ACADEMIC POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

The curriculum of the College of Saint Benedict ("CSB") and Saint John's University ("SJU") consists of the Integrations Curriculum, a common sequence of courses for all students, and major fields of study in specific academic disciplines. The Integrations Curriculum reflects the tradition of Benedictine education with its focus on the intrinsic value of understanding the wisdom of the humanities, natural and social sciences and the fine arts. The academic major offers the student the opportunity to develop analytical thinking and intellectual creativity in the context of a particular discipline or subject matter.

Degrees Offered

The College of Saint Benedict's and Saint John's University offer four-year programs in the liberal arts and sciences leading to the baccalaureate degree. The bachelor of science degree is awarded in nursing. All other four-year programs lead to the bachelor of arts degree.

The College of Saint Benedict offers three graduate degree programs in nursing: a Doctor of Nursing Practice—Family Nurse Practitioner, a Doctor of Nursing Practice—Leadership, and a Master of Science in Nursing.

The School of Theology at Saint John's offers the following degrees: the Master of Theological Studies; the Master of Arts in Liturgical Music; the Master of Arts in Ministry; the Master of Arts in Theology; The Master of Theology; and the Master of Divinity.

Registration and Credits

Semesters

Each semester generally consists of 72 class days and four days of final examinations. Fall semester meets during the months of August, September, October, November and December; spring semester meets during January, February, March, April and May.

Class periods scheduled for Monday-Wednesday-Friday meetings are ordinarily 55 minutes long and class periods scheduled for Tuesday-Thursday meetings are ordinarily 80 minutes long. There are 15 minute intervals between class periods and start/end times are staggered between the two campuses to facilitate travel time to the other campus. Some classes may be scheduled for longer periods of time. An official class schedule is published before each term indicating the instructor, time and place of meeting for each course being offered.

Normal Undergraduate Course Load

Usually four 4-credit courses are taken each semester. A variation in this pattern may occur if students register for programs which combine 4-credit courses with some 1-, 2-, or 3-credit courses. Course loads which exceed 18 credits in a semester incur additional tuition cost. Students whose cumulative GPA is below 2.00 may not register for more than 18 credits in a semester. Permission of the Academic Advising Office is required for loads in excess of 18 credits.

The minimum load for full-time or "in-residence" classification is 12 credits per semester. However, the Minnesota Grant Program requires 15 credits per semester to be considered full-time.

Registration

Registration materials are distributed to eligible students during the preceding semester. In order to register for courses students must have settled their accounts with the college, comply with Minnesota immunization regulations and have an approved academic advisor. Juniors, seniors and second-semester sophomores must also have been accepted to upper division by a department to be eligible to register.

During the registration period, each student meets with a faculty advisor to discuss educational goals and determine appropriate course selection. Once the meeting is complete, the advisor releases the student's registration PIN so that the student may register though the online system. Course registration for new students is completed by academic advisors who select appropriate schedules based on student interests and needs.

Detailed procedures and regulations governing a change of registration are described in the official class schedule.

Continuing students are eligible to register only if they have:

- Met with their advisor and obtained their registration pin number
- Settled all current charges with the Student Accounts Office
- Complied with Minnesota immunization regulations
- Submitted a final High School transcript (applies to first-year students)
- Completed the mandated sexual misconduct training (applies to first semester, new students)
- Selected a new advisor within intended major (applies only to first-year students in their second semester)
- Been accepted by a department (applies only if a junior or senior during the next full term.)
- Applied for graduation (applies to all seniors or 4th year students)
- Have no other outstanding holds on their registration