.....	1 hour
NUR 301 Building a Therapeutic Environment .....	3 hours
NUR 302 Constructing Holistic Relationships.....	3 hours
NUR 401 Caring in Human Cultures .....	3 hours
NUR 402 Developing Professionalism in Practice.....	3 hours

**SCIENCE OF NURSING (51 hours)**

NUR 209 Care of the Family I.....	4 hours
NUR 210 Care of the Family II.....	4 hours
NUR 245 Health Continuum I.....	4 hours
NUR 246 Health Continuum II .....	4 hours
NUR 309 Human Health Conditions I .....	7 hours
NUR 310 Human Health Conditions II.....	7 hours
NUR 346 Evidence-Based Nursing.....	3 hours
NUR 409 Global Perspectives.....	7 hours
NUR 410 Systems Leadership .....	7 hours
NUR 445 Professional Regulation and Licensure .....	1 hour

**NURSING ELECTIVE (3 hours)**

NUR 446 Focused Studies in Community-Centered Nursing .....	3 hours
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**TOTAL HOURS FOR B.S.N. DEGREE ..... 120 HOURS****ADMISSION TO THE R.N.-B.S.N. PROGRAM****REQUIREMENTS**

Some students elect to enter Aquinas College and complete required non-nursing courses prior to official admission into the R.N.-B.S.N. Program. For initial admission into the R.N.-B.S.N. Program, all admission requirements for the College must be fulfilled. Admission into the College does not guarantee subsequent admission into the R.N.-B.S.N. Program.

To be admitted into the R.N.-B.S.N. Program, all admission requirements of Aquinas College must be fulfilled. In addition, the applicant must

- submit a completed R.N.-B.S.N. application;
- submit two (2) letters of recommendations from registered nurses supervisors, preferably with B.S.N. or higher degree, who currently hold an unencumbered registered nurse license;
- General Education/Liberal Arts courses will also be transferred in accordance with Aquinas College transfer credit policy;
- show evidence of an associate degree or diploma in nursing from an ACEN or CCNE accredited institution. Thirty (30) credits will be awarded upon enrolling in the first course in the R.N.-B.S.N. Program;



- hold a current unencumbered registered nurse license in Tennessee or a compact state or be eligible for an unencumbered registered nurse license in Tennessee;
- R.N.s seeking admission to the R.N.-B.S.N. Program must have a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale;
- have two (2) years of current nursing practice within the last four (4) years or have graduation from a nursing program within the last year;
- It is strongly recommended that the general studies courses be completed prior to enrolling in the R.N.-B.S.N. nursing courses; and
- have CPU 115 Introduction to Computers or a comparable course as it is a prerequisite to IDS 310 Introduction to Accelerated Studies in Nursing.

Aquinas College students in the final semester of the A.S.N. Program may submit an application to the R.N.-B.S.N. Admissions Counselor by the last day of mid-term break. The student must be employed as a registered nurse before beginning the upper division nursing courses.

Aquinas A.S.N. graduates who have been not been enrolled in courses at Aquinas College for more than one semester must reapply to the College and meet the requirements for admission to the R.N.-B.S.N. Program.

## ADMISSIONS APPEALS

The Office of Admissions and the Director of the B.S.N. Programs reviews each application carefully. The stated requirements serve as a guideline for admission. The Director of the B.S.N. Programs reserves the right to exercise discretion in admissions decisions. Candidates, who are not accepted to the B.S.N. Programs, may submit a formal letter appealing the decision to the Director of the B.S.N. Programs.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR R.N.-B.S.N. PROGRAM

The 120-semester hour R.N.-B.S.N. Program is offered in the accelerated format. Courses meet weekly with accompanying weekly project group work. The nursing core curriculum is an integrated sequence of courses that build on one another. The curriculum culminates in a capstone course (NUR 442) that allows students to complete a clinical practicum culminating a project that synthesizes all upper division course content.

R.N.s, who earned their diploma in nursing or A.S.N. from an ACEN-accredited School of Nursing outside of Aquinas College or a nursing diploma program, receive 30 block credit hours for their previous nursing course work, upon enrolling in IDS 310.

### LIBERAL ARTS CORE ..... 55 HOURS

#### COMPUTERS (3 hours)

CPU 115 Introduction to Computers\* ..... 3 hours

#### ENGLISH (6 hours)

ENG 111 English Composition I\* ..... 3 hours

ENG 112 English Composition II\* ..... 3 hours

#### HISTORY (3 hours)

Any *one* course in History ..... 3 hours

#### HUMANITIES (6 hours)

*Choose two courses from the following: Fine Arts, Foreign Language, History, Philosophy, Literature or Theology*..... 6 hours

#### LITERATURE (3 hours)

Any *one* course in Literature..... 3 hours

#### MATHEMATICS (3 hours)

MAT 210 Statistics I\* ..... 3 hours

#### NATURAL SCIENCES (12 hours)

BIO 211 Anatomy and Physiology I\* ..... 4 hours

BIO 212 Anatomy and Physiology II\* ..... 4 hours

BIO 220 Microbiology\* ..... 4 hours

#### PHILOSOPHY (3 hours)

PHI 215 Ethics\* ..... 3 hours

#### SOCIAL SCIENCES (6 hours)

PSY 115 General Psychology\* ..... 3 hours

SOC 210 Introduction to Sociology\* ..... 3 hours

**THEOLOGY (3 hours)**

THE 210 Moral Theology\* ..... 3 hours

**ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS (7 hours)**

Choose *three* courses with the approval of the Dean of the School of Nursing..... 7 hours

**INTRODUCTION TO ACCELERATED STUDIES..... 3 HOURS**

IDS 310 Introduction to Accelerated Studies in Nursing\* ..... 3 hours

**UPPER DIVISION NURSING COURSES\*\* ..... 32 HOURS**

NUR 315 Advanced Professional Nursing Concepts and Issues\* ..... 3 hours

NUR 345 Pathophysiology\* ..... 4 hours

NUR 375 Health and Physical Assessment\* ..... 4 hours

NUR 380 Current Pharmacotherapy Applications\* ..... 2 hours

NUR 415 Nursing Research\* ..... 3 hours

NUR 420 Advanced Adult Health Nursing\* ..... 4 hours

NUR 426 Family and Community Health Nursing\* ..... 4 hours

NUR 435 Leadership and Management of Healthcare Delivery\* ..... 4 hours

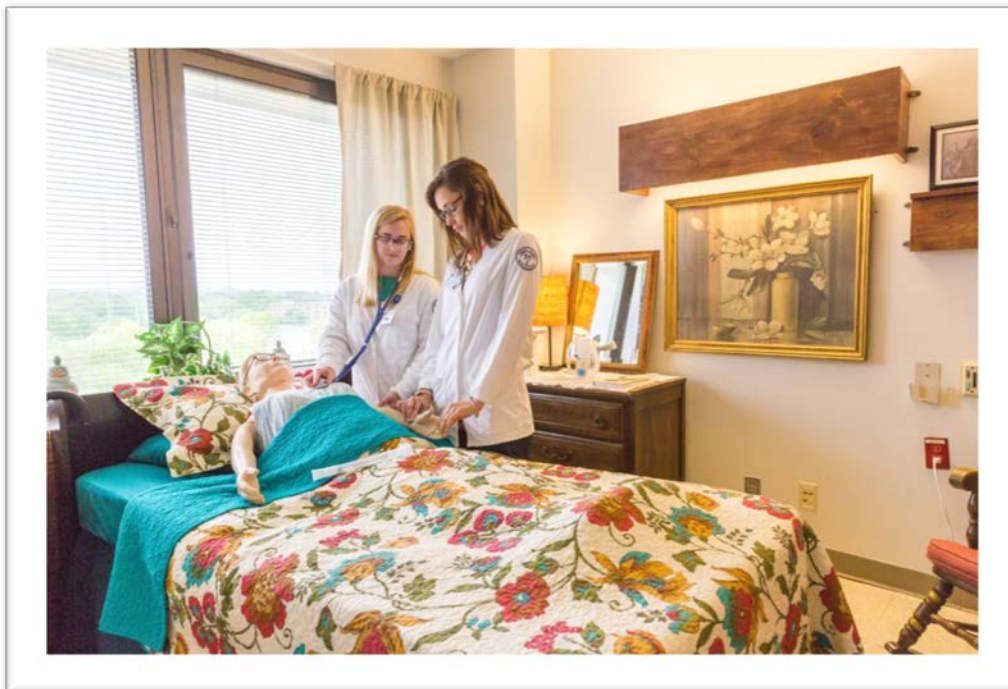
NUR 442 Senior Practicum and Seminar\* ..... 4 hours

**BLOCK NURSING CREDIT (awarded upon enrollment in IDS 310)..... 30 HOURS**

**TOTAL HOURS FOR R.N.-B.S.N. DEGREE ..... 120 HOURS**

\* Minimum grade of "C" required in each of these courses.

\*\* It is strongly recommended that students earn a minimum of 50 of the 55 general studies credits prior to admission to Upper Division Nursing. The remaining 6 credits must be completed before enrolling in NUR 420.



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## AQUINASABROAD

During the 2015-2016 academic year, Aquinas College introduces a new study abroad program called *AquinasAbroad*. The first location for this new initiative is in the picturesque medieval lakeside town of Bracciano, Italy. *AquinasAbroad* students will live and study at the Villaggio Betania, a St. Cecilia Congregation-owned property approximately 20 miles northwest of Rome, the heart of the Universal Church. The Villaggio Betania is a 5-building campus on about five acres of beautiful land overlooking Lake Bracciano and within walking distance to the Orsini Odescalchi Castle, one of the most beautiful feudal mansions in Europe.

The *AquinasAbroad* experience includes a rich array of courses in theology, philosophy, history, art, and Italian as well as school-sponsored trips to Rome, Florence, Naples, Pompeii, and Siena, among others, where students will encounter academic, spiritual, and cultural experiences that will animate their coursework and provide an immediate point of reference for their studies.

Participants in the *AquinasAbroad* program are required to be enrolled full-time (12 credit hours/4 courses). Courses focus on the cultural and spiritual heritage of Italy while also satisfying common requirements. The *AquinasAbroad* program enhances learning with life experience while maintaining the high academic standards of Aquinas College. All Aquinas College academic policies apply to the study abroad program.

### ***COURSES OFFERED FOR 2015-2016\****

- FAR 375 Special Topics: Art & Architecture in Italy
- HIS 375/THE 375 Special Topics: Church History
- ITL 111 Elementary Italian I
- PHI 225 Philosophy of the Human Person
- THE 210 Moral Theology
- THE 375/HIS 375 Special Topics: Church History

### ***COURSES PLANNED FOR 2016-2017\****

- FAR 375 Special Topics: Art & Architecture in Italy
- HIS 375/THE 375 Special Topics: Church History
- ITL 111 Elementary Italian I
- PHI 215 Ethics
- THE 210 Moral Theology
- THE 375/HIS 375 Special Topics: Church History

\*Independent Study courses may be offered as needed, if feasible.



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##### **Director of *AquinasAbroad***

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S.T.L., The Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome

S.T.B., The Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome

B.A., Belmont University

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B.A., Franciscan University of Steubenville

# CATECHETICS

The Office of Catechetics at Aquinas College exists to form catechists so that they may faithfully participate in the Church's mission of evangelization to "make disciples of all nations." The Office of Catechetics strive to prepare catechists who possess a confident knowledge of Church doctrine; who have a proper understanding and skill in right pedagogy; and who are themselves faithful disciples of the Lord.

Presently, the Office of Catechetics directs three main programs:

- Catechist Formation Program
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training
- St. Thomas Aquinas Theological & Catechetical Forum

## ***CATECHIST FORMATION PROGRAM***

Aquinas College developed the Catechist Formation Program in collaboration with the Diocese of Nashville to help pastors, principals, and directors of religious education train prospective catechists in Roman Catholic doctrine. By making available faculty, research, and scholarship prepared in the light of the Magisterium of the Church, the Program offers a systematic and organic formation program based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and other catechetical documents of the Roman Catholic Church and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The program is a non-credit program supported by the College in light of its overall mission. Currently, the CFP is offered in the Diocese of Nashville, Knoxville, and Lexington.

## ***CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD***

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach or method of faith formation for young children 3-12 years old. It is a systematic method of Catholic faith formation for children which is rooted in the Bible, the Liturgy of the Church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. Training sessions are hosted on site at Aquinas College and at other locations during the year and each summer by nationally recognized and certified CGS trainers.

## ***ST. THOMAS AQUINAS FORUM***

The St. Thomas Aquinas Theological & Catechetical Forum at Aquinas College offers an intensive study of a particular point of Roman Catholic doctrine or devotion, led by Aquinas College faculty members and invited speakers. The Forum offers a variety of lectures as well as opportunities for Mass, personal prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and sacramental Reconciliation. Attendance can be counted toward hours needed for diocesan catechist certification programs.

Other formation programs that the Office supports include:

- Catechetical Conferences
- Bible Study Trainings, Workshops, and Conference Presentations

## ***CATECHETICAL CONFERENCES***

The Diocese of Nashville Catechetical Conference provides on-going formation for diocesan catechists. The Office of Catechetics works in collaboration with the Diocese to host the conference. The goal of the conference is to provide catechist with a solid formation in the teachings of the Catholic Church and to inspire within the catechist a deeper love of Christ. There is also a desire to provide ideas and inspiration and the practical skills needed for effective catechesis and evangelization.

## ***BIBLE STUDY TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS, AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS***

The staff in the Office of Catechetics has been involved in and is available to give presentations or host a variety of trainings, workshops, and talks at conferences. The Office of Catechetics periodically hosts training sessions or workshops at Aquinas College. The staff is also available to give workshops and talks for school faculty, religious education catechist, at retreats or conferences.

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# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## ACCOUNTING (ACC)

### **ACC 210 FUNDAMENTALS OF ACCOUNTING** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: MAT 121*

This course is an introduction to accounting principles, the language of business. The course prepares the student to understand financial accounting concepts, and how these concepts are utilized to prepare financial statements. The student is introduced to the various types of business entities, and how financial statements prepared by accounting principles are utilized by owners, investors, and outsiders in evaluating a business.

### **ACC 215 PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING & ANALYSIS** (3 credit hours)

*Same as FIN 215*

*Prerequisite: MAT 121 or equivalent*

This course focuses on the principles employed in the analysis of financial statements rather than their creation. Financial statements, their management information content, their interpretation, and their use in developing financial assessments of publicly held firms will be the pivotal elements of the course, without overlooking the human and moral factors that must also be considered in such evaluations. Analytical techniques employed include trend analysis and deterministic forecasting. This course provides the foundation for corporate finance theory.

### **ACC 375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN ACCOUNTING** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, ACC 210; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics*

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, conferences, workshops, field activities and/or readings focused on current issues in accounting.

## BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (BIO)

### **BIO 111 GENERAL BIOLOGY I** (4 credit hours)

*Offered Fall Semester and Summer Session*

This is a four-credit hour lab science course, which provides students with a solid foundation of biological principles upon which all other biological life science rests. It begins with a comprehensive study of the basic structure and functions of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells using selected principles of biochemistry for a more complete understanding. Basic cellular organization and function will be discussed. Some fundamental principles of evolutionary science will be applied to gain a more complete understanding of the diversity that exists in all of life's kingdoms (Monera, Protista, Fungi).

### **BIO 112 GENERAL BIOLOGY II** (4 credit hours)

*Offered Spring Semester and Summer Session*

*Prerequisite: BIO 111*

This course follows successful completion of BIO 111 and continues with the application of the principles studied the first semester. A comprehensive examination of the Kingdoms Plantae and Animalia will be addressed with an emphasis on human reproduction. The material is reinforced with a weekly 2-hour laboratory session, which will consist of microscopy and dissections to illustrate this material.

### **BIO 200 BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE** (4 credit hours)

*Offered Spring Semester*

This four-credit hour lab science is specially designed for those not requiring a one-year course of a sequenced science. It begins with an examination of characteristics common to all life, including selected principles of biochemistry, cellular biology and metabolism. Basic genetic principles are also emphasized. A cursory overview of the five kingdoms, including viruses, is addressed. Throughout the course, major biological issues as they apply to the dignity of life, especially human life, will be addressed. Laboratory sessions will focus on the development of such skills as proper microscopy, scientific measurement, basic principles of experiments including the scientific method, and dissections as they apply to the above.

### **BIO 211 ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I** (4 credit hours)

This laboratory course is the first of two courses that presents the structures and functions of the human body. This course begins with a brief overview of basic biochemistry, cell biology, and histology in preparation for an in-depth study of each of the organ systems. The integumentary, skeletal, muscular, and nervous systems are covered in this first semester. Weekly laboratory activities are integrated with the lectures, including the study of prepared microscopic slides and dissection of mammalian specimens. Current scientific and ethical issues related to the course of study are considered, with a focus on the dignity of the human person.

### **BIO 212 ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II** (4 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: BIO 211*

This laboratory course is a continuation of Anatomy & Physiology I. The endocrine, cardiovascular, respiratory, gastrointestinal, urinary, and reproductive systems are studied. Weekly laboratory activities are integrated with the lectures, including the study of prepared microscopic slides and dissection of mammalian specimens. Current scientific and ethical issues related to the course of study are considered, with a focus on the dignity of the human person. During the study of the human reproductive system, special consideration is given to an integrated understanding of human sexuality and procreation.

**BIO 220 MICROBIOLOGY***(4 credit hours)***Prerequisite:** *At least one semester of college-level Biology and/or BIO 211*

This four-credit hour lab science addresses such topics as they apply to the microbial world, study of the structures and functions of prokaryotic and eukaryotic microbes, microbial genetics, microbial metabolism and growth requirements, control of their growth through such strategies of antimicrobial agents. Stress will be placed upon various viruses and groups of microorganisms as they relate to the health fields, their prominent characteristics and control measures as they are applied in clinical settings. Some basic principles of disease and immunology will be explored and illustrated using common diseases often encountered in the medical and nursing sciences as examples. The laboratory sessions will serve to reinforce and further illustrate the above by exposing students to such processes as culturing, microscopy, disinfection and sterilization and sterile technique.

**BIO 310 ECOSYSTEMS***(4 credit hours)***Prerequisites:** *BIO 111, BIO 112, ENG 112*

The relationships between the physical and biological worlds are examined in detail. The formation of the Earth and its current position in the solar system will begin the course. This introduction will serve as the foundation for investigating the physical characteristics of and influences on ecosystems, especially: climate and weather; water and mineral cycles; and geological features and their changes over time. These principles will form a foundation to understand select biological responses to the physical environment and interactions within ecosystems. Finally, the effects of human activity on ecosystem stability and function will be examined. This is a four credit hour course with a laboratory component.

**BIO 345 PATHOPHYSIOLOGY***(4 credit hours)**Same as NUR 345***Prerequisites:** *BIO 211 & 212 or permission of the instructor; ENG 112*

This four-credit hour course is designed for practicing nurses or those interested in pursuing medical or dental or other health science studies. It consists of a survey of the principles of the basic mechanisms of disease processes. Much emphasis is placed on the contrast between normal and abnormal states of cells and tissues. The course begins with an examination of the structure and physiology of the cell, cell injuries and various adaptive responses. This is followed by a study of the process of necrosis, inflammation and the immune response, neoplasm's and carcinogenesis and the pathophysiology of vascular disease. Methods of diagnosis, treatment regimens, sequellae and complications are also discussed. Such processes are illustrated by case histories, clinical slides, and studied at a microbiological level, which includes use of pathology quality microscopes. The Christian meaning of human suffering as it relates to various topics of study within this course is addressed.

**BIO 275/375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN BIOLOGY***(1–3 credit hours)***Prerequisites:** *ENG 112; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academic*

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, conferences, workshops, class activity or independent study focused on a particular topic or current issue in the natural sciences.

## **BUSINESS (BUS)**

**BUS 111 FUNDAMENTALS OF BUSINESS***(1 credit hour)**Offered Fall Semester*

This course introduces the student to the inter-connected pieces that make up the business world and begins to develop an understanding of the teamwork, problem-solving and communication skills required for future business success. The course will expose students to the essential areas of business, including economics, finance, accounting, marketing and sales, information systems, and management.

**BUS 215 BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS***(3 credit hours)***Prerequisites:** *ENG 112, CPU 115*

This course is designed to develop communication skills that are essential in a business environment. The building blocks of effective messages (informative, positive, negative, promotional and persuasive), oral presentations, report writing, and the job search process are emphasized. Students will analyze business communication situations and identify methods of negotiation and conflict resolution in the workplace. The moral implications and the responsible use of each method of communication will also be examined.

**BUS 312 MANAGEMENT SCIENCE***(3 credit hours)***Prerequisites:** *ENG 112, MAT 211*

This course explores approaches to management decision-making based on the scientific method, which entails extensive use of quantitative analysis. Complex business decisions are reduced to their elemental components and analyzed using techniques such as linear programming, dynamic programming, simulation and Markov processes. The analytical techniques in this course will allow the student to quantify and integrate dimensions of the human person into the decision-making process.

**BUS 360 BUSINESS LAW***(3 credit hours)***Prerequisite:** *ENG 112*

This course covers the primary substantive bodies of law that pertain to the legal and regulatory environment of business. Primary emphasis is placed on the formation of contracts under the common law and the Uniform Commercial Code. Other topics include the court system, the litigation process, alternatives to litigation, the employer-employee relationship, business organization and regulation, real and personal property, bailment, consumer protection, landlord-tenant issues, product liability, intellectual property and cyberspace laws. Because merely fulfilling one's legal obligation may not be sufficient to satisfy one's moral obligation, students are encouraged to approach business transactions from an ethical standard of conduct above that of the civil law.

**BUS 400 LEADERSHIP SEMINAR***(3 credit hours)**Prerequisite: junior status*

This course will focus on the science of leadership, the history of leadership studies, and the theories that support practices within contemporary organizations. In addition, students will examine their own personal leadership potential through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching. Business entities will be considered not just as a collection of individual workers, but rather as a true community that fosters the growth of people and supports the common good of the larger society. The use of lectures, exercises, readings, and in-class discussion will help students strengthen their own leadership skills.

**BUS 445 ENTREPRENEURSHIP***(3 credit hours)**Prerequisites: ENG 112, MGT 300*

This course provides an overview of the business environment and challenges that start-up enterprises committed to growth and going public face. It explores the functional roles and responsibilities that successful start-ups have traditionally emphasized from venture capital stage to post-IPO (Initial Public Offering) stage. It also provides the student with a practical exposure to the fast-paced, instant feed-back world of the entrepreneur through the use of an interactive start-up simulation software package. The course examines the roles and expectations of the various stakeholders who constitute the community of work whose common good the firm is committed to serve.

**BUS 460 BUSINESS PRACTICUM***(3 credit hours)**Prerequisites: ENG 112, MGT 300, and permission from the Dean of the School of Business*

This is a clinical experience with a managerial/entrepreneurial emphasis in a retail store environment. The students will be assigned functional (Finance, Marketing, Purchasing, etc., depending on class size) managerial roles and will perform all duties relevant to their position, maintain their functional operating manual, and attend a weekly meeting of the store's management team. At each weekly meeting, the students will provide a written management summary report of the week's activities in their respective functions, which they will present orally. Two special topic projects oriented toward the store's growth or more effective management will be assigned by the practicum instructor to be completed either individually or as a team. In executing their managerial roles, students will strive to attain results that promote the common good of all stakeholders.

**BUS 465 BUSINESS ANALYTICS***(3 credit hours)**Prerequisite: BUS 312*

This course builds on the optimization techniques, and forecasting methodology introduced in Management Science. Students will be exposed to further applications of linear optimization techniques as they apply to common and complex business decisions in areas such as Strategy, Global Supply Chain, Marketing, and Finance. They will be introduced to the tools and techniques of data mining, predictive modeling, game theory, and risk analysis. They will be faced with the challenge of gathering relevant data, analyzing it to produce management information, and presenting it in a manner that enables informed business decision making.

**BUS 480 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS***(3 credit hours)**Prerequisites: ENG 112, MGT 300, ECO 221*

This course provides an overview of the theories of international trade, foreign investment and economic development. It examines why firms go abroad and emphasizes the seven dimensions along which firms can globalize. Globalization involves more than mere geographical considerations; it is the expansion of the firm's family of stakeholders to include foreign peoples and their human needs. Therefore, this course also explores the impact of international trade and foreign investment on the economic development efforts of third-world countries.

**BUS 497 STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT IN THE GOOD COMPANY***(3 credit hours)**Prerequisites: ENG 112, senior standing, and permission from the Dean of the School of Business*

This capstone course for the Business Program integrates the broad concepts, methods, and issues of strategic management with principles of natural law and virtue in the pursuit of truly ethical business strategy and practice. The strategic management focus is on the current methods of building, sustaining and extending competitive advantage through value creation for stakeholders. Characteristics of the good company are generally defined from the functional performance perspectives, and, more specifically, from the perspective of the company's commitment to and solidarity with all of its stakeholders. Students will research and analyze industries and individual companies in detail in pursuit of those that can be defined as strategically and ethically good.

**BUS 498 INTERNSHIP IN BUSINESS***(3 credit hours)**Prerequisites: ENG 112, senior standing, and permission from the Dean of the School of Business*

This is a pass/fail applications experience that requires the student to spend 100+ hours in a position. The student intern works under the supervision and guidance of a mentor in a business, governmental, or non-profit organization. The student maintains a daily journal and prepares a formal report on how the various topics studied in the Business curriculum are practiced in the organization. Regular meetings are held with the internship director to discuss the student's observations. The mentor will also evaluate the student's performance. Practical and specific knowledge and skill should be developed during the internship.

**BUS 375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN BUSINESS***(1-3 credit hours)**Prerequisites: ENG 112, BUS 110; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics*

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, conferences, workshops, field activities and/or readings focused on current issues in business.



## CATECHETICS (CAT)

### **CAT 350 CATECHESIS: NATURE AND MISSION** (3 credit hours)

This course presents a brief history and development of catechesis within the Catholic Church. Through readings, lectures, and study of the General Directory for Catechesis students will gain an understanding of the nature and mission of catechetics. A general overview of the norms, content, curriculum and sources for catechesis will be discussed as well as the essential importance of the catechist's spirituality.

### **CAT 370 CRAFT AND CHARISM OF CATECHESIS** (3 credit hours)

This course will describe various components of catechetical pedagogy. The students will be exposed to what is meant by the craft of catechesis. The vital role that the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* gives in both content and pedagogy will be presented. Various topics will be presented in their relationship to and influence upon catechetics, such as a Catholic worldview, knowledge of developmental stages, and the role that nature and grace have in effective catechesis.

### **CAT 420 INTRODUCTION TO CATECHETICAL PEDAGOGY** (3 credit hours)

This course will present a variety of catechetical techniques. Students will have the opportunity to create and practice catechetical lessons utilizing various pedagogies incorporating Sacred Scripture, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the saints, and Salvation History. An emphasis will be placed on the vital role that effective communication skills have on catechesis. The Ecclesial Lesson Plan will be described, modeled and used by the students in the formation of catechetical lessons.

### **CAT 450 ADVANCED CATECHETICAL PEDAGOGY** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: CAT 420*

The content of the course will present how to create effective catechetical lessons for prayer, liturgy, and the moral life. The course will build upon catechetical pedagogies and related techniques presented in CAT 420. The students will be given opportunities to present the faith utilizing a variety of pedagogies. Emphasis will be placed on the skills that a catechist needs in classroom management, use of technology, and evaluation of catechetical materials and resources. The course will give a brief overview of several roles of apostolic pedagogical techniques.

## CHEMISTRY (CHE)

### **CHE 100 FUNDAMENTALS OF CHEMISTRY** (4 credit hours)

This course serves as an overview of the basic principles of inorganic, organic and biological chemistry. Topics of this course will include: measurement principles; atomic structure and chemical bonding; nuclear chemistry and radioactive decay; chemical reactions and stoichiometry; states of matter, gases and gas laws; the chemistry of water; acid-base reactions; and basic properties of the main biological macromolecules, namely carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, including enzymes, and nucleic acids. Weekly laboratory exercises will illuminate and reinforce lecture material.

### **CHE 200 CHEMICAL SCIENCE** (4 credit hours)

This course is an overview of the fundamental principles of general and organic chemistry as well as biochemistry. Topics include: the metric system; density; chemical equations and reactions; gas laws; proteins; carbohydrates; and acids and bases. The course includes a laboratory component and is designed for non-science majors and nursing students.

### **CHE 275/375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN CHEMISTRY** (1-3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics*

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, conferences, workshops, class activity or independent study focused on a particular topic or current issue in the natural sciences.

## CLASSICAL STUDIES (CLS)

### **CLS G-111 ELEMENTARY GREEK I** (3 credit hours)

*Same as GRE 111*

This course is the first semester of elementary Classical Greek grammar, vocabulary, and syntax. It also includes an introduction to Greek history and culture and a selection of readings in translation. Graduated passages will be read and analyzed in class almost daily. At the successful completion of this course, the student should be able to correctly read passages and to form selected simple English phrases and words into Greek.

### **CLS G-112 ELEMENTARY GREEK II** (3 credit hours)

*Same as GRE 112*

*Prerequisite: GRE 111/CLS G-111*

This course is the second semester of elementary Classical Greek grammar, vocabulary, and syntax. It also includes continued study of introductory Greek history and culture, especially as known through selected readings in translation. The student should be able to recount and characterize the major divisions of ancient Greek history and a selection of related cultural developments. At the successful completion of this course, the student should be able to correctly read, translate, and analyze grammatically selected elementary classical Greek words, phrases, and passages as well as translate selected English words, phrases and sentences into Greek.

**CLS L-111 ELEMENTARY LATIN I***(3 credit hours)**Same as LAT 111*

This course is the first semester of elementary Classical Latin grammar, vocabulary, and syntax. It also includes an introduction to Roman history and culture and a selection of readings in translation. The intent of this course is that the student acquire practical knowledge of first semester elementary Latin and, in the context of this study, come to know an introductory level of Roman history and culture. At the successful completion of this course, the student should be able to correctly read, translate, and analyze grammatically elementary Latin words, phrases, and sentences and to translate correctly selected simple English words, phrases, and sentences into Latin.

**CLS L-112 ELEMENTARY LATIN II***(3 credit hours)**Same as LAT 112****Prerequisite: CLS L-111/LAT 111***

This course is the second semester of elementary Classical Latin grammar, vocabulary, and Syntax. It also includes a continuation of introductory Roman history and culture and selected readings in translation. The intent of this course is that the student acquires practical knowledge of second semester introductory-level college Latin and continues introductory study of Roman history and culture. At the successful completion of this course, the student should be able to correctly read, translate, and analyze grammatically Latin words, phrases and sentences and translate correctly English words, phrases and sentences into Latin.

**CLS L-213 INTERMEDIATE LATIN I***(3 credit hours)**Same as LAT 213****Prerequisites: CLS L- 112 or two years of high school Latin. Must be taken in sequence.***

This course is the first semester study of Classical Latin on the intermediate college level with emphasis on translation of selected passages, primarily prose, from Republican and Augustan authors. Topics include continued study of grammar, especially subjunctive uses, literary analysis and terms, and the historical setting of the passages studied. Additional readings in translation to complement the passages read in Latin will also be included. The intent of this course is that the student correctly translate, grammatically analyze articulately criticize selected Latin passages. At the successful completion of this course, the student should be able to read, translate, and discuss the artistic and historical characteristics of selected Latin passages.

**CLS L-214 INTERMEDIATE LATIN II***(3 credit hours)**Same as LAT 214****Prerequisite: Successful completion of Intermediate Latin I or the equivalent as determined by the instructor.***

This course is the second semester study of Classical Latin on the intermediate college level with emphasis on the reading and translation of selected passages, especially poetry, from the Republican and Augustan periods. Additional readings in translation will be included to supplement the passages read in Latin. Topics include continued study of grammar, literary analysis and terms, the use of meter, especially in the epic, and the historical setting of the passages studied. Reports on individual topics will be required. At the successful completion of this course, the student should be able to read, translate, and analyze the grammatical and artistic characteristics of selected Latin passages.

**CLS 300 MYTHOLOGY***(3 credit hours)****Prerequisite: ENG 112***

This course is a review of the nature, background and content of Greek mythology and the related mythology of the Romans. It also includes a survey of the characteristics of Greek and Roman religion and a consideration of the survival, transformation and later use of Greek and Roman mythology. The intent of this course is that the student acquires knowledge of the nature, content, and use of selected Greek and Roman myths and of their relation to selected aspects of Greek history and culture. A research paper will be required.

## **COMPUTER (CPU)**

**CPU 115 INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS***(3 credit hours)*

This course is designed to provide students with an introduction to computers and the basic computer applications of word processing, spreadsheets, databases, and multimedia presentations. The course will also address the basic understanding of computer hardware and its functions.

**CPU 340 MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATIONS***(3 credit hours)****Prerequisite: ENG 112***

The purpose of this course is to provide students with the knowledge and skills to develop effective multimedia presentations. The course will afford students the opportunity to study, discuss, and apply the use of multimedia for the purposes of presentations, tutorials, and other instructional strategies.

**CPU 275/375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN COMPUTER***(1-3 credit hours)****Prerequisite: ENG 112; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics***

Special topic to be indicated. Seminars, conferences, workshops or field activities focused on current issues in the field of computers.

## **ECONOMICS (ECO)**

### **ECO 220 MICROECONOMICS**

(3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: MAT 121 or equivalent*

This course is concerned with the economic behavior of individual persons, firms and industries and the distribution of production and income among them. It introduces and critiques neoclassical economics and other economic models as mechanisms for allocating society's limited resources among their many alternative uses. The human person, as the supplier of labor and the consumer of the final product, is distinguished from all other factors of production.

### **ECO 221 MACROECONOMICS**

(3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: MAT 121 or equivalent*

This course is concerned with the aggregate of individual economic behavior. It will provide an overview of the following macroeconomic issues: the determination of output, employment, unemployment, interest rates and inflation. Monetary and fiscal policies are discussed, as well as public and private debt and international economic issues. The course also introduces basic models of macroeconomics and illustrates concepts utilizing the experiences of the United States and other developed economies. Finally, students will assess the impact of macroeconomic policies using the guiding principles of solidarity and the universal destination of goods.

### **ECO 445 CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING & ECONOMIC THOUGHT**

(3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, ECO 220 or ECO 221, senior standing, and permission from the Dean of the School of Business*

This course employs Catholic Social Teaching to help examine and evaluate economic history and policy. The social encyclicals since *Rerum Novarum* (1891) and select original works from the seminal contributors to economic thought, including, but not limited to, Adam Smith, Karl Marx, Jean Baptiste Say, John Maynard Keynes, and Milton Friedman, will be the primary readings.

### **ECO 375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN ECONOMICS**

(3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, ECO 220 or ECO 221; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics.*

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, conferences, workshops, field activities and/or readings focused on current issues in economics.

## **EDUCATION (EDU)**

### **EDU 240 FOUNDATIONS IN EDUCATION**

(3 credit hours)

This is a general survey of the development of education in the United States including philosophical, legal, sociological, and historical course. This begins the teacher formation process through research and inquiry into the concepts of "profession", "gift" and "mission." Particular emphasis will be given to public, private and parochial school systems in terms of structure, administration, organization and function. All students completing this course should be able to understand the complexities facing education today. All students will be required to complete a special topic report concerning a particular topic in education. Field experience included.

### **EDU 312 LITERACY THROUGH LEARNING**

(3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course examines theories of language and literacy development. A variety of instructional strategies and materials for reading and writing across the curriculum will be used to create a literacy environment appropriate within the varied content areas.

### **EDU 334 METHODS OF INSTRUCTION FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION**

(3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission from the Dean of Education*

This course is designed to prepare educators of secondary students with methods and materials for teaching, listening, speaking, reading and writing. It also is designed to help students combine theory, research and practice into sound strategies for teaching in middle, junior, and senior high schools. Students will begin to develop a philosophy of secondary teaching; learning how to plan instruction that is consistent with that philosophy and with various national, state and local standards and guidelines. Content typically includes examination and evaluation of textbooks and other curriculum materials; planning of lessons and units; discussion of issues involving professional educators; development of means to assess learning and discussion of methods to teach at the secondary level. Field experiences required.

### **EDU 335 READING STRATEGIES FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION**

(3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission from the Dean of Education*

This course provides a study of current methods, teaching procedures, assessment techniques and materials for teaching reading at the secondary level. The primary emphasis of this course is on reading as a developmental process and on useful strategies to increase comprehension. Field experiences required.

### **EDU 336 METHODS IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE INSTRUCTION**

(3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course emphasizes various methods of instruction including technology, based on content, age, and developmentally appropriate practices. Attention is given to planning, teaching, and assessment strategies related to the elementary school mathematics and science hierarchies. Field experience included.

**EDU 350 METHODS IN LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES AND CULTURE** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course is designed as an integral segment of the Teacher Education Program and focuses on materials, methods, and procedures used in effectively integrating the elements of Language Arts—speaking, reading, writing, listening, visually representing, viewing—into Social Studies. Methodology using the discovery approach, strategies for development of creative and critical thinking, incorporation of technology, and evaluation of resources are applied to the Social Studies content objectives. An emphasis of course content is placed on geography, culture, and values needed to help students become reflective decision makers and citizens. Field experience required.

**EDU 401 ELEMENTARY EDUCATION SEMINAR: CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT**(1 credit hour)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112; Reserved for students seeking the Bachelor of Science degree or Elementary Education Licensure.*

This course, conducted in a seminar format, examines elementary classroom organization and management, instruction, assessment, evaluation; complementing Enhanced Student Teaching in the elementary grades.

**EDU 402 SECONDARY EDUCATION SEMINAR: CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT** (1 credit hour)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112; Reserved for students seeking the Bachelor of Science degree or Secondary Education Licensure.*

This course, conducted in a seminar format, examines secondary classroom organization and management, instruction, assessment, evaluation; complementing Enhanced Student Teaching in the secondary grades.

**EDU 418 READING ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION STRATEGIES** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, EDU 312*

This course introduces the student to formal and informal research-based literacy assessments and appropriate methodologies for remediating pre-reading and reading skills in the elementary classroom setting. Working with one elementary student throughout the semester, the teacher education student will learn how to administer literacy assessments and interpret data for the sake of planning and executing remediation.

**EDU 424 INSTRUCTING DIVERSE LEARNERS** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission from the Dean of Education*

This course examines pedagogical, curricular, and social considerations pertaining to teaching and learning. Areas for discussion will include, yet not be limited to, diversity of culture, ethnicity, language, and exceptional learning needs. Emphasis will be placed on how diversity is represented in each learner and how to design and implement appropriate instructional opportunities for all learners in the classroom. Field experiences required.

**EDU 425 MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, CPU 115 or computer competency*

This course is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills to integrate instructional technology into the learning environment. The course addresses the management of different learning strategies; the development of higher order thinking skills using various instructional technologies; the selection, use, and integration of appropriate technology-based resources; and the development of instructional materials which make use of basic computer applications of word-processing, spreadsheets, databases, presentation software, and the Internet. Students are required to develop and teach a technology-integrated lesson in a learning environment. Evaluation of hardware, software, and Websites are incorporated into this course. Practicum included.

**EDU 435 ENHANCED STUDENT TEACHING: ELEMENTARY LICENSURE PROGRAM** (11 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112; Reserved for students seeking the Bachelor of Science degree or Elementary Education Licensure.*

Enhanced Student Teaching experiences are designed as the culminating course, which synthesizes the total process of teacher education formation. The experiences give the Teacher Candidate the opportunity to plan and execute instruction in an environment, which provides structure for an increasing degree of responsibility. In order to provide both depth and breadth of experience, the professional semester is divided into two modules: a nine-week experience and a seven-week experience. The two experiences may be in varied school settings (urban, rural or suburban), which may be in either public or non-public accredited institutions. The two experiences must be in different grade levels. The evaluation of the Teacher Candidate's performance during the professional semester is both formative and summative in nature; and is carried out by the mentor teachers in cooperation with the Aquinas College Educator Preparation Program.

**EDU 436 ENHANCED STUDENT TEACHING: SECONDARY LICENSURE PROGRAM** (11 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112; Reserved for students seeking the Bachelor of Science degree or Secondary Education Licensure.*

Enhanced Student Teaching in the secondary classroom is designed as the culminating course, which synthesizes the total process of teacher education formation. This professional experience gives the Teacher Candidate the opportunity to plan and execute instruction in an environment which provides structure for an increasing degree of responsibility. Full immersion in the school-based community is provided as well as the analysis of the depth and breadth of each experience. The semester is divided into two modules: a nine-week experience and a seven-week experience. The two experiences may be in varied school settings (urban, rural or suburban), which may be either public or non-public accredited institutions. Student Teaching experiences will be in both middle grades and high school classrooms. The evaluation of the Teacher Candidate's competence during the professional semester is both formative and summative in nature, and is carried out by the cooperating teachers(s) in cooperation with the Aquinas College Educator Preparation Program.

**EDU 375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN EDUCATION** (1-3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics.*

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, conferences, workshops or field activities focused on current issues in education.

## ENGLISH (ENG)

### **ENG 110 SPEECH**

This course is designed to give the student an understanding of the principles of effective speech. Emphasis is placed on the preparation, content, language and delivery of speeches before an audience. Students present informative, persuasive and commemorative speeches. They learn standards to evaluate their own public speaking performances and those of others.

### **ENG 111 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I**

(3 credit hours)

**Students must earn a final grade of “C” or better to pass ENG 111.**

English Composition I introduces the principles of effective writing through the rhetorical and critical analysis of essays and short stories. Students will write personal, expository and critical essays while working to improve their grammar, punctuation, mechanics skills, usage and writing style. The writing process from invention to revision is emphasized. *This course requires personalized instruction outside of class time, including the resources of the Write Reason Center.*

### **ENG 112 ENGLISH COMPOSITION II**

(3 credit hours)

**Prerequisite: ENG 111; Students must earn a final grade of “C” or better to pass ENG 112. ENG 112 must be completed prior to beginning the second year of study.**

A further study of the principles of effective writing through rhetorical and critical analysis, the second semester stresses competency in critical reading, argumentative strategies, research skills and the literary analysis of poetry and drama. Students will write persuasive essays, a research paper, and literary analysis based on readings in drama and poetry.

### **ENG 113 COMPOSITION III: PRACTICAL ACADEMIC WRITING ACROSS THE DISCIPLINES**

(3 credit hours)

This course, intended for transfer students who have successfully completed the equivalent of ENG 111 and 112, provides additional intensive non-fiction writing practice in composition and research in order to prepare them for upper-division courses at Aquinas. A workshop format allows concentration on the student’s intended discipline. Students will write a short research paper, essays in several genres, and various shorter pieces. The midterm and final examinations will cover research methods, citation styles, critical reading skills, and writing theory.

### **ENG 213 ENGLISH LITERATURE I**

(3 credit hours)

**Prerequisite: ENG 112**

This survey course includes representative selections of British literature illustrating various genres from the Anglo-Saxon period to the eighteenth century. Students should be able to analyze a literary text according to its content, structure, and purpose, as well as to understand it as part of a historical, cultural, and literary tradition. A research paper is required.

### **ENG 214 ENGLISH LITERATURE II**

(3 credit hours)

**Prerequisite: ENG 112**

This survey course includes representative selections of British literature illustrating various genres from the Romantic period to the present. Students should be able to analyze a literary text according to its content, structure, and purpose, as well as to understand it as part of a historical, cultural, and literary tradition. A research paper is required.

### **ENG 215 AMERICAN LITERATURE**

(3 credit hours)

*Offered Spring Semester*

**Prerequisite: ENG 112**

Selected major American authors from the Colonial period to the present. Authors may include Bradford, Edwards, Franklin, Paine, Irving, Emerson, Thoreau, Poe, Hawthorne, Dickinson, Twain, Frost, Hemingway and O’Neill.

### **ENG 245 CREATIVE WRITING**

(3 credit hours)

This course introduces the form, theory, and practice of writing fiction, poetry, drama, or the essay (at the instructor’s discretion), leading to a workshop in which students present their own work for discussion.

### **ENG 311 WORLD LITERATURE: EPIC**

(3 credit hours)

*Offered Fall Semester, even years*

**Prerequisite: ENG 112**

This course provides a close examination of epic poetry. Authors and works may include *Gilgamesh*, Homer’s *Iliad and Odyssey*, Virgil’s *Aeneid* and Milton’s *Paradise Lost*. The persistent themes of the epic – war, homecoming, the founding of a city, the relationship between the human and the divine – will be explored.

### **ENG 312 WORLD LITERATURE: LYRIC**

(3 credit hours)

*Offered Spring Semester, odd years*

**Prerequisite: ENG 112**

This course is an intensive study of lyric poetry, with an emphasis upon the relationship between poetic form and poetic meaning. Students will learn the art of scansion and learn how to identify the rhetorical schemes and tropes that allow lyric poetry its unique mode of expression. Readings will cover the entire history of the lyric, and in particular, its flourishings within the Psalms, ancient Greece, medieval Europe, seventeenth-century England, and the twentieth century.

**ENG 313 WORLD LITERATURE: TRAGEDY & COMEDY** (3 credit hours)

*Offered Fall Semester, odd years*

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

Through the study of drama, this course explores the depths (tragedy) and heights (comedy) of the human condition. Close attention will be paid to the relationship between the classical and Christian understandings of the human condition and the expression of that understanding within drama. Possible texts include the following: *Prometheus Bound, The Oresteia, Oedipus Tyrannos, Oedipus at Colonus, Antigone, The Bacchae, Frogs, Clouds, Birds, The Book of Job, Everyman, The Second Shepherd's Play, Dr. Faustus, Hamlet, Othello, Macbeth, King Lear, The Tempest, Mourning Becomes Electra, and A Raisin in the Sun.*

**ENG 314 WORLD LITERATURE: NOVEL** (3 credit hours)

*Offered Spring Semester, even years*

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

The study of the novel is also a study in modernism. The great novelists are deeply aware of the literary tradition that spans from Homer to Shakespeare, and of how their own work interacts with and contributes to that tradition. This course focuses upon the novel's unique ability to synthesize the genres of epic, lyric, tragedy, and comedy. Possible works to be studied: *Crime and Punishment; Moby Dick; The Ambassadors; Madame Bovary; Great Expectations; The Return of the Native; Emma; Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man; Lord Jim; Heart of Darkness; Go Down Moses; Song of Solomon; Possession; One Hundred Years of Solitude; and Midnight's Children.*

**ENG 330 MODERN MULTI-CULTURAL WRITERS** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course includes representative selections of writers from different cultural backgrounds. The choice of ethnic literature is based on American ethnic groups such as African American, Jewish, Native American, Hispanic American, and Asian American. However, modern writers of any nationality may be studied. Student papers will be based on both literary analysis and cultural studies. A research paper is required.

**ENG 331 MEDIEVAL ENGLISH LITERATURE** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course focuses on the range of forms and the vigorous Christian elements in medieval British literature. Works to be included are Anglo-Saxon and Chaucerian epics; saints' lives in prose, the Anglo-Saxon lyric "The Wanderer", Anglo-Saxon and High Medieval devotional lyrics; *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* and other works of the Pearl Poet; and fifteenth-century drama from the York, Wakefield and Chester mystery cycles. A research paper is required.

**ENG 332 EARLY MODERN ENGLISH LITERATURE** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

Intended to complement the Shakespeare course, this course focuses on Early Modern poets and playwrights whose works are not as well known, although some of Shakespeare's work is included in the course. Other authors to be considered include Thomas More, Marlowe, Jonson, Wyatt, Sydney, Spenser, Donne, Herbert, Marvell, Crashaw, Malory and Milton. A research paper is required.

**ENG 340 18<sup>th</sup> CENTURY BRITISH LITERATURE** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course examines the "Long Eighteenth Century", which spans from 1660 to 1789. The French Enlightenment's impact upon religion, politics, and philosophy gave rise to the greatest English satirists. Authors may include the poetry and prose satires of Dryden, Pope, Swift, and Johnson. In addition to satire, students will study the development of the following: the rise of the novel, the periodical essay, the biography, and literary criticism. Restoration playwrights such as Gay, Behn, Wycherley, Sheridan, and Congreve will be read as time permits. A research paper is required.

**ENG 341 19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY BRITISH LITERATURE: ROMANTIC AND VICTORIAN** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course examines English poetry and prose from the French Revolution to circa 1901. The use of lyric, odes and other forms by Romantic poets is noted as an aesthetic and cultural revolution following the Enlightenment. Victorian poets and novelists are studied as the aftermath of the Romantic revolution in the context of late nineteenth-century crises: industrialization, imperialism; Freudian psychology, the Woman Question, and the assault on Christian faith by utilitarianism and Darwin's theory of evolution. Authors may include Blake, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Keats, Shelley, the Bronte sisters, the Brownings, Newman, Tennyson, Hopkins, Carlyle and Mill. A research paper is required.

**ENG 342 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY LITERATURE** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course examines a selection of twentieth-century works that may variously include epics, novels, dramas, lyrics, and essays. Representative authors may include Joyce, Woolf, Pound, Eliot, Yeats, Cather, Faulkner, Steinbeck, Ransom, and Stevens, as well as authors spanning from the second half of the century to contemporary times.

**ENG 344 ADVANCED COMPOSITION** (3 credit hours)

*Offered every Spring semester*

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

An advanced course in expository, persuasive, and research writing in which students will refine basic writing skills learned earlier in the composition sequence. Topics will include audience and purpose, rhetorical devices, figures of speech, appeals to logic and emotion, and the roles of grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure in achieving a student's own style. Recommended for students who wish to strengthen their writing skills and learn to evaluate the writing of others.

**ENG 345      ADVANCED CREATIVE WRITING** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course is an in-depth study of the creation of poetry, short fiction, and drama (at the instructor's discretion), leading to the production of a short story, a one-act play, and several poems in classic forms.

**ENG 393      LINGUISTICS** (3 credit hours)

*Offered Spring Semester*

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course will examine language as systems of sounds, syntax, and small and large units of meaning. Other areas of language study will include writing systems, children's acquisition of language, language and the brain, social and regional dialects, language change over time, and the relationships of world languages to each other.

**ENG 400      CHILDREN'S LITERATURE, SPEECH AND DRAMA** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course is an overview of age-appropriate children's literature. The course develops an awareness of the value of good literature in the education and life of children. Integration of children's literature with various performance technologies, such as storytelling, puppetry, children's theatre and creative dramatics, provides students with effective techniques for the elementary classroom. Reviewed literature offers the student a cross-cultural experience. Field experience included.

**ENG 401      CHAUCER** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course examines the major works of Geoffrey Chaucer, the "Father of English poetry." While the course will primarily focus on *The Canterbury Tales*, a selection of his works will be read as time permits in order to understand literary and historical contexts and allusions, especially in terms of the shaping of Christian imagination in the formation of culture. Attention is given to Chaucerian dialect and pronunciation. A research paper is required.

**ENG 403      ADOLESCENT LITERATURE** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course is an overview of developmentally appropriate literature for the adolescent student. The content reflects and projects many of life's experiences and demonstrates that significant parallels exist in the literature of global cultures and interrelated genres. Field experience included.

**ENG 407      ADVANCED GRAMMAR** (3 credit hours)

*Offered every Fall semester*

*Prerequisite: ENG 393*

An examination of the three most influential and successful systems for analyzing English morphology and syntax: traditional grammar, structural grammar, and generative-transformational grammar. Emphasis will be placed on the structures and functions of traditional grammar both as a basis for learning the other two and for teaching grammar in elementary and high schools.

**ENG 411      HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE** (3 credit hours)

*Offered every Fall semester*

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

Beginning with the German roots of the English language, the course will trace the internal development of English sounds, words, and syntax through the Old English, Middle English, Early Modern and Modern English periods. Attention will also be given to external influences such as the Viking and Norman invasions, Renaissance learning with its influx of classical vocabulary, the rise of standards in the eighteenth century, and the effects of exportation of English to colonies such as North America, India, Australia, New Zealand, and parts of Africa.

**ENG 412      DANTE** (3 credit hours)

*Offered every Fall semester*

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course examines the major works of Dante Alighieri, the medieval Italian poet whose works have been called "Thomism in verse." Most of the course will be spent on the *Divine Comedy* in order to understand its literary and historical contexts and allusions and its theological structure. Minor poetry and essays will also be read as time permits. A research paper is required.

**ENG 413      SHAKESPEARE** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course provides a study of selected comedies, histories, and tragedies of Shakespeare, with an emphasis on his Christian typology.

**ENG 275/375/475      SPECIAL TOPICS IN ENGLISH** (1-3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics*

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, conferences, workshops, field activities or projects focused on current issues in English.

## **FINANCE (FIN)**

### **FIN 215 PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND ANALYSIS**

(3 credit hours)

Same as ACC 215

**Prerequisite:** MAT 121 or equivalent

This course focuses on the principles employed in the analysis of financial statements rather than their creation. Financial statements, their management information content, their interpretation, and their use in developing financial assessments of publicly held firms will be the pivotal elements of the course, without overlooking the human and moral factors that must also be considered in such evaluations. Analytical techniques employed include trend analysis and deterministic forecasting. This course provides the foundation for corporate finance theory.

### **FIN 300 PRINCIPLES OF CORPORATE FINANCE**

(3 credit hours)

**Prerequisites:** ENG 112, ACC 215

This course describes the theory and practice of corporate finance. Topics include valuation of equity and debt, risk and return, practical problems in capital budgeting, financing decisions and market efficiency, dividend policy and capital structure, long-term financial planning and short-term working capital management. Guided by the principle of the priority of labor over capital, the emphasis of the course is the practical application of finance theory to both strategic and tactical corporate decisions.

### **FIN 311 FINANCE THEORY**

(3 credit hours)

**Prerequisite:** ECO 221

Students study the core theories of modern financial transactions, but with a particular emphasis on the role that money, interest rates and financial intermediaries (in particular, the banking system) play in the operation of the U.S. and global economy. Therefore, the aim of the course is to give students an overview of the U.S. financial system and a deeper understanding of the theory and practice of monetary policy. The topics will be a blend of theory and empirical discourses. Students will examine how historical events have shaped the industry and how current events are reshaping it. Students will also explore the extent to which the current system is structured to serve the common good.

### **FIN 321 INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT**

(3 credit hours)

**Prerequisite:** FIN 300

This course is designed to acquaint the student with the concepts of portfolio analysis in the general area of institutional and personal investment management. Topics include: portfolio theory; equilibrium models of security prices (including the capital asset pricing model and the arbitrage pricing theory); the empirical behavior of security prices; market efficiency; performance evaluation; and behavioral finance. Students will discuss principles for managing financial assets. These principles apply, for example, to managing corporate pension funds as well as individual retirement funds. Students will learn how to establish appropriate investment objectives, develop optimal portfolio strategies, estimate risk-return tradeoffs, and evaluate investment performance, guided by the principle that they are investing in individual firms which are communities of persons who endeavor to satisfy their basic needs while being of service to society.

### **FIN 411 OPTIONS AND FUTURES MARKETS**

(3 credit hours)

**Prerequisite:** FIN 300

This course examines the history of and the economic role of options and futures markets as well as the tools and techniques employed by firms that participate in them. Topics include determinants of forward and futures prices, hedging, uses of options in investment strategies, relation between puts and calls, option valuation using Monte Carlo simulation, advanced hedging techniques, and applications to corporate securities and other financial instruments. Emphasis is placed on the moral considerations inherent in all business decisions, particularly those that impact the stakeholders of the firm.

### **FIN 421 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

(3 credit hours)

**Prerequisite:** FIN 300

This course provides students with an overview of the basic interaction of financial institutions and the firm. Among the topics covered are capital structure, financial intermediation, initial and seasoned public offerings, corporate reorganization and bankruptcy, and financing in imperfect markets. Students will examine the available corporate securities that firms can use to finance investment, such as corporate and junk bonds, bank loans, common and preferred equity, commercial paper, securitization, as well as some recent innovations. Students will focus on the three critical elements: the design of these securities (e.g. why do bonds have embedded options; what is the role of preferred stock); the issuing process for these securities (e.g. what do investment banks do; is the underwriting process important to the cost of capital); and finally, the pricing of these securities (e.g. how are credit risk in bonds and loans priced). Despite the apparent exclusive focus on capital in this discourse, the course neither abandons nor obscures the fundamental principle of the priority of labor over capital.

### **FIN 426 ADVANCED CORPORATE FINANCE**

(3 credit hours)

**Prerequisite:** FIN 300

The objective of this course is to study the major decision-making areas of managerial finance and some selected topics in financial theory. The course reviews the theory and empirical evidence related to the investment and financing policies of the firm and attempts to develop decision-making ability in these areas. Areas of finance not covered in earlier courses such as leasing, mergers and acquisitions, complex valuations, risk management, security design, and real options are addressed, while other areas that were covered in earlier courses are explored in greater depth and more rigorously. These include investment decision making under uncertainty, cost of capital, static and dynamic capital structure, pricing of selected financial instruments and corporate liabilities, and dividend policy. Students will also be expanding the definition of stakeholders from the pure finance theory base of shareholders (the firm's owners) to include employees, customers, debt holders, vendors, and community. Finance theory does not readily lend itself to addressing the interests of this expanded stakeholder base, but finance practice, if properly formed, can embrace the principle of the common good.



**FIN 375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN FINANCE***(1-3 credit hours)*

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, FIN 300; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics*

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, conferences, workshops, field activities and/or readings focused on current issues in finance.

**FINE ARTS (FAR)****FAR 210 HISTORY OF MUSIC***(3 credit hours)*

History of Music presents a survey of Western music from ancient to modern times. All periods will be covered and exemplified with analysis of illustrative listening examples. The student will develop a basic understanding of the major periods and their foremost exponents, as well as a fundamental grasp of the evolution of musical style.

**FAR 211 ART HISTORY***(3 credit hours)*

*Offered Fall Semester*

This course is a survey of Western art from prehistoric times through the medieval period, with particular emphasis on the development of art and architecture and major iconographic themes in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome, and in the early Christian and Byzantine periods.

**FAR 212 ART APPRECIATION***(3 credit hours)*

*Offered Spring Semester*

This course is a survey of Western art from the Late Gothic through the modern period, with particular emphasis on the development of art and architecture and major iconographic themes during the renaissance in Italy and the North and the Baroque period.

**FAR 215 MUSIC THEORY***(3 credit hours)*

This course is designed to acquaint the beginning student with the rudiments of music such as basic notation, elementary harmony, and ear training.

**FAR 220 MUSIC HISTORY AND APPRECIATION***(3 credit hours)*

Music History and Appreciation is a survey course designed to acquaint the student with the general history of music and to foster an appreciation for various types of music. Topics include leading composers and the relationship of music to other aspects of history and cultural development. The student will become familiar with the basic elements of music, the major periods of music, and the greatest composers of these periods.

**FAR 221 AQUINAS SINGERS: MAJOR MODES***(1 credit hour)*

*Prerequisite: voice placement with instructor*

A course designed to introduce the basic principles of choral singing, including correct diction, vocal production, correct posture and many other related topics. Emphasis will be on learning to read music in solfege', particularly in major keys. The choir will perform music literature appropriate to the choral skills acquired in class. This course was previously titled "The Aquinas Singers". *May be repeated for credit.*

**FAR 222 AQUINAS SINGERS: MINOR MODES***(1 credit hour)*

*Prerequisite: voice placement with instructor*

In addition to the principles of proper choral singing, participants are introduced to singing in minor keys, using solfege' methodology and the moveable Do system in particular. The choir will perform music literature appropriate to the choral skills acquired in class. *May be repeated for credit.*

**FAR 223 AQUINAS SINGERS: RHYTHMIC STUDIES***(1 credit hour)*

*Prerequisite: voice placement with instructor*

A performance based course culminating in a public Christmas concert. In this course, students will focus on a program of rhythmic studies, allowing them to sing more complex literature. *May be repeated for credit.*

**FAR 224 AQUINAS SINGERS: THEORETICAL STUDIES***(1 credit hour)*

*Prerequisite: voice placement with instructor*

A performance based course culminating in a spring concert at an advanced level, combining many choral principles. Students receive added instruction in basic music theory with emphasis on programmed instruction in key recognition in both major and minor modes. *May be repeated for credit.*

**FAR 301 CHRISTIAN THEMES IN ART***(3 credit hours)*

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

Through formal and iconographic analysis, this course examines religious themes and imagery in primarily Christian traditions, both Western and Eastern. Particularly investigated are the manners in which art, architecture, and sacred sites have served religion and human spirituality throughout the history of civilization.

**FAR 410 DISCERNING THE VIRTUES IN ART AND MUSIC***(3 credit hours)*

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, and previous course credit in Theology or Philosophy, and either previous course credit in Fine Arts or permission of the instructor.*

This course allows students an opportunity to evaluate music and the visual arts according to the theological and cardinal virtues. The course, arranged according to virtues, enables the student to analyze art and music in a spiritual sense and to discern whether a given virtue is present or

absent, how it is manifested, and whether virtue is reinforced in the listener or viewer of the art. The course will consider both sacred and secular art and music from a variety of eras, cultures, and genres.

**FAR 275/375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN FINE ARTS** (1-3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics*

Special topic to be indicated. Seminars, conferences, workshops, field activities or projects focused on current issues in the areas art and/or music.

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

**FRE 111, 112 ELEMENTARY FRENCH I, II** (3 credit hours each)

*Must be taken in sequence.*

This beginning French course places emphasis on conversation, basic grammar, simple dictation, daily oral practice and a geographical and historical perspective of the French people.

**FRE 213, 214 INTERMEDIATE FRENCH I, II** (3 credit hours each)

*Prerequisite: FRE 112 or two years of high school French. FRE 213, 214*

*Must be taken in sequence.*

Intermediate French is a second year course with emphasis on conversation, advanced grammar, simple composition, daily oral practice and cultural readings.

**GRE 111 ELEMENTARY GREEK I** (3 credit hours)

*Same as CLS G-111*

This course is the first semester of elementary Classical Greek grammar, vocabulary, and syntax. It also includes an introduction to Greek history and culture and a selection of readings in translation. Graduated passages will be read and analyzed in class almost daily. At the successful completion of this course, the student should be able to correctly read, translate, and analyze grammatically, elementary Greek words, phrases, sentences, and passages and to form selected simple English phrases and words into Greek.

**GRE 112 ELEMENTARY GREEK II** (3 credit hours)

*Same as CLS G-112*

*Prerequisite: GRE 111/CSL G-111*

This course is the second semester of elementary Classical Greek grammar, vocabulary, and syntax. It also includes continued study of introductory Greek history and culture, especially as known through selected readings in translation. The student should be able to recount and characterize the major divisions of ancient Greek history and a selection of related cultural developments. At the successful completion of this course, the student should be able to correctly read, translate, and analyze grammatically selected elementary classical Greek words, phrases, and passages as well as translate selected English words, phrases and sentences into Greek.

**ITL 111 ELEMENTARY ITALIAN I** (3 credit hours)

This introductory Italian class emphasizes conversation, basic grammar, simple diction, daily oral practice, and a geographical and historical perspective on Italy.

**ITL 112 INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN II** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ITL 111*

This introductory Italian class is a continuation of ITL 111. It emphasizes conversation, basic grammar, simple diction, daily oral practice, and a geographical and historical perspective on Italy.

**LAT 111 ELEMENTARY LATIN I** (3 credit hours)

*Same as CLS L-111*

This course is the first semester of elementary Classical Latin grammar, vocabulary, and syntax. It also includes an introduction to Roman history and culture and, time permitting, a selection of readings in translation. The successful student will acquire practical knowledge of first semester elementary Latin and, in the context of this study, come to know an introductory level of Roman history and culture. At the completion of this course, the student should be able to read, translate, and analyze grammatically basic Latin prose.

**LAT 112 ELEMENTARY LATIN II** (3 credit hours)

*Same as CLS L-112*

*Prerequisite: LAT 111/CLS L-111*

This course is the second semester of elementary Classical Latin grammar, vocabulary, and syntax. It also includes a continuation of introductory Roman history and culture and, time permitting, selected readings in translation. The successful student will acquire practical knowledge of second semester introductory-level college Latin. At the completion of this course, the student should be able to read, translate, and analyze grammatically more complex Latin prose and poetry.

**LAT 213 INTERMEDIATE LATIN I** (3 credit hours)

*Same as CLS L-213*

This course is the first semester study of Classical Latin on the intermediate college level with emphasis on translation of selected passages, primarily prose, from Republican and Augustan authors. Topics include continued study of grammar, especially subjunctive uses, literary analysis

and terms, and the historical setting of the passages studied. Additional readings in translation to complement the passages read in Latin will also be included. The intent of this course is that the student correctly translate, grammatically analyze articulately criticize selected Latin passages. At the successful completion of this course, the student should be able to read, translate, and discuss the artistic and historical characteristics of selected Latin passages. **Prerequisite: LAT 112 or two years of high school Latin**

**LAT 214 INTERMEDIATE LATIN II** (3 credit hours)

Same as CLS L-214

**Prerequisite: Successful completion of Intermediate Latin I or the equivalent as determined by instructor.**

This course is the second semester study of Classical Latin on the intermediate college level with emphasis on the reading and translation of selected passages, especially poetry, from the Republican and Augustan periods. Additional readings in translation will be included to supplement the passages read in Latin. Topics include continued study of grammar, literary analysis and terms, the use of meter, especially in the epic, and the historical setting of the passages studied. Reports on individual topics will be required. At the successful completion of this course, the student should be able to read, translate, and analyze the grammatical and artistic characteristics of selected Latin passages.

**SPA 111, 112 ELEMENTARY SPANISH I, II** (3 credit hours)

**Must be taken in sequence.**

This beginning Spanish course includes elements of grammar, composition, dictation and transcription, oral practice, simple reading and a geographical and historical perspective of the Hispanic peoples with emphasis on their cultures, traditions customs and contributions.

**SPA 213, 214 INTERMEDIATE SPANISH I, II** (3 credit hours)

**Prerequisite: SPA 112 or two years of high school Spanish. Must be taken in sequence.**

Intermediate Spanish is a second year course that includes an intensive review of Spanish grammar with an emphasis on composition and conversation, with wide reading of Spanish and Latin American authors.

**FRE/GRE/LAT/LAN/SPA 175, 275, 375, 475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE** (1-3 credit hours)

**Prerequisite: ENG 112; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics**

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, conferences, workshops, field activities and/or reading and research. The focus will be on current issues in French, Greek, Latin and Spanish.

## **GEOGRAPHY (GEO)**

**GEO 200 WORLD GEOGRAPHY AND CULTURE** (3 credit hours)

This course will take a penetrating look at the geographic framework of the contemporary world: the grand design that is the product of thousands of years of human achievement and failure, movement and stagnation, revolution and stability, interaction and isolation. The primary goal of the course will be to examine the realms of the world focusing on the impact environmental characteristics have on the development of cultural traits and economic systems. All students completing this course should be able to understand their own cultural values and beliefs as well as be able to imagine the viewpoints and feelings of others. A research topic is required.

**GEO 275/375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN GEOGRAPHY** (1-3 credit hours)

**Prerequisite: ENG 112; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics**

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, conferences, workshops, field activities and/or readings focused on current issues in world geography.

## **HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (HPE)**

**HPE 110 PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH** (3 credit hours)

This comprehensive course considers principles of personal and community health, wellness, safety, nutrition, and physical fitness as choices that support a complete, and total health profile. Students study overviews of health-related issues and current community programs that target home, work place, school and community environments.

**HPE 210 FIRST AID AND SAFETY EDUCATION** (3 credit hours)

This is an in-depth course in first aid and safety, including CPR. Lectures, demonstrations, and skills-training for emergency first aid procedures and life threatening situations are provided. American Red Cross first aid and CPR certifications are obtainable.

**HPE 275/375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION** (1-3 credit hours)

**Prerequisite: ENG 112; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics**

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, conferences, workshops or field activities focused on current issues in health and physical education.

## **HISTORY (HIS)**

### **HIS 111 WESTERN CIVILIZATION I (3 credit hours)**

#### ***Offered Fall Semester***

Western Civilization I studies the development of Europe from prehistory to the early 18th century and includes the ancient civilizations of the Middle East, Greece, Rome, Medieval Europe, the Renaissance, the Reformation and the Age of Absolutism. Major trends, key personalities and important institutions are investigated and assessed for their historical significance.

### **HIS 112 WESTERN CIVILIZATION II (3 credit hours)**

#### ***Offered Spring Semester***

As a continuation of Western Civilization I, this course studies the history of modern Europe from the Age of Reason to the end of the 20th century. The approach is chronological, emphasizing the development of the modern state, the evolution of scientific inquiry in an industrial and technological age, and the role of ideology against a backdrop of war and revolution.

### **HIS 201 UNITED STATES HISTORY I (3 credit hours)**

#### ***Offered Fall Semester***

This course studies United States history from pre-Columbian America through the Reconstruction, emphasizing the Colonial Era, the American Revolution, the Early National Period, the Age of Jackson and the Civil War. Major trends, key personalities and important institutions are investigated and assessed for their historical significance.

### **HIS 202 UNITED STATES HISTORY II (3 credit hours)**

#### ***Offered Spring Semester***

This course, a continuation of United States History I, studies United States history from the Gilded Age to the present. Some of the topics emphasized are the growth of big business, Progressive Reforms, the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression, the World Wars and post-World War II America.

### **HIS 211 HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH I (3 credit hours)**

#### ***Same as THE 211***

***This course will not satisfy the General Education requirements for two sequential History courses.***

This course is a survey of the history of the Catholic Church from the apostolic community until the Great Western Schism in the 14<sup>th</sup> Century. Emphasis is placed on the formation of the Church, doctrinal heresies, development of Church structure, medieval Church-state relations, and the causes of the Great Schism.

### **HIS 212 HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH II (3 credit hours)**

#### ***Same as THE 212***

***This course will not satisfy the General Education requirements for two sequential History courses.***

This course surveys the development of the Catholic Church from the Reformation to the present. Topics include the Reformation, the Catholic Reformation, the Council of Trent, and Vatican Councils I and II. In addition, the course will explore the Church's influence on the modern and post-modern world with emphasis on philosophical movements, nationalism, imperialism, totalitarianism, and contemporary issues.

### **HIS 311 TENNESSEE HISTORY (3 credit hours)**

#### ***Prerequisite: ENG 112***

This course is a survey of the history of Tennessee from the early Indian tribes to the present. Students will examine social, cultural, economic and political aspects of the state. All students completing this course should be knowledgeable about the people who helped make Tennessee what it is today. A special research topic that relates to the state is required. This course will include field trips to local sites of historical interest.

### **HIS 332 COLONIAL AMERICA (3 credit hours)**

#### ***Prerequisite: ENG 112***

This course begins with European exploration and the Spanish and French empires in the Western Hemisphere, as well as their impact on Native American cultures. Special focus will be given to the development of the English colonies and the evolution of the relationship between the colonies and the English state. The course will also examine the origins, development, and impact of the American Revolution. Topics include colonial institutions, the beginnings of slavery, imperial policies and religious, political, social and economic aspects of colonial America.

### **HIS 333 THE AGE OF JEFFERSON AND JACKSON (3 credit hours)**

#### ***Prerequisite: ENG 112 and at least three hours in a lower-level history course***

This course begins with Washington's first term in office and includes an in-depth study of foreign affairs, the legacies of Thomas Jefferson, the Industrial Revolution, westward expansion and its effects on Native Americans, Jacksonian democracy, and the institutionalization of slavery. Special emphasis will be placed on the social and cultural life of the early republic.

### **HIS 334 CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION (3 credit hours)**

#### ***Prerequisites: HIS 111 & HIS 112 or HIS 211 & HIS 212; ENG 112***

Beginning with the Mexican War, this course studies antebellum America, the slavery controversy, and other causes leading to Southern secession from the Union. The war is examined in detail, as are the political and social aspects of Reconstruction.

- HIS 335 THE GILDED AGE AND PROGRESSIVISM** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisite: ENG 112 and at least three hours in a lower-level history course*  
This course is an analysis of post-Reconstruction society, politics, and culture as America emerges as a global power and enters the modern world. Immigration, urbanization, western settlement and industrialization are considered, culminating in the reforms of the Progressive Era.
- HIS 336 THE UNITED STATES IN THE AGE OF WAR** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisite: HIS 111 & HIS 112 or HIS 211 & HIS 212; ENG 112*  
This course examines the period beginning with the Spanish-American War and concludes with World War II. Topics considered include the causes, conduct and aftermath of the two world wars; the social and cultural aspects of the 1920s; the Great Depression; and presidential politics leading up to and concluding with Franklin Roosevelt.
- HIS 337 THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1945** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: HIS 111 & HIS 112 or HIS 211 & HIS 212; ENG 112*  
A study of post-World War II America, this course gives special attention to the Cold War, the struggle for Civil Rights, the decades of consensus (1950s) and turmoil (1960s), Watergate and the 70s, the Age of Reagan and current challenges to America in the new millennium.
- HIS 351 THE ANCIENT WORLD** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisite: ENG 112 and at least three hours in a lower-level history course*  
This course is an examination of the Near Eastern Neolithic Revolution, Pharaonic Egypt, the Hebrew Kingdom, Mycean and classical Greece, the Persian and Peloponnesian wars, and the Kingdom Republic and Empire periods in Roman history. Topics include the nature of civilization, sources of political power, and the development of major religions.
- HIS 352 MEDIEVAL HISTORY** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: HIS 111 & HIS 112 or HIS 211 & HIS 212; ENG 112*  
This course will examine Europe from the fourth through the fourteenth centuries. Topics will include intellectual, economic, technical, cultural and religious expansion; the Carolingian Renaissance; church/state conflicts; church reform and the papacy; limited government; universities; scholasticism; the disasters of the fourteenth century; and the roots of the Renaissance.
- HIS 354 THE AGE OF REFORMATION** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: HIS 111 & HIS 112 or HIS 211 & HIS 212; ENG 112*  
This course will examine sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Europe from the Age of Exploration to the Peace of Westphalia. Examined in detail will be the Protestant Reformation, the Catholic Reformation, Tudor and Stuart England, the Thirty Years War, religious and political fragmentation stemming from these events and the rise of science. Particular attention will be given to such historic figures as Emperor Charles V, Martin Luther, John Calvin, St. Ignatius Loyola, Queen Elizabeth I and Cardinal Richelieu.
- HIS 356 THE FRENCH REVOLUTION AND NINETEENTH CENTURY EUROPE** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: HIS 111 & HIS 112 or HIS 211 & HIS 212; ENG 112*  
Beginning in 1789 and concluding with the start of World War I, the focus of this course will be the political, social, religious, economic and cultural changes during this long century. Studied will be the origins, effects and development of the French Revolution; the rise of Napoleon; the Age of Metternich; the Industrial Revolution and its relation to imperialism; nationalism; Vatican I and the advances in science and technology in *fin de siècle* Europe.
- HIS 357 EUROPE AND THE WORLD WARS** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisite: ENG 112 and at least three hours in a lower-level history course*  
This course is a detailed examination of the causes, events and results of World Wars I and II. Topics will include cultural and intellectual developments between the wars, the Russian Revolutions, Communist and Nazi totalitarianism, the Great Depression, the Spanish Civil War, and the Holocaust. Major figures such as Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini, Churchill and Pope Pius XII will be studied.
- HIS 358 POST WORLD WAR II EUROPE** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: HIS 111 & HIS 112 or HIS 211 & HIS 212; ENG 112*  
This course surveys Europe from 1945 to the present. Major themes include the establishment of the Soviet block, economic theories, the Cold War, technological and cultural developments, decolonization, Vatican II, the growth and decline of the welfare state and the challenges of post-Cold War Europe. Some topics and personalities to be considered are the European Economic Union, Charles De Gaulle, Konrad Adenauer, Berlin, NATO, Mikhail Gorbachev and the influence of Pope John Paul II on the course of events during this momentous time.
- HIS 420 WESTERN CIVILIZATION AND AMERICA** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: HIS 111 & HIS 112 or HIS 201 & HIS 202; ENG 112*  
This course provides a detailed examination of how Western Civilization, from ancient history to present, has affected the cultural and intellectual foundations of American institutions. The format is thematic, emphasizing Western influences on American practices and traditions in areas such as religion, government, politics, economics, science and technology, law and culture.

**HIS 421 UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: HIS 111 & HIS 112 or HIS 201 & HIS 202; ENG 112*

This course is designed to provide an overview of America's relations with other nations from the early days of the Republic to the present, emphasizing such policies as neutrality, interventionism vs. isolation, and Manifest Destiny. Also examined are specific decisions that have and continue to shape American history.

**HIS 425 GLOBAL HISTORY SINCE 1945** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course will examine the major events, ideas, and people in world history since the end of the Second World War. Special attention will be paid to postwar reconstruction, the Cold War, decolonization, the expansion of communism, the growth of globalization, immigration, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the rise and impact of Islamic radicalism.

**HIS 453 THE CRUSADES** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course is a survey of the origins, events, and impact of the crusading movement. Topics that will be examined include the Islamic response to the Crusades, anti-Jewish programs, the Templars, the Crusader States, the legacy of Saladin, crusading in Europe, modern perceptions of the Crusades, and crusade preaching and spirituality.

**HIS 456 RUSSIAN HISTORY** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: HIS 111 & HIS 112; ENG 112*

Among the major topics covered are pre-Kievan origins; the Kievan state; the Mongol invasion; Muscovite Russia; the establishment of the Romanov dynasty; Imperial Russia; the Rise of the Bolsheviks; the formations of the USSR; World War II; the Cold War and contemporary post-Communist Russia. Emphasis will be given to the origins and development of Russian political and cultural institutions.

**HIS 460 STUDIES IN AFRICAN HISTORY** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: HIS 111 & HIS 112 or HIS 201 & HIS 202; ENG 112*

This course will present an intensive study of Africa. Beginning with man's earliest development, this course chronologically covers such topics as early African states, the slave trade, European impact and the African response leading to independence. Major figures who contributed to this continent's greatness will be considered.

**HIS 464 STUDIES IN EAST ASIAN HISTORY** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: HIS 111 & HIS 112 or HIS 201 & HIS 202; ENG 112*

Japan, China, Korea and Vietnam are studied from their prehistoric development to the end of the twentieth century, with emphasis placed on their interconnectedness. Political, philosophical, religious, economic and social traits and systems will be addressed.

**HIS 472 STUDIES IN LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: HIS 111 & HIS 112 or HIS 201 & HIS 202; ENG 112*

This course focuses on the Americas before European contact, from pre-Columbian times to the present, highlighting significant cultural achievements of the Mayas, Aztecs, and Incas, the Columbian exchange, Spanish power in the New World and political, social and economic development in post-independence Latin America.

**HIS 476 STUDIES IN MIDDLE EASTERN HISTORY** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: HIS 111 & HIS 112 or HIS 201 & HIS 202; ENG 112*

This course surveys Middle Eastern History beginning with the rise of Islam and its effects, Ottoman Empire, European influences, the Arab states, Palestine, the creation of Israel and its role in the modern world. Major trends, key personalities and important institutions will be investigated and assessed for their historical significance.

**HIS 490 SEMINAR IN HISTORICAL STUDIES** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: History major students of senior standing or permission of instructor*

This course is an introduction to the practice of historical research and writing. Students will examine the development of the discipline, with emphasis on the analysis of primary sources and methodology, considering classic works and the reasons for studying history. A research paper on a particular historiographic topic will be required.

**HIS 275/375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN HISTORY** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112; Requires the written approval of the Vice President for Academics*

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars; conferences, workshops, field activities and/or readings focused on current issues in history.

## **INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (IDS)**

**IDS 106 COLLEGE LEARNING IN THE DOMINICAN TRADITION** (3 credit hours)

*This Course is Required of All First Time Freshman Students Entering Aquinas College, as well as All Students Entering Aquinas College on Academic Probation.*

This course provides an introduction to the nature of higher education and serves as an orientation to the function, mission, identity and resources of

Aquinas College with particular focus on the Dominican tradition, the importance of a liberal education and identifying and realizing a vocation. It is designed to strengthen higher level thinking skills needed for academic achievement, including effective written and oral expression, the ability to work with others, the productive use of library resources, and basic information technology skills.

**IDS 210 PERSONHOOD AND HUMAN FLOURISHING (3 credit hours)**

This interdisciplinary course explores human nature and personhood as understood in the Western and Catholic tradition, especially as they relate to human flourishing in a cultural and social context. The course begins with a review of philosophical anthropology with a particular emphasis upon the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas, wherein the notions of human nature and human personhood are explored and articulated. Having established the conceptual framework for what is perfective of human nature and human personhood in the Catholic and Dominican intellectual traditions, the course progresses to address contemporary social, economic, and cultural issues drawing from the methods and researches of the social sciences. Topics explored include, for example, the development and generation of human culture; navigating racial and cultural differences; social and cultural expressions of gender, marriage, and family; social and economic models that help or hinder human wellness (diet, exercise, public health) and the sources and challenges of poverty.

**IDS 310 INTRODUCTION TO ACCELERATED STUDIES IN NURSING (3 credit hours)**

*Prerequisites: ENG 112; CPU 115; admitted to the R.N.-B.S.N. Program or permission from the Dean of the School of Nursing*

This course is designed to orient students to the adult learning environment and requirements at Aquinas College and the accelerated R.N.-B.S.N. Program consistent with the Catholic- Dominican Tradition. Students learn to establish positive and effective patterns of learning, relationships, and commitment that empower them to be successful. Effective presentation and written communication are essential and students have opportunities to improve these competencies. Students learn to engage more effectively in group dynamics, the effects on project teams, and the successful completion of collaborative projects. They learn these competencies by participating in several activities that promote self-awareness, self-disclosure, and opportunities to engage productively with others. Obstacles to achievement of academic goals, including college level study skills, effective use of library and other resources for research study are explored. Students engage in interactive reviews of the *Student Handbook & Catalog*, including policies unique to academe, and a thorough review of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, all of which provide guidelines required for writing assignments at Aquinas College. Achievement of competencies is validated through standardized assessment methods including projects, as well as written and clinical performance examinations.

**IDS 275/375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (1-9 credit hours)**

*Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics. Some preparatory work may be required if the course is designated at the upper level.*

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include readings, seminars, conferences, workshops, and field activities focused on religious life and/or studies of the Dominican tradition. *May be repeated.*

## **MANAGEMENT (MGT)**

**MGT 300 PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT (3 credit hours)**

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course examines the fundamental practices involved in the management of people who comprise a community of work. It explores the dual goal of satisfying the basic needs of employees while being of service to society. The four basic management functions of planning, organizing, leading and controlling are discussed in detail. Historical approaches and modern developments are considered in their contexts, along with the many management tools and techniques currently available to address both common and complex business situations.

**MGT 420 PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR BUSINESS (3 credit hours)**

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, MAT 211, MGT 300*

This course provides the basic project management framework encompassing life cycle, scope, risk, scheduling, cost, and quality. Within the framework, the student learns the methodologies and quantitative tools necessary to manage each aspect of the process, as well as the theories on which these are based. The intent of the course is to enable the student to adapt and apply the framework to the wide variety of project situations that exist in the business environment, while never losing sight of the subjective dimension of human work.

**MGT 425 GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT (3 credit hours)**

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, MGT 300*

This course focuses on the supply chain's primary activities of inbound logistics, operations, and outbound logistics in the global business environment. Strategic sourcing and supplier relationships, capacity planning and control, multi-facility production optimization, warehousing and distribution efficiency are all considered in the continent/government-spanning context of international operations. Students will be exposed to the latest modeling and analytical decision-making techniques employed to deal with such considerations in a manner consistent with the principles of stewardship and solidarity.

**MGT 460 PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT (3 credit hours)**

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, MGT 300*

This course will aid the student in understanding that those who work and those who manage the workers must in some way be united in their efforts to achieve the common good. From this perspective, students will create and analyze personnel policies and critique labor-management practices. A particular emphasis will be placed on the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its amendments, the National Labor Relations Act of 1935 and its amendments, and other key federal regulation governing employer-employee relations.

**MGT 491 MANAGEMENT CONSULTING CAPSTONE***(3 credit hours)***Prerequisite: Senior status**

Management consulting firms provide business clients with functional expertise and in-depth industry knowledge that enables them to provide solutions to business problems that the client had viewed as inscrutable. This course is intended to confront the students with actual business issues, in case study format, where they will be asked to sort through the plethora of useful and useless data that typically accompany misunderstood business problems and extract meaningful management information upon which the necessary business decisions can be based. The business issues will encompass all of the functional disciplines which the student has studied, and require that the student bring to bear all of the management tools and techniques that they have been taught. This course will be the Management major capstone course.

**MGT 375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN MANAGEMENT***(1-3 credit hours)***Prerequisite: ENG 112, MGT 300; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics**

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, conferences, workshops, field activities and/or readings focused on current issues in management.

## **MARKETING (MKT)**

**MKT 302 PRINCIPLES OF MARKETING***(3 credit hours)***Prerequisite: ENG 112**

This course focuses on three predominant marketing themes: building and managing profitable customer relationships, building and managing strong brands to create brand equity, and marketing in a morally and socially responsible way. Topics include: the marketing environment, managing information, consumer & business buyer behavior, segmentation, targeting and positioning, branding strategies, distribution channels, advertising and sales promotion, direct marketing and the global marketplace.

**MKT 425 MARKETING RESEARCH***(3 credit hours)***Prerequisite: Junior Status**

This course examines the use of the critical-thinking problem-solving process in understanding marketing problems and challenges. The student will learn and use various techniques for gathering consumer/customer/client data and demographics, survey methods, preference determination, market pattern analysis, and data presentation and analysis.

**MKT 435 PRODUCT MANAGEMENT***(3 credit hours)***Prerequisites: ENG 112, MAT 211, MKT 302**

This course will focus on how the marketing mix is utilized in developing product concepts as part of the overall marketing strategy planning process. Customer value and targeting market segments will be incorporated into product management and new product development. Brand management and cross functional teams are incorporated to understand problem solving and decision making.

**MKT 445 CONSUMER BEHAVIOR***(3 credit hours)***Prerequisite: MKT 425**

This course examines models of consumer behavior and methods for its analysis and prediction. We will focus on theories developed in marketing, psychology, and other behavioral sciences, and their role in understanding consumer preferences and decision making. Students will review theories in the context of a variety of industry applications and apply theories to own market research projects.

**MKT 455 DIGITAL MARKETING***(3 credit hours)***Prerequisite: MKT 302**

Technology has significantly transformed marketing. The last several years have seen an explosion of digital options to engage consumers and attract client marketing budgets. This course is designed for students who have taken marketing management. It will focus on the tools and techniques of digital marketing. We will explore such topics as search engine advertising, the effectiveness of banner ads, and how to use viral marketing, email marketing, and consumer-generated media.

**MKT 465 ADVERTISING MANAGEMENT***(3 credit hours)***Prerequisite: MKT 302**

This course covers the management of a firm's advertising effort (with some coverage of related topics like direct marketing, public relations, and sales promotions). It covers the institutions, theoretical principles, and managerial decisions relevant to advertising management, and is designed for managers in marketing positions and in advertising agency account management.

**MKT 375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN MARKETING***(1-3 credit hours)***Prerequisites: ENG 112, MKT 302; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics**

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, conferences, workshops, field activities and/or readings focused on current issues in marketing.

**MKT 476 MARKETING STRATEGY***(3 credit hours)***Prerequisite: MKT 302**

This course views marketing as both a general management responsibility and an orientation of an organization that helps one to create, capture and sustain customer value. Topics include how to identify and leverage customer-based competitive advantages and how to use them to develop new



ones. The focus is on the business unit and its network of channels, customer relationships, and alliances. Specifically, the course attempts to help develop knowledge and skills in the application of advanced marketing frameworks, concepts, and methods for making strategic choices at the business level.

## **MATHEMATICS (MAT)**

**MAT 085 PRE-ALGEBRA** (3 credit hours)

*Offered Fall Semester*

This is a developmental course and college level credit is not awarded for this course. This course contains a study of real numbers, integer, algebraic expressions, equations, fractions and decimals, ratios, portions, percent, polynomials, measures and graphing. A passing grade ("P") is achieved with an average score of 80%. MAT 085 is required of students who do not present at least a score of 21 on the mathematics portion of the ACT or who do not score 80% on the Math Assessment. If required, this course must be taken within the first semester of attendance.

**MAT 121 COLLEGE ALGEBRA** (3 credit hours)

This course covers the study of basic concepts of algebra including real numbers, polynomials, rational expressions, complex numbers, equations and inequalities, relations, functions and coordinate geometry and systems of equations.

**MAT 125 TRIGONOMETRY** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: MAT 121 or equivalent*

This is a rather in-depth study of the trigonometric. Emphasis is placed on the trigonometric ratios within right triangles, trigonometric functions of any angle in standard position, graphing trigonometric functions, inverse trigonometric functions, equations and identities with trigonometric functions, solving right triangles using trigonometric ratios, solving oblique triangles using the Law of Sine and Law of Cosines, and the study of complex numbers. Trigonometry is extremely helpful in the study of calculus.

**MAT 130 CONCEPTS OF GEOMETRY** (3 credit hours)

Basic concepts of geometry are studied including linear and angle measurement, construction, triangles and other polygons, circles; perimeter, area and volume measures; deductive reasoning and proofs; and similarity of polygons.

**MAT 153 CALCULUS WITH ANALYTIC GEOMETRY I** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: MAT 121 or equivalent*

This is a study of limits and continuity; the derivative; applications of the derivative in determining maximum, minimum and concavity and integrals to determine area and volume.

**MAT 154 CALCULUS WITH ANALYTIC GEOMETRY II** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: MAT 153 or equivalent*

Calculus II is a continuation of Calculus I. It includes volumes generated by function rotation, the study of the derivative of natural logarithms and exponential functions, integration using natural logs and exponential functions, l'Hôpital's Rule, integration by parts, trigonometric integrals.

**MAT 210 STATISTICS I** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: MAT 121 or equivalent*

This course introduces techniques of data analysis used in descriptive statistics, inferential statistics, and selected non-parametric statistical tests. Emphasis is placed on methods for collecting data, processing data, and interpreting the results. Computer assignments using statistical software are required.

**MAT 211 STATISTICS II** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: MAT 210*

This course covers variance and analysis of variance; correlation, linear and multiple regression analysis; statistical process control; and forecasting models. Students apply these techniques to selected real-world situations.

**MAT 240 THE NATURE OF MATHEMATICS** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: MAT 121*

This course is intended to be a content-based study of mathematical ideas suited for sophomore level students in a liberal arts curriculum. Topics will include problem solving, set theory (including Cartesian products and work with infinite sets), symbolic logic, number theory, topics in algebra and variation, solutions to problems emphasizing the use of graphic calculators, triangular geometry, and trigonometry, and fundamental concepts in probability and statistics.

**MAT 275/375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN MATHEMATICS** (1-3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112; Requires the written approval of the Vice President for Academics*

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, conferences, workshops, field activities and/or readings focused on current issues in mathematics.

## **NURSING (NUR)**

### **NUR 101 LEARNING AND SELF-CARE**

*(1 credit hour)*

This seminar introduces students to principles of personal wellness, safety, nutrition, physical fitness, and learning skills. Students develop strategies for self-care and stress management, and apply these strategies in the development of a personal health plan. Students learn that a healthy self is essential to caring for others and is necessary to support continued learning as a competent, professional nurse. Students learn to think and work within the philosophy and conceptual framework of the Bachelor of Science in nursing program at Aquinas College.

### **NUR 102 HEALING AND COMMUNITY**

*(1 credit hour)*

*Prerequisite: NUR 101*

This seminar develops students' understanding of barriers to community wellness, safety, nutrition, and physical fitness. Students examine health related issues and current community programs targeting home, work, school, and community environments. Historical and contemporary nursing roles are explored to develop understanding of the professional nurse role. In keeping with the philosophy and conceptual framework of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Aquinas College, students learn what community-population centered nursing means and the importance of making positive contributions to the citizens of the world around them.

### **NUR 110 FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING**

*(6 credit hours: 3 hours of lecture, 3 hours of clinical)*

*Corequisite: NUR 135*

In this course, students learn basic concepts considered essential to nursing practice: man, environment, health, and nursing. Basic needs of the human person are introduced in relation to health and illness, and internal and external systems that influence health across the lifespan. Students learn to implement the nursing process and to integrate, at a beginning level, essential competencies that promote holistic care of patients consistent with the Catholic and Dominican Tradition. The particular competencies students learn include all elements of the nursing process, as well as advocacy, communication, critical thinking, and human caring relationship skills. In all care situations and environments, students integrate the value and dignity of the human person, and respect for diversity as they apply principles related to legal, moral and ethical situations in healthcare and essential principles of nutrition and pharmacology in patient care. They learn the protocols for drug calculation and critical elements of safe and effective medication administration. In the clinical component of the course, students practice and apply theoretical knowledge and competencies in the simulation laboratory, then integrate the knowledge and competencies while providing care to patients across the health-illness continuum in various healthcare settings. Throughout the course, students demonstrate competence of fundamental principles of nursing practice and validated through standardized competence performance assessments and competence performance examinations.

### **NUR 113 TRANSITION INTO NURSING**

*(1 credit hour)*

*Corequisite: NUR 135*

L.P.N.s who successfully complete the challenge examination for Fundamentals of Nursing continue by taking this course. As part of this course, students also must attend specified classes in NUR 110 to learn basic concepts and competencies that are essential to professional nursing practice, as described in that course. Students learn to apply knowledge and competencies through practice in the simulation lab and scheduled experiences in the clinical setting. Achievement of competence is validated through standardized assessment methods including projects, written and clinical performance examinations.

### **NUR 115 MENTAL HEALTH NURSING**

*(4 credit hours: 3 hours of lecture, 1 hour of clinical)*

*Prerequisites: NUR 110 or NUR 113, NUR 135, NUR 225, NUR 232; Corequisite: NUR 121*

In this course, students learn basic principles of promoting optimal mental health and of caring for clients with alterations in mental health. They use the nursing process to systematically integrate knowledge and core competencies to provide holistic, comprehensive nursing care, including assessment and intervention, therapeutic communication and human caring relationships, critical thinking, teaching and health management skills consistent with the Catholic and Dominican Tradition. In all care situations and environments, students integrate the value and dignity of the human person, and respect for diversity as they learn to integrate legal, moral, ethical, cultural and spiritual principles and knowledge of pharmacology and nutrition to promote optimal mental health of clients and families. Students incorporate knowledge and competencies through supervised observation and experiences in a variety of clinical health care settings. They learn to work as an essential member of the multidisciplinary team, using a variety of resources to provide care to individuals and families across the life span and within diverse communities. Achievement of competence is validated through standardized assessment methods including projects, written and clinical performance examinations.

### **NUR 121 MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING I**

*(7 credit hours: 4 hours of lecture, 3 hours of clinical)*

*Prerequisites: NUR 110 or NUR 113, NUR 135, NUR 225, NUR 232; Corequisite: NUR 115*

In this course, students learn to provide holistic care to clients from different cultures, from younger to geriatric adults who are confronted with alterations in health along the wellness-illness continuum. They learn to apply the basic knowledge and competencies required to assist clients with common acute and chronic alterations in fluid and electrolyte balance, the cardiovascular, neurological respiratory and digestive systems, and selected alterations in the endocrine and genitourinary systems. They use the nursing process to systematically integrate knowledge and the core practice competencies to provide comprehensive nursing care, including: assessment and intervention, therapeutic communication and human caring relationships, critical thinking, teaching, and management skills consistent with the Catholic and Dominican Tradition. In all care situations and environments, students integrate the value and dignity of the human person, and respect for diversity as they continue to learn to be the client's advocate as they integrate legal, moral, ethical, cultural, and spiritual principles and knowledge of pharmacology and nutrition in the care of adult clients and their families. As a member of the multi-disciplinary team, students have relevant experiences to use nursing process and the application of knowledge and core competencies required to care for adults with chronic or acute alterations in health in various clinical settings. Achievement of competence is validated through standardized assessment methods including projects as well as written and clinical performance examinations.

**NUR 135 PHARMACOLOGY***(2 credit hours)***Corequisite:** NUR 110 or NUR 113

In this course, students learn basic concepts of major medication classifications and apply these concepts to patient care using the nursing process and principles consistent with the Catholic and Dominican Tradition. In all care situations and environments, students integrate the value and dignity of the human person, and respect for diversity as they learn to integrate eight core competencies as well as the safe, legal, ethical, moral, and professional standards and principles into the practice of medication administration. In the clinical setting, students practice and apply theoretical knowledge and competencies while administering medications to patients. Throughout the course, students demonstrate competence of the principles of pharmacology through standardized competence performance assessments and competence performance examinations.

**NUR 201 CREATING HEALING RELATIONSHIPS***(1 credit hour)***Prerequisite:** NUR 102; **Corequisite:** NUR 209

This seminar begins the process of internalizing the professional role of the nurse and the development of the nurse-client relationship. Students learn to separate personal beliefs from professional assessment. Students analyze and articulate the nurse's perspective of the dignity of the human person and the unique situations involved in the client's physical, environmental, psychosocial, socioeconomic, cultural, and spiritual needs.

**NUR 202 COLLABORATING IN HEALING ENVIRONMENTS***(1 credit hour)***Prerequisite:** NUR 201; **Corequisite:** NUR 210

This seminar continues the process of internalizing the professional role of the nurse and the application of the nursing process in the nurse-client relationship. Through peer collaboration, students broaden their perspective of professional nursing and interdisciplinary care. Students analyze client needs and evaluate care provided to promote the dignity of human persons facing life transitions and experiencing variations in health.

**NUR 209 CARE OF THE FAMILY I***(4 credit hours: 2 hours of lecture, 6 hours of practicum)***Prerequisites:** NUR 102, IDS 210, PSY 115; **Corequisite:** NUR 201

This course introduces the student to community population centered health and the nurse's role in promoting human dignity and flourishing from conception to natural death, focusing on the family unit. Students assess risks related to physical, environmental, psychosocial, socioeconomic, cultural, and spiritual needs, and apply the nursing process to promote, improve, and maintain the health of individuals, families, communities, and populations.

**NUR 210 CARE OF THE FAMILY II***(4 credit hours: 2 hours of lecture, 6 hours of practicum)***Prerequisites:** NUR 209, PSY 285; **Corequisite:** NUR 202

This course prepares the student to provide care across the life span while promoting human dignity and flourishing from conception to natural death. Competencies are developed in nursing interventions, communication, assessment, critical thinking, and caring relationships. Students provide holistic care for laboring and post-partum mothers and families, the newborn adapting from intrauterine to extra uterine life, adults and children with variations in health needs, and those transitioning from life to death.

**NUR 215 PERI-OPERATIVE NURSING***(4 credit hours: 2 hours of theory, 2 hours of clinical)***Prerequisites:** NUR 110, NUR 135, NUR 121, NUR 115

In this elective course, students with a special interest in peri-operative nursing learn the roles and responsibilities of the nurse in this specialty area and the care of the surgical patient. Students build on previous learning with additional knowledge and competencies specific to safe and effective nursing care of patients, pre-, intra- and post-operatively in clinical Operating Rooms. They incorporate specific aspects of the core practice competencies with surgical clients, including assessment and intervention, communication, critical thinking, human caring relationships, teaching, management, and knowledge integration skills. In all care situations and environments, students integrate the value and dignity of the human person, and respect for diversity as they continue to learn to be the client's advocate and apply principles of ethical, legal, moral, spiritual, and professional practice relevant to peri-operative nursing care consistent with the Catholic and Dominican Tradition. Students have 3 weeks of theory followed by 6 weeks of clinical experience under the supervision of an operating room nurse preceptor. Achievement of competence is validated through standardized assessment methods including projects as well as written and clinical performance examinations.

**NUR 222 MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING II***(9 credit hours: 4 hours of lecture, 5 hours of clinical)***Prerequisites:** NUR 110 or NUR 113, NUR 135, NUR 121, NUR 115, NUR 225, NUR 232; **Corequisite:** NUR 223

In this course, students continue to implement holistic nursing care of clients and their families from different cultures, who range from younger to geriatric adults who are adapting to complex alterations along the health-illness continuum. They learn to incorporate essential principles related to acute and chronic complex alterations in the immune system, musculoskeletal system, neurological system, hematologic system, urological system, cardio-respiratory system, and the endocrine and exocrine systems. They apply critical thinking in assessment and in making clinical decisions that prioritize interventions. In all care situations and environments, students integrate the value and dignity of the human person, and respect for diversity as they continue to learn to be the client's advocate and to implement the legal, ethical, moral, spiritual, and professional principles required for safe and effective care of clients with complex alterations in health consistent with the Catholic and Dominican Tradition. They incorporate additional knowledge and skills in the core practice competencies and integrate additional principles in the use of therapeutic nutrition and pharmacology. Students also learn to implement basic principles of management and leadership as a member of the multidisciplinary team during this clinical experience in acute and chronic health care settings and in selected community agencies. Achievement of competence is validated through standardized assessment methods including projects as well as written and clinical performance examinations.

**NUR 223 CLINICAL DECISION MAKING***(2 credit hours)***Prerequisites:** NUR 110 or NUR 113, NUR 135, NUR 121, NUR 115, NUR 225, NUR 232; **Corequisite:** NUR 222

In this course, students learn more fully the roles and responsibilities of the associate degree nurse as a member of the health care team in a variety of settings. In all care situations and environments, students integrate the value and dignity of the human person, and respect for diversity as they

practice independently and with others in complex situations that require more acute clinical decision-making and integration of knowledge from diverse sources. Students become more confident and competent in communication and critical thinking as they work collaboratively with the healthcare team to assess, respond to and provide care in response to clients' needs and determine the most effective interventions consistent with the Catholic and Dominican Tradition. They gain experience in advocacy and management of client care and opportunities to develop leadership abilities. They are guided in further development of the eight core practice competencies through study of a particular area of interest in nursing care. Achievement of competence is validated through standardized assessment methods including projects and written performance examinations.

### **NUR 225 PARENT-CHILD NURSING**

(9 credit hours: 6 hours of lecture, 3 hours of clinical)

*Prerequisites: NUR 110 or NUR 113, NUR 135; Corequisite: NUR 232*

In this course, students learn to provide holistic nursing care for child-bearing and child-rearing families from diverse cultures and across the health-illness continuum. They learn the family-centered basic needs approach in applying the knowledge and all eight core practice competencies essential for safe and effective care. The core competencies are the same but they are incorporated with specific attention to the needs of this client population. Students integrate the principles of growth and development, nutrition and pharmacology that are essential for these clients; they also implement principles related to legal, ethical, moral, spiritual and professional issues consistent with the Catholic and Dominican Tradition. In all care situations and environments, students integrate the value and dignity of the human person, and respect for diversity as the client's advocate, as they learn skills required in dealing with ethical, legal and professional dilemmas and learn to separate personal from professional perspectives. In the clinical experience, students learn to implement the collaborative role of the nurse as essential member of the multi-disciplinary health care team in the acute care setting and in selected community agencies. Achievement of competence is validated through standardized assessment methods including projects, as well as written and clinical performance examinations.

### **NUR 232 TRENDS AND TECHNOLOGY IN NURSING**

(2 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: NUR 110 or NUR 113, NUR 135; Corequisite: NUR 225*

In this course, students expand their knowledge of informatics and computer-based learning applied in clinical practice. They learn the basic structure and methods of research and become more competent in applying research findings of evidence-based best practices to promote comprehensive, safe, and effective client care. They use multiple digital resources to explore research that improves their competence in assessment and interventions, communication, critical thinking, and leadership skills. With this enhanced knowledge and competence they can engage more effectively as the client's advocate in the multidisciplinary team. In this course, students also explore major trends and health care issues that influence society and nursing practice. In all care situations and environments, students integrate the value and dignity of the human person, and respect for diversity as they gain insight into their responsibility as members of the profession to integrate meaningful changes in client care and their own practice consistent with the Catholic and Dominican Tradition. They explore strategies of career planning and responsibility for continuing professional development. They create a systematic plan to pursue improvement in their core competencies and specialty abilities and their confidence as practicing professional nurses. Achievement of competence is validated through standardized assessment methods, including projects as well as written performance examinations.

### **NUR 245 HEALTH CONTINUUM I: HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND PATHOPHYSIOLOGY**

(4 credit hours:

*Prerequisites: NUR 102, CHE 100, BIO 211*

2 hours of lecture, 6 hours of practicum)

The student integrates holistic health assessment with pathophysiology, building on knowledge gained in anatomy and physiology courses. Students apply the principles of obtaining client history and techniques for physical examination of clients across the lifespan. Within the health continuum, students analyze manifestations of human health conditions and alterations in normal physiology, function, and behavior and the correlations with pathophysiological causes.

### **NUR 246 HEALTH CONTINUUM II: HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND PATHOPHYSIOLOGY**

(4 credit hours:

*Prerequisites: NUR 245, BIO 212; Corequisite: BIO 220*

2 hours of lecture, 6 hours of practicum)

In this course students integrate pharmacology and pathophysiology, applying knowledge gained in nursing and in the health sciences. The student applies knowledge of the biological effects of non-prescriptive and prescriptive substances introduced into the body. The student analyzes alterations in normal physiology, function, and behavior, in addition to implications of pharmacological interventions to manage symptoms of human health conditions.

### **NUR 275 SPECIAL TOPICS IN NURSING**

(1-3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: NUR 110, ENG 112; Requires the written approval of the Vice President for Academics*

Special topics to be indicated. This course may include seminars, conferences, independent study or clinical experience focused on a particular topic, current issue or practice area in nursing.

### **NUR 301 BUILDING A THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY**

(3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: NUR 202; Corequisite: NUR 309*

This seminar empowers nursing students to promote the holistic care of self and others. Students identify the realities of working within interdisciplinary teams including communication, dealing with issues of conflict resolution, client and staff advocacy, moral distress, and compassion fatigue to create a positive environment of human caring and healing in the context of joyful, intimate, and sacred moments in nursing practice.

### **NUR 302 CONSTRUCTING HOLISTIC RELATIONSHIPS**

(3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: NUR 301; Corequisite: NUR 310*

This seminar promotes professional development of clinical reasoning and nursing judgment by connecting student experiences with perspectives and experiences of peers. Students learn to analyze and prioritize the challenges of planning and implementing care for clients with diverse circumstances and care needs. Acknowledging the professional contributions of others, students work together to integrate knowledge of nursing care in a holistic framework for those experiencing complex human health conditions.

**NUR 309 HUMAN HEALTH CONDITIONS I***(7 credit hours: 3 hours of lecture, 12 hours of practicum)***Prerequisite:** NUR 210; **Corequisite:** NUR 301

In this course students develop competencies as an interdisciplinary team member in the nursing management of the hospitalized client. Students integrate knowledge from the sciences, humanities, and foundational nursing studies to prioritize care of multiple clients. Implementing core practice competencies, students build therapeutic relationships and care for clients with acute and chronic care needs in medical-surgical and psychiatric health settings. Applying the nursing process to collaborative medical therapies and holistic treatment modalities, students promote client recovery and human flourishing.

**NUR 310 HUMAN HEALTH CONDITIONS II***(7 credit hours: 3 hours of lecture, 12 hours of practicum)***Prerequisite:** NUR 309; **Corequisite:** NUR 302

In this course students develop competencies as an interdisciplinary team member in the nursing management of the hospitalized client. Students integrate knowledge from the sciences, humanities, and foundational nursing studies to prioritize care of multiple clients. Implementing core practice competencies, students build therapeutic relationships and care for the client and family experiencing acute pediatric disorders, complex obstetrical situations, and adults experiencing multisystem and complicated health issues. Applying the nursing process to collaborative medical therapies and holistic treatment modalities, students promote client recovery and human flourishing.

**NUR 315 ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL NURSING CONCEPTS AND ISSUES***(3 credit hours)***Prerequisites:** IDS 310; *or permission from the Dean of the School of Nursing*

In this course students learn the additional roles and responsibilities of the B.S.N.-prepared nurse. They assess personal and professional expectations and goals that enable the transition into another level of professional development. In all care situations and environments, students integrate the value and dignity of the human person, and respect for diversity as they engage in critical discussions of the conceptual models and theories; concepts; issues; ethical, legal, and professional standards pertinent to current healthcare systems. Within this context they learn the significance of implementing the comprehensive core practice competencies in professional practice and the importance of collaboration within the healthcare team consistent with the Catholic and Dominican Tradition. Through this knowledge and experiential background they develop additional abilities to influence improvements in patient safety and quality care. Achievement of competence is validated through standardized assessment methods including projects, as well as written and clinical performance examinations.

**NUR 345 PATHOPHYSIOLOGY***(4 credit hours)**Same as BIO 345***Prerequisites:** ENG 112; BIO 211 & 212 *or permission from the Dean of the School of Nursing*

In this course, students in nursing or other health related sciences analyze principles of the basic mechanisms of disease processes with emphasis on the contrast between normal and abnormal states of cells and tissues. Students engage in critical examination of the structure and physiology of the cell, cell injuries and various adaptive responses. They study the process of necrosis, inflammation and the immune response system, neoplasms, carcinogenesis and the pathophysiology of vascular disease. They also learn methods of diagnosis, treatment regimens, sequelae and complications that are illustrated by case histories and clinical slides at a microbiological level. In all care situations and environments, students integrate the value and dignity of the human person, and respect for diversity and engage in collaborative discussions related to the Christian meaning of human suffering and ethical and legal issues in the Catholic and Dominican Tradition that are relevant to content in this course and to those in health professions. Achievement of competence is validated through standardized assessment methods including projects, as well as written and clinical performance examinations.

**NUR 346 EVIDENCE-BASED NURSING***(3 credit hours)***Prerequisites:** NUR 202, MAT 210, ENG 112, PHI 215

In this course students become informed consumers of research findings through the study of scientific methodology of the research process. Students analyze relevant nursing literature for integrity, accuracy, and applicability of evidence-based nursing practice in diverse settings of care. Students learn the process for integrating accepted standards of research including legal, ethical, spiritual, cultural, and professional principles.

**NUR 375 HEALTH AND PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT***(4 credit hours)***Prerequisites:** NUR 315; NUR 345; *admitted to the A.S.N. or R.N.-B.S.N. Program; or permission from the Dean of the School of Nursing*

In this course students develop a higher level of knowledge and competence in conducting a health history and physical assessment of persons across the lifespan and the health-illness continuum. Based on classroom interaction and practice in the Nursing Simulation Learning Laboratory, they develop additional communication skills with emphasis on systematic and focused interview, data collection techniques, and comprehensive documentation of the history and physical examination. They incorporate critical thinking in determining accuracy of findings and discriminating abnormal from normal findings. In all care situations and environments, students integrate the value and dignity of the human person, and respect for diversity as they integrate legal, ethical and professional standards and relevant cultural, spiritual, and demographic factors consistent with the Catholic and Dominican Tradition related to obtaining, interpreting, and transmitting personal data. Achievement of competence is validated through standardized assessment methods including projects, as well as written and clinical performance examinations.

**NUR 380 CURRENT PHARMACOTHERAPY APPLICATIONS***(2 credit hours)***Prerequisites:** *Enrolled in the R.N.-B.S.N. Program; or permission from the Dean of the School of Nursing*

In this course students analyze drugs currently being used for the pharmacological treatment of major disease processes. They build on previous knowledge by incorporating current evidence-based information in order to develop competence in clinical reasoning and decision-making. They collaborate with other care providers and clients in the management and safe use of pharmacotherapy and prevention of unintended consequences. In all care situations and environments, students integrate the value and dignity of the human person, and respect for diversity as they apply legal, ethical, spiritual and professional codes of conduct consistent with Catholic and Dominican Tradition in pharmacotherapy. They teach clients and others the safe and accurate use of prescribed drugs. Students engage in classroom interaction and projects and integrate new learning to increase

competence in the application of pharmacotherapy in clinical settings. Achievement of competence is validated through standardized assessment methods including projects, as well as written and clinical performance examinations.

**NUR 401 CARING IN HUMAN CULTURES**

(3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: NUR 302; Corequisite: NUR 409*

This seminar engages the student in collaborative learning strategies to understand the meaning of health within cultures, communities, and populations, evaluating barriers to providing culturally sensitive care. Cultural backgrounds, personal beliefs and values about health, health practices of students and the roles and responsibilities of the nurse are explored. Cultural humility is promoted as students discuss obstacles and challenges in providing care to persons of diverse cultures.

**NUR 402 DEVELOPING PROFESSIONALISM IN PRACTICE**

(3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: NUR 401; Corequisites: NUR 410, NUR 445*

This seminar provides opportunities for students to engage in collaborative learning strategies for the purpose of learning about role transitions from student to professional nurse. Students explore the novice-to-expert model in preparation for lifelong learning for practice within evolving health care systems and among diverse cultures and health care settings. To prepare for the transition to professional practice, students analyze personal and professional challenges to human dignity, freedom, and human flourishing as a nurse, such as compassion fatigue, moral distress, cognitive dissonance, and lateral violence. Students examine perceived challenges to integrating interdisciplinary collaboration, quality care, client advocacy, nursing practice, and moral and spiritual values in the distinctly Dominican tradition.

**NUR 409 GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES**

(7 credit hours: 3 hours of lecture, 12 hours of practicum)

*Prerequisite: NUR 310, NUR 346; Corequisite: NUR 401*

In this course students apply the principle of human connectedness to the global community. Students provide culturally competent health care for diverse populations. Didactic and practicum experiences focus on integration of knowledge regarding the history of global health, health as a human right, health determinants, policies and legislation affecting global health and global health care systems. Students learn to analyze disease burden in selected populations, environments, and health care economies.

**NUR 410 SYSTEM LEADERSHIP**

(7 credit hours: 3 hours of lecture, 12 hours of practicum)

*Prerequisite: NUR 409; Corequisite: NUR 402, NUR 445*

In this course students complete preparation for beginning practice as a professional nurse capable of integrating didactic knowledge, clinical competencies, and Christian values to assist clients, families, and communities to flourish. Students participate in experiential learning opportunities in interdisciplinary collaboration, integrating competencies in management, leadership, assessment, informatics, resource utilization, evidence-based practice, clinical reasoning, critical thinking, communication, human caring relationships, ethics and moral decision making, and health promotion within the legal scope of practice and standards of professional performance. Students demonstrate beginning competence in providing and coordinating safe, quality client care across a variety of health care settings while advocating for the needs of others.

**NUR 415 NURSING RESEARCH**

(3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112; MAT 210; NUR 315; or permission from the Dean of the School of Nursing*

In this introductory research course students become more knowledgeable consumers of research and related findings. They study the scientific orientation of the research process and elements of healthcare research studies. Emphasis is on critical and reflective thinking about the integrity of any particular research and the accuracy and applicability of findings to the implementation of evidence-based nursing practice. In all care situations and environments, students integrate the value and dignity of the human person, and respect for diversity consistent with the Catholic and Dominican Tradition. Students integrate the accepted standards of research including legal, ethical, spiritual, cultural, and professional principles; informed consent; and full disclosure as these apply to research subjects, the public, the profession, and dissemination of findings. Students learn the importance of collaboration, integrity and responsibility in the development and management of the research process. They evaluate and implement nursing and other research and relevant findings by conducting oral and written critiques and other interactive practice-related projects as individuals or in collaboration with others. Achievement of competence is validated through standardized assessment methods including projects, as well as written and clinical performance examinations.

**NUR 420 ADVANCED ADULT HEALTH NURSING**

(4 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: NUR 375, NUR 380, NUR 415, completion of general studies requirements, or permission from the Dean of the School of Nursing*

Students in this course learn additional nursing management of the critically ill hospitalized adult patient through the study of relevant current advanced therapies and treatments. They synthesize previous study of anatomy, physiology, microbiology, pharmacology and nursing as the foundation for integrating advanced study of the care of critically ill patients. Focus is on learning more pathophysiology of both single organ and multi-organ system dysfunction in the critically ill patient. Particular focus is on the cardiovascular, respiratory, renal, and neurological systems, with a review of contemporary care for burn and trauma patients. Students engage in additional study of ICU pharmacological agents, psychosocial and spiritual family needs and support, transplantation, and acute palliation and end-of-life care. In all care situations and environments, students integrate the value and dignity of the human person, and respect for diversity in spiritual, cultural, ethnic and other demographic factors consistent with the Catholic and Dominican Tradition. As students engage in learning about and administering holistic care to patients with complex acute and chronic illnesses, they gain a greater respect for the challenge to multi-disciplinary health care teams of providing competent and compassionate care to patients and families and integrating all core practice competencies as part of evidence-based practice. Achievement of competence is validated through standardized assessment methods including projects, as well as written and clinical performance examinations.

**NUR 426 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING** (4 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: NUR 420; or permission from the Dean of the School of Nursing*

Students in this course integrate theory and practice focused on the application of family and community assessment, diagnosis, planning, and intervention. They develop competence in health promotion, prevention, and improvement for the client as an individual, a family, an aggregate, and a population. They incorporate the determinants of health, including epidemiology, environment, socio-economic and political conditions, diversity of characteristics, individual and group behavior, and genetics. By implementing the eight core practice competencies in a variety of community health care environments, students gain experience in the role and responsibilities required of the professional nurse in such settings. In all care situations and environments, students integrate the value and dignity of the human person, and respect for diversity consistent with the Catholic and Dominican Tradition. They integrate legal, ethical, moral, spiritual and professional principles essential in the role of the community health nurse as a compassionate and competent health care provider, an advocate for public policy, and a promoter and protector of public health. Achievement of competence is validated through standardized assessment methods including projects, as well as written and clinical performance examinations.

**NUR 435 LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OF HEALTHCARE DELIVERY** (4 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: NUR 426; completion of general studies requirements; or permission from the Dean of the School of Nursing*

Students in this course learn to integrate concepts, theories, and strategies of leadership and management when engaged in the roles and responsibilities of the professional nurse leader or manager in the health care system. They expand abilities in all eight core practice competencies with special emphasis on assessment, communication, problem solving, teaching, human caring relationships, management, and leadership, which may involve clients or members of the healthcare team. They continue to expand competence in using health informatics and technology in the delivery of nursing and health care through independent or group projects that integrate knowledge and analytic thinking and problem solving in a leadership or management role. Consistent with the Catholic and Dominican Tradition and through guided experience students collaborate with members of the healthcare team to provide holistic compassionate care to patients and families. In all care situations and environments, students integrate the value and dignity of the human person, and respect for diversity within the context of legal, ethical, and professional standards and spiritual and cultural principles that value human diversity and preferences. In addition students create plans for continued professional development and engagement in nursing practice. Achievement of competence is validated through standardized assessment methods including projects, as well as written and clinical performance examinations.

**NUR 442 SENIOR PRACTICUM AND SEMINAR** (4 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: Completion of all other nursing courses and general studies requirements; permission from the Dean of the School of Nursing*

In this capstone course, students focus their study on a clinical area of particular interest. In collaboration with faculty they develop an individualized clinical learning plan with designated outcomes and learning strategies consistent with their career goals. They integrate previous learning and expand abilities in the core practice competencies and the concepts and principles required for professional practice as a baccalaureate prepared nurse. In all care situations and environments, students integrate the value and dignity of the human person, and respect for diversity consistent with the Catholic and Dominican Tradition. They integrate legal, ethical, and professional standards and spiritual, cultural, and other individual preferences that promote safe and effective care. Achievement of competence is validated through standardized assessment methods including projects, as well as written and clinical performance examinations.

**NUR 445 PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND REGULATION** (1 credit hour)

*Prerequisite: NUR 409; Corequisites: NUR 402, NUR 410*

Building on the foundation developed in previous courses, students further develop an understanding of the covenant of trust that exists between the professional nurse and community, bound by professional licensure, associated regulations, ethical standards, and the needs and expectations of the client. Laws governing initial and continued licensure, license revocation, and license reinstatement are studied. In preparation for initial licensure, students integrate test taking strategies, analyze the NCLEX blueprint, and engage in extensive practice with computerized adaptive testing.

**NUR 446 FOCUSED STUDIES IN COMMUNITY POPULATION-CENTERED NURSING** (3 credit hours:

*Prerequisites: NUR 310, NUR 346* 2 hours of lecture, 3 hours of practicum)

In this course, students synthesize and apply general nursing knowledge to specialized areas in the nursing profession. This course may include lectures, seminars, conferences, independent study, or practicum experiences focused on a topic, issue, or practice in nursing. Topics vary according to faculty interest and practicum site availability. Topics may include informatics, psychiatric nursing, gerontology, palliative care, or trauma. See individual course offerings in the relevant academic year for details.

## **PHILOSOPHY (PHI)**

**PHI 105 LOGIC** (3 credit hours)

*Offered every Fall semester*

Exploring valid and invalid patterns of deductive inference, with secondary consideration of inductive reasoning, this course examines the principles of Aristotelian material and formal logic, including signs and signification, abstraction and universals, predication and judgments, and syllogistic reasoning. Informal fallacies are covered as well. The applicability of basic logical principles to both dialectical and rhetorical argumentation is treated in the latter half of the course.

**PHI 211 INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY** (3 credit hours)

This course introduces the student to philosophy by addressing basic concepts of the philosophy of nature: substance, matter/form, change, causes, chance, space/time, and the problem of the Unmoved Mover. On these topics, we note the views of various philosophers over the course of time, but with special emphasis on the views of Aristotle and St. Thomas Aquinas. The second half of the course addresses the properties of man from

the Thomistic philosophical perspective: his vegetative, animative, and cognitive operations; the nature of the human soul; the unity of soul and body; the nature, act, and objects of the human intellect; the necessity and freedom of the human will; and the interaction of the intellect and will in the free human act.

**PHI 215 ETHICS** (3 credit hours)

This course introduces the student to ethics as a practical science based on reasoning derived from experience. St. Thomas Aquinas is used as a guide to investigate the purpose of human life, the nature of human actions, the use of right reason to distinguish good from bad action, the role of moral law and conscience, patterns of moral reasoning and the perfecting of character by acquisition of moral virtues. From this study, the student should come to understand the rational basis of moral doctrine, to appreciate its profound significance for the human person, and to develop a personal commitment to act always so as to promote his true good.

**PHI 225 PHILOSOPHY OF THE HUMAN PERSON** (3 credit hours)

This course is a speculative study of the nature and faculties of the human person and closely related anthropological questions. Topics covered include the body/soul distinction and substantial unity of the body/soul composite, sensation, affectivity, types of knowing and willing, freedom vs. determinism, subjectivity and personhood, human origins and destiny, and the question of immortality.

**PHI 301 HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY I: ANCIENT** (3 credit hours)

This course covers the development of philosophy in the ancient world, from the pre-Socratic period to the end of the late Hellenic and Roman period. It includes philosophers and topics such as Plato, Aristotle, Stoicism, Neo-Platonism, and Augustine.

**PHI 302 HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY II: MEDIEVAL** (3 credit hours)

This course covers the development of philosophy in the medieval world, from the end of the late Hellenic and Roman Period to the Renaissance. It includes philosophers and topics such as the ancient sources of medieval philosophy, the rise of early scholasticism in the Cathedral schools and monasteries, Bonaventure, Albert Magnus, Scotus, and Ockham.

**PHI 303 HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY III: MODERN** (3 credit hours)

This course covers the development of philosophy in the modern world, from the Renaissance to the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It focuses on philosophers and topics such as the emergence of the scientific revolution, Descartes, Locke, Hume, and Kant.

**PHI 315 MEDICAL ETHICS** (3 credit hours)

*Same as THE 315*

**Prerequisites:** ENG 112, PHI 215, THE 210

This course investigates the bioethical issues from both the philosophical perspective of natural law and the theological perspective of faith and revelation. Topics such as abortion, euthanasia, reproductive technologies, contraception, organ transplantation, and genetic engineering are among the issues studied.

**PHI 330 PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION** (3 credit hours)

**Prerequisite:** ENG 112

This course investigates the philosophical basis of educational thought from classical to contemporary times. After first establishing the nature of philosophy, the course examines the major philosophical systems and ideologies that have shaped educational theory. The course affords students the opportunity to critique educational philosophies and to begin to develop their own. Field experience included.

**PHI 355 BUSINESS ETHICS AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY** (3 credit hours)

**Prerequisites:** ENG 112, PHI 215

While this course will include a consideration of various ethical theories that dominate current discussion in the business disciplines, it will focus primarily on classical moral philosophy. Using this theory, with its integration of natural law and virtue, students will be capable of providing a richer explanation of ethical decision making in business, both on the descriptive (why we do what we do) and on the normative (what we should do) levels. They will thus be equipped with the necessary tools for analyzing and evaluating particular problematic cases in the various realms of business. Drawing from the Catholic Social Tradition, students will come to understand business as a vital and positive element of human social life.

**PHI 365 PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION** (3 credit hours)

**Prerequisites:** ENG 112, and one previous course in Philosophy at Aquinas College

In this course students will engage in a critical study of philosophical topics concerning religious thought within the context of the Western tradition. Topics examined include the following: the relation between reason and faith; the character of religious discourse; the possibility of disproving or demonstrating the reality of a supernatural divine being; the divine nature and attributes; creaturely freedom in relation to divine foreknowledge and universal providence; the problem of evil; miracles in nature; the connection between morality and religion; and death and immortality.

**PHI 370 PHILOSOPHY OF KNOWLEDGE** (3 credit hours)

**Prerequisites:** ENG 112, and one previous course in Philosophy at Aquinas College

This course studies human knowledge and the related issues of truth, falsity, and opinion. Beginning with an examination of epistemological questions as developed initially by the Presocratics, the course centers on the classical view of knowledge as developed in the Platonic-Aristotelian tradition inherited and advanced by St. Thomas Aquinas. The philosophical movements of empiricism, idealism, and phenomenology are investigated; skepticism, both ancient and modern, is both explained and critiqued.



**PHI 415 CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, PHI 215*

Contemporary Moral Issues is a sequel to the Ethics course. It applies the foundational principles studied in ethics to modern day problems such as questions of sexual morality, artificial human reproduction and genetic manipulation, abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, poverty and other social-justice issues, war, and man's relation to the environment. The content of the course will vary from semester to semester, according to the issues chosen by the professor.

**PHI 445 MODERN PROBLEMS IN PHILOSOPHY** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course introduces the student to Modern Philosophy and the effect it is having on society today. The study traces the development of philosophical thought as great philosophers have laid it out from the 13<sup>th</sup> Century to the present day. It examines Modern philosophy in light of Thomistic philosophical principles and highlights the relevance of sound philosophical reasoning to the Christian faith. From this study, the student should be able to analyze the truth of various philosophical views and to realize the impact these views have had on modern man.

**PHI 450 POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, and one previous course in Philosophy at Aquinas College*

In this course, students will be introduced to the philosophical study of political action and community. Topics covered in this class include the causes of political community, the principles of political philosophy the common good, the relation of politics to morality, and the limits of political action. Political philosophers examined in this class include Aristotle, Thomas Aquinas, John Locke, Thomas Hobbes, and others.

**PHI 451 PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, and one previous course in Philosophy at Aquinas College*

In this course students will be introduced to competing theories of science, and will engage in a philosophical exploration of the foundations, nature, methods, and aims of modern experimental science, as distinguished from Aristotelian natural philosophy. The topics examined will include nature and physical law, scientific hypotheses and theory construction, the connection between theory and observation, empirical confirmation and falsification, the question of scientific induction, prediction and types of explanation, causal determinism vs. indeterminism, contingency and necessity, realism vs. antirealism, and questions concerning scientific progress and truth.

**PHI 452 PHILOSOPHY OF LAW** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, and one previous course in Philosophy at Aquinas College*

This course investigates the sources, nature, types, purposes, and authority of law. Special emphasis will be given to legal positivism and natural law theory. Other topics may include, but are not limited to, theories of justice, legal obligations and rights, civil disobedience and the force of law, church-state issues, and freedom of conscience in relation to law.

**PHI 460 METAPHYSICS** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, and one previous course in Philosophy at Aquinas College*

This course examines the fundamental question of the meaning of Being and the attendant issues of causality, transcendentals, and the problem of evil. Examined first are the foundations of metaphysics as initially developed by ancient Greek philosophers (principally Parmenides, Plato, and Aristotle). Thereafter, the concept of Being as transformed in Christian thought is illuminated through an analysis of the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas (particularly *De Ente et Essentia*). Modern critiques of the traditional metaphysical project are discussed in an analytical exposition of empiricism, idealism, and existentialism.

**PHI 465 PHILOSOPHY OF GOD** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, PHI 460*

This course is devoted to the study of the existence, nature, and attributes of God. The theoretical contributions of Thomas Aquinas (the Common Doctor) will be emphasized, although not to the exclusion of other significant authors (e.g., Aristotle, Augustine, Anselm of Canterbury). The relation between God and created being, the delicate balance between divine transcendence and immanence, theodicy and the classical problem of evil, and the apparent tension between human freedom and divine foreknowledge and providence are among the issues to be examined

**PHI 490 SENIOR SEMINAR AND THESIS** (3 credit hours)

*Requires senior standing in Philosophy and permission of the Instructor*

This is the final course in the philosophy sequence. A seminar in format, it will include formal presentations, discussions, and reviews as determined by the seminar director. Required of all philosophy majors, it is open only to those seniors who have satisfied the major core courses as prerequisites. The topics for the seminar are determined by the seminar director and typically involve topics in metaphysics, philosophy of knowledge, or the thought of a particular philosopher or philosophical tradition. The director elicits the active participation of the students in analyzing the texts read and relating the underlying philosophical issues to material studied in the regular philosophy curriculum. In addition, students will write and publicly defend their senior philosophy thesis, which is to be a major paper not only of in-depth research but also, and even primarily, of philosophical analysis and reflection.

**PHI 275/375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY** (1-3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics.*

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, conferences, workshops or field activities focused on current issues in philosophy. May be repeated.

## **PHYSICAL SCIENCE (PHS)**

### **PHS 200 PRINCIPLES OF PHYSICAL SCIENCE (3 credit hours)**

This is a survey course of the physical sciences and how they affect everyday life and the physical environment. The main emphases are on mechanics including motion, Newton's Laws of Motion, momentum and energy, gravity and satellite motion, fluid mechanics, thermal heat, heat transfer, sound waves, light waves, and properties of light. This course includes 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of lab each week.

### **PHS 275/375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN PHYSICAL SCIENCE (1-3 credit hours)**

*Prerequisite: ENG 112; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics*

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, conferences, workshops, class activity or independent study focused on a particular topic or current issue in the natural sciences.

## **PSYCHOLOGY (PSY)**

### **PSY 115 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (3 credit hours)**

This course offers the student an introductory survey on the biological, psychological and social aspects of human behavior as viewed from the scientific perspective. Major topics include the physiological basis of behavior, personality development, fundamental concepts in learning and memory, research methods, consciousness, motivation, emotions, human relationships and social influences. The student can expect to become an educated consumer of research findings, and to develop an appreciation for the complexity of human behavior as well as the dignity of being human.

### **PSY 285 DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (3 credit hours)**

This course presents the developmental changes that occur in the human person across the lifespan, from conception to natural death. Domains of development and phases of life are identified through theory, research, and observation. Motor skills and psycho-physiological processes are considered, as well as cognitive development pertaining to moral understanding, problem-solving, language acquisition, social development, emotional maturation, and identity formation. Developmental stages, interactions between human characteristics, behavior choices, and environmental factors are explored for developmental impact on the human person. This course informs and compliments disciplines such as general psychology, educational psychology, and the health professions, and supports critical inquiry regarding human developmental issues with a perspective toward embracing human dignity.

### **PSY 300 HISTORY OF PSYCHOLOGY (3 credit hours)**

*Prerequisites: ENG 112 and at least three hours in a lower-level (100- or 200-level) Psychology class*

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the history of psychology. The course traces the discipline from its origins and first philosophers to the diverse nature of today's approaches to psychology. The course provides a deeper understanding for further study in contemporary psychology.

### **PSY 305 THEORIES OF PERSONALITY (3 credit hours)**

*Prerequisites: ENG 112 and at least three hours in a lower-level (100- or 200-level) Psychology class*

This course explores consistent behavior patterns, intrapersonal constructs including emotional, motivational, and cognitive processes, as well as, external sources that influence personality. The approaches to personality studied include, but are not limited to psychoanalytic, biological and humanistic.

### **PSY 310 RESEARCH METHODS FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES (3 credit hours)**

*Prerequisites: MAT 210, ENG 112 and at least three hours in a lower-level (100- or 200-level) Psychology class.*

This course covers both conducting and consuming research for the social sciences. Emphasis is placed on approaches to studying behavior: descriptive research, correlation research, and experimental research. The course utilizes library skills, statistical skills, and writing skills, to build a comprehensive understanding and application of these approaches.

### **PSY 315 EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (3 credit hours)**

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course analyzes and applies psychological principles of learning to the elementary school-age child. Various learning theories are discussed and researched. Application of theory is viewed through a variety of educational situations and settings. Field experience included.

### **PSY 335 APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY (3 credit hours)**

*Prerequisites: ENG 112 and at least three hours in a lower-level (100- or 200-level) Psychology class*

This course provides a foundation for how psychological knowledge is applied in various professions (e.g., sports, forensics, law) and community settings. Discussions will connect psychology principles to future career opportunities utilizing research, examples, and applications.

### **PSY 340 SENSATION & PERCEPTION (3 credit hours)**

*Prerequisites: ENG 112 and at least three hours in a lower-level (100- or 200-level) Psychology class*

This course studies the structure and function of the senses, including primary senses in addition to pain, space, time, motion, and attention. The course incorporates the study of perception and the process in which sensation and perception play a role in behavior.

**PSY 350      GROUP DYNAMICS** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112 and at least three hours in a lower-level (100- or 200-level) Psychology class*

This course examines the theoretical understanding and complex nature of a social group. Emphasis is placed on the psychological processes that occur within and between groups and effective skills for group interaction. Areas of focus include leadership, power, conflict, and adjustment.

**PSY 360      MOTIVATION** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112 and at least three hours in a lower-level (100- or 200-level) Psychology class*

This course addresses the question concerning why people behave in certain ways. Course discussions involve the relationship between emotion and motivation. Particular emphasis is placed on the biological, behavioral, and cognitive explanations for motivation.

**PSY 365      SOCIAL & CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112 and at least three hours in a lower-level (100- or 200-level) Psychology class*

This course examines the reciprocal nature of one's thoughts, feelings, behaviors, and social environment. Factors concerning the social context include social perception, social influence and interaction, and examination of how these factors help us understand social institutions such as law, business, and health. Throughout the course, the constructs of culture (values, beliefs, norms, attitudes, and worldviews) are emphasized.

**PSY 385      PHYSIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112 and at least three hours in a lower-level (100- or 200-level) Psychology class*

This course examines the physiological mechanisms, which lead to psychological activity. Emphasis is placed on the relationship between neuroanatomy and behavior. The course covers, but not limited to, the biological explanations of movement, sleep, motivation, emotions, memory, and psychopathology.

**PSY 390      INDUSTRIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112 and at least three hours in a lower-level (100- or 200-level) Psychology class*

This course examines how psychological principles can be effective in business development and management and utilized for practical applications in the work place. Principles such as motivation, performance and behavior, reward systems, quality of life, and development of complex organizations are connected to job related issues of recruitment, selection, training, supervision, and environmental factors (among others).

**PSY 395      COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112 and at least three hours in a lower-level (100- or 200-level) Psychology class*

This course offers a perspective of psychology concerned with the scientific study of the mind. The mental processes emphasized in this course are perception, attention, memory, language, knowledge, reasoning, and problem solving.

**PSY 400      TESTS AND MEASUREMENTS** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, MAT 240*

This course is an overview of assessment as it relates to student achievement. Students will be introduced to formal and informal methods of evaluation; interpreting results; communicating results to students, parents, and other professionals; and using results to make instructional decisions. Emphasis will be placed on comprehension of the essentials of standardized achievement testing. Field experience included.

**PSY 410      BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

This course builds on the tenets of applied behavior analysis. Topics to be studied include the applied behavior approach, functional analysis, behavioral objectives, behavior assessment techniques, self-management, and structuring the environment. Specific attention will focus on intentional strategies that involve instruction or change in the environment designed to help a behavioral adaptation and development. These techniques are applicable to various settings. Field experience included.

**PSY 423      EXCEPTIONAL CHILD** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

Acknowledging that each student is unique, and in this sense, exceptional, this course focuses on the needs of a variety of children, including those with learning disabilities, physically and/or mentally limiting conditions, intellectual gifts and emotional or behavioral difficulties. The main emphasis is on empowering the student to enable each child to strive for and reach full personal potential. Field experience included.

**PSY 435      ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: PSY 305, ENG 112*

This course provides an integrative approach to psychopathology exploring theoretical, conceptual, and empirical developments in the field related to causality, assessment, and treatment. The course surveys unusual human behavior ranging from minor maladaptive experiences to severe disorders classified by the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual V*.

**PSY 445      PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: PSY 310*

This course explores assessment procedures from the qualitative nature of interviews, case studies, and behavioral assessment to the quantitative nature of intelligence, achievement, aptitude, interest, and personality testing. The course provides opportunities for examining specific instruments (e.g., Wechsler Intelligence Scale). Emphasis is on administration, interpretation, and discussions concerning reliability, validity, assets, and limitations to the various types of measures.

**PSY 455      EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY** (3 credit hours)

**Prerequisite: PSY 310**

This course utilizes the scientific method related to psychological research and allows students to be actively involved in the processes and techniques of experimental psychology: selection of a problem, observation and data collection, analysis, and reporting. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking to develop psychological principles as well as to demonstrate the difference between psychology and pseudoscience.

**PSY 465      PROFESSIONALISM & ETHICS IN PSYCHOLOGY** (3 credit hours)

**Prerequisite: PSY 335**

This course integrates the study of problem solving, adjustment, and ethical issues related to psychology. By assessing real world dilemmas that occur in economics, law, business, and medicine, students will develop effective problem solving skills, which will foster ethical behavior.

**PSY 495      PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICUM** (3 credit hours)

**Prerequisite: PSY 455**

This course represents the Capstone Experience. Students integrate psychological knowledge of theory and research and develop the application of skills introduced throughout the curriculum with 150 hours of supervised contact. During this course, students will continue to explore their own interests in psychology and complete a psychological project using self-directed learning. The course also includes an opportunity for reflective focus on career consideration, personal growth, and work skills. Students will have the opportunity to choose between a thesis and a seminar project based on interests. The Psychology Thesis (PSY495T) includes an extensive review of literature on an approved topic. Students will log 50 hours of professional contact and 100 hours of research. The Psychology Seminar (PSY 495S) includes discussion of relevant literature and an in-depth exploration of an approved topic. Students will log 100 hours of professional contact and 50 hours of research.

**PSY 275/375/475      SPECIAL TOPICS IN PSYCHOLOGY** (1-3 credit hours)

**Prerequisites: ENG 112; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics**

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, conferences, workshops, field activities or readings focused on current issues in psychology.

## **SOCIOLOGY (SOC)**

**SOC 210      INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY** (3 credit hours)

This course is a study of the nature, origin, basic principles, methods and conclusions of modern scientific sociology. Particular emphasis will be given to sociology's contribution to the understanding of human society. All students completing this course should be able to understand how social institutions, such as family, education, religion, and government affect their lives. A term paper within a selected area of interest is required.

**SOC 220      MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY** (3 credit hours)

*Same as THE 220*

This introductory course focuses on marriage and the family as a vocation written in the very nature of man and woman by their Creator. The prime importance of the family as the central unit of the Church and of society is highlighted from both the theological and sociological points of view. Special attention is given to Pope John Paul II's "theology of the body" and its marital implications, as well as to those sexual issues which relate to marriage and the family. From this course, students should come to appreciate the Christian family as the sign and image of the loving communion of the Blessed Trinity.

**SOC 445      SOCIAL TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** (3 credit hours)

*Same as THE 445*

**Prerequisites: ENG 112, successful completion of six (6) credit hours of Theology**

The course examines the fundamental principles of Catholic Social Thought, particularly the derivation of these principles from the foundational principle concerning the dignity of the human person. Thus the course includes a study of the growth and breadth of social teachings in the past century, with a concentration on the social encyclicals and an examination of the social teachings of the Church as applied, respectively, to the cultural and scientific sphere, the political sphere, and the economic sphere of the modern world. Students completing this course should be able to articulate the guiding principles of Catholic Social thought as well as to identify their presence or absence in the various aspects of daily social living.

**SOC 275/375/475      SPECIAL TOPICS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES** (3 credit hours)

**Prerequisite: ENG 112; Requires written approval of the Vice President for Academics**

Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, conferences, workshops or field activities focused on current issues in social science.

## **THEOLOGY (THE)**

**THE 110      FUNDAMENTAL THEOLOGY** (3 credit hours)

This course provides an introduction to the foundational dogmatic content of Christianity as a response to humanity's drive to make sense of the world and the enigma of our own existence. While the starting point of our inquiry is the philosophical quest for truth and meaning in the face of the most troubling mysteries of our world, the answer given is properly theological, as, "reason is summoned to make its own a logic which brings down the walls within which it risks being confined" (John Paul II, *Fides et Ratio* §80). Themes include, the God of Faith, the idea of "creation," the Incarnation, the covenantal life of the Church, and the "eschaton" or "culmination-point of reality."

**THE 121 INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRED SCRIPTURE** (3 credit hours)

This basic course introduces the students to Catholic exegesis of the Old and New Testaments. Students use tools such as the historical-critical method and literary criticism to interpret Scripture according to the living Tradition of the Church. Selections from the Old and New Testaments are explicated to show the continuity of Salvation History. The content and structure of both the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament are explored, and the history of the formation of both canons is studied.

**THE 210 MORAL THEOLOGY** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisite: ENG 112*

The theological and philosophical basis of Christian morality as a “call to perfection” (Matt. 5:48) is the subject of this course. In addition to the general principles of moral theology, the special fields of sexual morality and medical ethics will be investigated. Previous study of Ethics is helpful, but not necessary.

**THE 211 HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH I** (3 credit hours)

*Same as HIS 211*

*This course will not satisfy the General Education requirements for two sequential History courses.*

This course is a survey of the history of the Catholic Church from the apostolic community until the Great Western Schism in the 14th Century. Emphasis is placed on the formation of the Church, doctrinal heresies, development of Church structure, medieval Church-state relations, and the causes of the Great Schism.

**THE 212 HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH II** (3 credit hours)

*Same as HIS 212*

*This course will not satisfy the General Education requirements for two sequential History courses.*

This course surveys the development of the Catholic Church from the Reformation to the present. Topics include the Reformation, the Catholic Reformation, the Council of Trent, and Vatican Councils I and II. In addition, the course will explore the Church’s influence on the modern and post-modern world with emphasis on philosophical movements, nationalism, imperialism, totalitarianism, and contemporary issues.

**THE 213 DOMINICAN HISTORY** (3 credit hours)

This course explores the history of the Order of Preachers from its beginnings in medieval Europe to the present day. Topics include the life of St. Dominic, the charism of the Order, a selection of Dominican saints, and the major contributions of Dominicans at critical points of Church history.

**THE 216 THE EUCHARIST** (3 credit hours)

This introductory course explores the nature of the Sacred Liturgy, its place in the life of the Church and the principles governing its celebration. At the heart of the liturgy is the Mass, which is studied both in its history and in contemporary Church practice. The course concludes with a brief overview of the Liturgy of the Hours and Eucharistic worship outside of Mass. Students should come to appreciate the importance of the Liturgy as an act of worship of the entire Body of Christ to our Heavenly Father.

**THE 220 MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY** (3 credit hours)

*Same as SOC 220*

This introductory course focuses on marriage and the family as a vocation written in the very nature of man and woman by their Creator. The prime importance of the family as the central unit of the Church and of society is highlighted from both the theological and sociological points of view. Special attention is given to Pope John Paul II’s “theology of the body” and its marital implications, as well as to those sexual issues which relate to marriage and the family. From this course, students should come to appreciate the Christian family as the sign and image of the loving communion of the Blessed Trinity.

**THE 230 SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY** (3 credit hours)

This introductory course surveys the ascetical and mystical stages of the spiritual life experienced by the human soul in achieving an ever-deepening relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ under the action of the Holy Spirit. Topics include the roles and characteristics of virtue, prayer and vocation in the purgative, illuminative and unitive ways. From this course, the student should acquire not only a greater knowledge of the spiritual life but also a deeper thirst for union with God.

**THE 305 PRAYER** (3 credit hours)

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, THE 110*

This course examines the topic of prayer. It looks to both the teachings of the Catholic Church and to the writings of the Saints, especially to St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross, in order to gain a comprehensive view of the topic. Students taking this course should gain not only an in-depth knowledge of the nature and kinds of prayer, but they should also develop a desire to communicate more intimately with their God.

**THE 315 MEDICAL ETHICS** (3 credit hours)

*Same as PHI 315*

*Prerequisites: ENG 112, PHI 215, THE 210*

This course offers students the opportunity to analyze and discuss the ethical issues related to medicine and biotechnology. Using the moral teaching of the Catholic Church as a foundation, students will investigate the bio-ethical issues from both the philosophical perspective of natural law and the theological perspective of faith and revelation. Topics such as abortion, euthanasia, reproductive technologies, contraception, organ transplantation, and genetic engineering are among the issues studied.

- THE 316 THE SACRAMENTS** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: ENG 112, THE 110*  
 This course uses Questions 60-90 of St. Thomas' *Summa Theologiae* III in studying the theological and philosophical bases of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church.
- THE 318 OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: ENG 112, THE 121*  
 This course investigates the role, which the prophets, as a group and as individuals, played in the life of ancient Israel. Both the major and minor prophets are studied in detail, with special emphasis given to the messianic prophecies fulfilled in Christ and in the New Covenant. From this study, students should come to an increased awareness of the meaning of the Old Testament in general and see in it the hand of God preparing His people for the coming of His Son, Jesus Christ. A research paper is required.
- THE 328 WISDOM LITERATURE AND THE PSALMS** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: ENG 112, THE 121*  
 This course explores Old Testament books from the Wisdom tradition, with emphasis on themes such as the good and evil man, the reconciliation of suffering with divine justice and mercy, and wisdom itself. Possible texts include Job, the Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Songs, Sirach, and Wisdom. The Psalms will be examined for their structure, their poetry, and their liturgical uses from ancient Israel to the present.
- THE 330 THE CHURCH** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: ENG 112, THE 110*  
 Guided by the Second Vatican Council's doctrine, this course takes an in-depth look at the nature and purpose of Christ's Church from biblical, historical, and theological perspectives.
- THE 338 PENTATEUCH** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: ENG 112, THE 121*  
 This course examines the Torah, the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures. Students will consider both the historical facts and the theological dimensions of God's self-revelation from the beginnings of human history to the entrance into the Promised Land. The guidance of sound cultural and linguistic principles will be used to examine the origin and transmission of the texts themselves. Attention will be given to the "mystery of our salvation...present in a hidden way" (*Dei verbum* 15) in the Old Testament. A research paper is required.
- THE 345 THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: ENG 112, THE 121*  
 The Gospel of Jesus Christ, as told by Matthew, Mark and Luke, is the subject of this course. In addition to viewing the Gospels in their historical and theological settings, the student studies each gospel in light of its own unique contribution to the Christian faith. The student taking this course should come to a greater knowledge of the message of Jesus Christ and a deeper love for His Person.
- THE 376 PATRISTICS** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: ENG 112, THE 110, THE 121*  
 This course examines the context, culture, theology, and spirituality of the Patristic Age. Representative texts from authors of each epoch of the early Church will be used.
- THE 410 THE WRITINGS OF JOHN** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: ENG 112, THE 110, THE 121*  
 The course treats the Gospel of John and the other Johannine Writings (the First, Second and Third Epistles of John and the Book of Revelation). Most of the semester will be devoted to the theology of the Fourth Gospel and the literary structure, which embodies it. In addition, the three Epistles and the Book of Revelation will be examined.
- THE 420 CATECHETICS** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: ENG 112, THE 110*  
 This course combines an historical perspective of the role of catechists in the life of the Church with pedagogical applications and implications. Particular attention is given to the relationship of theology and catechetics; to theories of faith development and their impact on religious education; to the sacraments, including catechesis related to sacramental preparation; and to contemporary issues which influence the teaching of religion. Coursework is applicable to Diocesan Catechetical Certification.
- THE 425 ST. THOMAS AQUINAS** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: ENG 112, THE 110, THE 121, THE 210*  
 This course introduces the student to the person and work of the Dominican theologian and philosopher Thomas Aquinas. Asserting a philosophy rooted in reality, Aquinas proposed the marriage of faith and reason in a synthesis that expresses the essence of Roman Catholic intellectual and spiritual life. Tapping into this wealth that Aquinas has to offer as Saint and scholar, the study will seek not only to learn lessons about him as a historical personage but also to gain wisdom from him as the "universal teacher" of the Church for modern times.

- THE 426 AQUINAS ON FAITH, REVELATION AND GRACE** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: ENG 112, THE 110, THE 121, THE 210*  
 This course is a study of law, grace, and Christian faith, drawing on St. Thomas' *Summa Theologiae* I-II, Qq.90-114 and II-II, Qq.1-16. Topics include human, natural and eternal law; the Old and the New Law; the relative roles of law and grace; actual and sanctifying grace; justification by both faith and grace; the definition of faith; its object and acts; and the relationship between faith and reason.
- THE 427 MORALITY AND THE HUMAN ACT** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: ENG 112, THE 110, THE 210*  
 Using St. Thomas' *Summa Theologiae* I-II, Qq.1-48, the course investigates the powers of the human soul; conscience, law, and the passions; the nature of the voluntary act; criteria for the morality of an act; and man's ultimate end.
- THE 428 VIRTUES AND VICES** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisite: ENG 112, THE 110, THE 210*  
 Using St. Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologiae* I-II, Qq.49-89 as a guide, the course focuses on the nature, kinds and causes of virtues and vices and on the fall from Original Justice.
- THE 431 CHRISTOLOGY** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisite: ENG 112, THE 110, THE 121*  
 Biblical, historical, and systematic studies of the Person of Jesus Christ and of Christological errors, which have arisen throughout history, are undertaken using Questions 1-59 of St. Thomas' *Summa Theologiae* III and the Christological Councils of the early Church.
- THE 435 MARIOLOGY** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: ENG 112, THE 110*  
 In this course, we will consider the place and role of Mary in the order of Salvation and the life of the Church. Themes will include: biblical theology of Mary, the four Marian dogmas and their histories, Marian devotion, and Mary's intercession in the lives of the faithful.
- THE 441 THEOLOGY OF THE TRINITY** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: ENG 112, THE 110*  
 This course uses Sacred Scripture, the Ecumenical Councils of the Church, and Questions 1-43 of St. Thomas' *Summa Theologiae* I to study both the truth and the historical errors concerning the Persons and Nature of the Triune God.
- THE 445 SOCIAL TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** (3 credit hours)  
*Same as SOC 445*  
*Prerequisite: ENG 112, and 6 hours of Theology*  
 This course examines the fundamental principles of Catholic social teaching, particularly concerning the dignity of the human person. Topics include the social encyclicals from Pope Leo XIII onward, the growth and breadth of social teachings in the past century, and the social teachings of the Church as applied to modern culture, science, politics, and economics.
- THE 450 NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS** (3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisites: ENG 112, THE 121*  
 This course considers the New Testament genre of the epistle, including Pauline, pastoral and catholic, providing insights into the faith and life of the early Church. The course covers not only St. Paul's letters to the early churches and their leaders, but also the letters attributed to St. Peter, St. James and the great statement of faith by the author of Hebrews.
- THE 490 SENIOR SEMINAR AND THESIS** (3 credit hours)  
*Offered every Spring semester*  
*Prerequisite: Senior standing and permission from the Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences*  
 This course is comprised of seminar and thesis components. Each semester the seminar will center on one or more theological issues of perennial concern, with relevant literature assigned for purposes of class discussion. Students will develop a formally researched senior thesis on a topic pertaining to the seminar or to the student's interests.
- THE 275/375/475 SPECIAL TOPICS IN THEOLOGY, CATECHETICS AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** (1-3 credit hours)  
*Prerequisite: ENG 112*  
 Special topics to be indicated. The course may include seminars, workshops, field activities and/or readings and research. The focus will be on current issues in theology, catechetics or religious education.

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