

# PRIESTHOOD STUDIES

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The Saint John's program in priesthood studies is designed to prepare Saint John's students for entry into a major seminary upon graduation. The program acknowledges the richness that each candidate contributes to the community, and seeks to affirm and celebrate the differences while cultivating the skills, abilities and attitudes fundamental to embracing the priestly mission and ministry. With the guidance of a director, the student pursues courses in the College of Arts and Sciences, concentrating especially on the liberal arts. He may major in any area of study, but philosophy is highly recommended and encouraged. The Program of Priestly Formation of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops requires a priesthood student to take 24 undergraduate credits in philosophy and 12 credits in theology. Latin and Greek as well as modern language are also recommended. The student is urged to take a variety of courses in English literature to enhance communication skills, as well as other courses in the humanities and social sciences.