



Master of Arts in **CATHOLIC STUDIES**

The University of Mary Master of Arts in Catholic Studies program prepares students for further graduate study in pursuit of doctorate degrees in fields such as philosophy, theology, history, and literature and the arts. This program is also beneficial for students seeking to work in a parish, educational institution, or other non-profit organization where study of Catholic education, understanding of multiple disciplines, and knowledge of Catholic thought and culture are assets.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Classes are offered during the evenings.
- Students are prepared for further graduate studies.
- The program is set around a core of courses focused on the Catholic tradition of education.

This program is pending Higher Learning Commission approval.

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*The Master of Arts
in Catholic Studies
develops the capacity
of mind to form a
connected view of
things informed by
the truths of the
Catholic faith.*

The Master of Arts in Catholic Studies program strengthens a liberal arts education and provides a rich understanding of the

Catholic tradition. Students will learn the nature, limits, practices, and modes of inquiry of various disciplines, the unity of all disciplines by studying the mutual relations of each, and virtues of the mind relevant to disciplines.

DEGREE OUTCOMES

Throughout their studies, students will:

- Analyze important texts and thinkers in the Catholic intellectual, spiritual, and cultural tradition to create a coherent vision of the Catholic tradition.
- Assess challenges to liberal education and construct a vision of education that encourages the flourishing of human persons based on students' understanding of the history of Western education.
- Compare various disciplinary approaches to reality and their inherent contributions to a rich interdisciplinary understanding of God and creation, which will allow students to apply this tradition to current professional, moral, or intellectual challenges.

TOP 3 MOST INTRIGUING AREAS OF STUDY

1. The Catholic Tradition

Examine the Catholic intellectual tradition as a tradition of thought and culture using various disciplines in order to construct an coherent and beautiful vision of reality.

2. History of Western Education

Investigate the nature and purposes of Western education, tracing its unfolding over time, including challenges by modernism and its contemporary iterations.

3. John Henry Newman the Educator

Approach both the person of Blessed John Henry Newman and his extensive writings to examine how his vision of education arises out of his work as friend, scholar, tutor, professor, and priest. By mastering the principles he discovered and promoted, students will relate this Catholic vision to their own situation within the task of education.

\$550 *per credit*
TUITION

6 *semesters*
AVERAGE TIME TO COMPLETION