GENERAL NORMS

Division of the Academic year
The academic year begins on or about September 15th, and terminates on July 2nd. It is divided into trimesters, the first lasting from Sept. 15th to Christmas inclusive, the second lasting from Christmas to Easter inclusive, and the third lasting from Easter to July 2nd.

Levels of Study
The Seminary program consists of seven years of study after the student has achieved a high school diploma. The years are thus designated, in ascending order: Propaedeutic Year, First Philosophy, Second Philosophy, First Theology, Second Theology, Third Theology, Fourth Theology.

Academic Reports
At the beginning of each trimester, each seminarian shall receive an academic report for every course which he has taken in the previous trimester.

Requirements for Promotion to Sacred Orders
In order to be promoted to tonsure or sacred orders, the seminarian must maintain at least a “C” average. Furthermore, the seminarian must successfully complete all of the courses contained herein, unless specifically termed “optional” or “minor,” before he can be ordained to the priesthood. The seminarian is ordinarily not eligible for ordination to the priesthood until Ember Saturday of Advent (December) in his Fourth Theology year. If he should be ordained at this time, he would still be obliged to complete the academic year of Fourth Theology.

Course Load Requirements
The seminarian must maintain a course load of at least 12 credits per trimester.
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Philosophy

LOGICA MINOR SEU DIALECTICA

On philosophy in general. On the existence and causes of philosophy.


Hours: Five. One trimester.


LOGICA MAJOR SEU CRITICA

Logica Major: Comprises the content of the three operations of the mind. The universals, and the diverse systems concerning the universals: nominalism and empiricism, false realism, and moderate realism. The nature of truth. Skepticism. The methodic doubt. The criterion of truth. The first principles of reason. The supreme criterion of truth. Demonstration, its nature and division. Probable argumentation. The

*Hours:* Three. Two trimesters.


**Philosophia Naturalis**  
prima Pars (COSMOLOGIA)


*Hours:* Three. Two trimesters.

*Textbook:* Hugon. *Cursus Philosophiae Thomistica, Vol. II.*

**Philosophia Naturalis**  
secunda Pars (PSYCHOLOGIA)

souls. The nature of the union of the soul with the body. The unity of the human soul. How the soul is in the body. When the human soul is infused into the body. The faculties of the human soul, and the specifying principle of these faculties. The division of the faculties, and their order and properties. The internal and external senses. Sensation. The appetites of the soul in general. The passions. The locomotive faculty. The vocal faculty. Sleep and dreams. Hypnotism. Hallucination.

*Hours*: Three. One trimester.


**METAPHYSICA PSYCHOLOGICA**

Introduction to Metaphysics. The notion and nature of the intellect. The nature and existence of ideas. Innatism. Transcendentalism. Ontologism. Empiricism. The scholastic system. How the phantasms come together to produce the species intelligibilis. The relationship of the agent intellect and the passive intellect. The nature and necessity of the verbum mentale. The object of the intellect. The cognition of singular things. How the soul knows itself. The cognition of suprasensible objects. How separated souls know things. The nature of the will. Free will. The indifference which is required for the liberty of the will. The object of the intellect. Whether the will is more perfect than the intellect. How the will moves other faculties. The acts of the will with the order to the acts of the intellect. Emotions. The impediments to the will. The helps of the will.

*Hours*: Five. One trimester.


**METAPHYSICA ONTOLOGICA**

**Hours:** Five. Three trimesters.


**ETHICA**

The duties and rights of man toward himself. The duties of men toward others.

*Hours:* Two. Three trimesters.


**THEODICEA**

The teaching of the Catholic Church concerning God’s existence and His nature, and the knowledge that we can have about Him with the light of natural reason. The possibility of proving the existence of God. Objections of the Empiricists, Nominalists, and Kant. The ontological validity of the first ideas and the first principles of reason. Objections of the Idealists. The transcendental validity of the first ideas and first principles of reason. The proofs of the existence of God. What formally constitutes the Divine Nature according to our imperfect mode of knowing it. The derivation of the divine attribute from self-subsisting being. The formal existence of the divine attributes and the identification in the eminence of the Deity. Special antinomies relating to Freedom. God’s Ineffability. Modernism and Agnosticism.

*Hours:* Five. One trimester.


**A HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY**


*Hours:* Three. Three trimesters.


**CATHOLIC POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**


**Hours:** Three. Two trimesters.


**Dogmatic Theology**

**DE REVELATIONE**

Introduction to Sacred Theology. Introduction to Fundamental Theology and Apologetics. The method of Apologetics. The notion, possibility, necessity and discernibility of Revelation. The definition of Revelation. The notion of mystery and dogma. The notion of supernaturalness. Rationalism and naturalism. Evolutionism. Agnosticism. Positive defense of the possibility of Revelation. Proof of the existence of the supernatural order. On the act of faith with regard to credibility. The notion of credibility and its necessity with regard to the act of faith. The demonstrability of credibility from the motives of credibility. The value of the motives of credibility. Miracles. Prophecy. The existence of Revelation. The historical authority of the four gospels. The testimony of Christ concerning His divine mission. The testimony of Christ concerning the mysteries to be believed and the precepts to be observed. The testimony of Christ concerning the institution of the Church for the

*Hours:* Five. Three trimesters.


**DE ECCLESIA**


*Hours:* Four. Three trimesters.

**DE DEO UNO**


*Hours:* Five. One trimester.

    Garrigou-Lagrange. *De Deo Uno.*

**DE DEO TRINO**

The existence of the Most Holy Trinity. The divine processions in general and in particular. The procession of the Son. The procession of the Holy Ghost. The divine relations. The divine relations compared to the persons. The divine subsistences. The divine notions. The equality of the divine persons. The mission of the divine persons. The mystery of the Holy Trinity with regard to human reason.

*Hours:* Five. One trimester.

    Garrigou-Lagrange. *De Deo Trino et Creatore.*
DE DEO CREATORE


*Hours:* Five. One trimester.

*Textbook:* St. Thomas Aquinas. *Summa Theologiae.* Ia qq. 44-119
  Garrigou-Lagrange. *De Deo Trino et Creatore.*

DE GRATIA


*Hours:* Five. One trimester.

DE VERBO INCARNATO


Hours: Three. Three trimesters.

Garrigou-Lagrange. *De Christo Salvatore.*
DE SACRAMENTIS


*Hours:* Four. Three trimesters.

*Textbook:* St. Thomas Aquinas. *Summa Theologiae.* IIIa qq. 60-90; Suppl. qq. 1-68

Hugon. *Tractatus Dogmatici.* Vol. III.
DE NOVISSIMIS


*Hours*: Three. One trimester.


MARIOLOGY

What is Mariology. Importance of Marian doctrine. Sources of Marian doctrine. Strict method of procedure. Division of Mariology. Mary is the true mother of the man Jesus. Mary is the true Mother of God. The Truth of the Divine Maternity. Excellence of the Divine Maternity. Mary is mother and helper of the Redeemer. The eminent predestination of the Mother of God. The truth of the Immaculate Conception. In what the Immaculate Conception consists. The Mother of God is immune also from all actual sin, even the least one. The Mother of God is immune from concupiscence. Fulness of grace in itself. Fulness of grace in comparison with the grace of others. Fulness of grace in comparison with the grace of the whole creation. The exercise of the supernatural virtues. On knowledge, which directs the virtues. On merit, which is the effect of the exercise of the virtues. The Mother of God was a virgin before childbirth. The Mother of God was a virgin during childbirth. The Mother of God is perpetually a virgin after childbirth. The death of the Mother of God. The Assumption of the Mother of God into Heaven. The exaltation of the Mother of God in Heaven. The Mother of God is our adoptive spiritual mother. The mediation of the Mother of God in
general. The Mother of God is mediatrix, in the first place, as helper in
the redemption. The Mother of God is also mediatrix as perpetual
advocate before God in our behalf. Exercise and efficacy of the
mediation of the Mother of God. Universal extension of the mediation
of the Mother of God. The Mother of God is the Queen of all the angels
and saints, of heaven and earth and of all the universe. On the veneration
of hyperdulia.

Hours: Two. Three trimesters.


Moral Theology

DE PRINCIPIIS

Introduction to Moral Theology. The ultimate end of man or beatitude.
object, circumstances, and end of human acts. Supernatural merit of
human acts. The human conscience. Laws. Law in general. The eternal
Sin. The essence of sin. The distinctions of sins. The gravity of sins. The
subject of sin. The causes of sin. Ignorance. Passion. Malice. The seven
capital sins. The effects of sin. The virtues. Habits in general. The
acquired virtues. The infused virtues. The theological virtues.

Hours: Four. Two trimesters.

DE VIRTUTIBUS THEOLOGICIS


Hours: Two. One trimester.

Textbook: Merkelbach. *Summa Theologiae Moralis*. Vol. II.

DE VIRTUTIBUS CARDINALIBUS


*Hours:* Two. One trimester.

*Textbook:* Merkelbach. *Summa Theologiae Moralis.* Vol. II.

**DE SACRAMENTIS**


*Hours:* Four. Three trimesters.
THEOLOGIA ASCETICO-MYSTICA


*Hours:* Four. Three trimesters.


**Pastoral Theology**

**THEOLOGIA PASTORALIS**
Tract I: The Sacraments. The Sacraments in General. The Sacraments in particular. Baptism: rites; subject; minister; requisites; sponsors. Confirmation: nature and object; requisites. The Holy Eucharist: center of Catholic worship; the Holy Hour; Tabernacle; Sacred Vestments; renewal of Species; Forty hours; Exposition; Benediction; Holy Communion; First Communion; the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; preparation for Mass; Mass stipends; Binating; Vespers; church music. Penance: essence and importance; different offices of the confessor; confessions of different classes of penitents; confessions of nuns; confessions of priests and clerics; confessions of pious penitents; confessions of scrupulous penitents; confession of habitual and relapsing sinners; confessions of penitents living in proximate occasions of sin; confessions of persons who belong to forbidden societies; general confessions. Extreme Unction: pastoral visits to the sick and dying; the last rites; preparation for death; Christian burial. Holy Orders: sacerdotal vocations. Matrimony: nature and importance; instruction before marriage; the banns; mixed marriages. The Sacramentals: general principles; church bells; Stations of the Cross.

Tract II: Pastoral Administration Temporal matters: organization of parishes; the management of temporalities. Parochial schools: management. Spiritual Direction: parish societies; confraternities; pastoral care of individuals; political and social relations of the clergy; missions; the priest’s private life. Appendix: how to deal with converts.

Hours: Three. One trimester.


Sacred Scripture

INTRODUCTIO GENERALIS IN SCRIPTURAM SACRAM

*Hours:* Three. One trimester.


**COMMENTARIA IN SCRIPTURAM SACRAM**

Reading of the sacred text with commentary furnished by Cornelius à Lapide

*Hours:* Various, according to the book or books selected.


**Canon Law**
JUS CANONICUM


Hours: One. Three trimesters.

Textbook: Abbo & Hanon, The Sacred Canons, Volumes I, II.

JUS SACRAMENTARIIUM


Hours: One. Three trimesters.


Sacred Liturgy

INTRODUCTIO GENERALIS IN SACRAM LITURGIAM


Hours: One. Three trimesters.

Textbook: Anson, Churches: Their Plan and Furnishing.
DE RITIBUS LITURGICIS IN SPECIE


Hours: One. Three trimesters.


DE LITURGIA AETATIS MODERNAE


Hours: One. Three trimesters.


Cekada. Work of Human Hands

DE RUBRICIS MISSALIS ROMANI


Hours: One. Three trimesters.


**EXERCITATIO RUBRICARUM**

Supervised rehearsals of rubrics of the Mass, and the other sacraments.

*Hours:* Variable.

*Textbooks:* J. O’Connell, *Celebration of Mass.*  
A. Fortescue, *Ceremonies of the Roman Rite Described.*

**DE PSALTERIO LITURGICO**


*Hours:* One. Three trimesters.

*Textbooks:* Callan, *The Psalms with Introductions, Critical Notes and Spiritual Reflections.*  
Britt. *Dictionary of the Psalter.*
Church History

DE ECCLESIA PRIMITIVA I

From the pontificate of Saint Peter the Apostle to the Edict of Milan.

*Hours:* Three. Three trimesters.


DE ECCLESIA PRIMITIVA II

From the Edict of Milan to the end of the seventh century.

*Hours:* Three. Three trimesters.


DE MEDIO ÆVO I

From the beginning of the eighth century to the pontificate of Saint Gregory VII

*Hours:* Three. Three trimesters.


DE MEDIO ÆVO II
From the pontificate of Saint Gregory VII to the Great Western Schism.

Hours: Three. Three trimesters.


**DE AETATE MODERNA I**

From the Great Western Schism to the French Revolution.

Hours: Three. Three trimesters.


**DE AETATE MODERNA II**

From the Great Western Schism to the present.

Hours: Three. Three trimesters.


Supplementary authors.

Modern Errors

**DE ERRORIBUS HODIERNIS I**

A study of the philosophical errors of recent centuries which have contributed to Modernism and the reform of Vatican II.
Hours: Three. Three trimesters.

Textbook: Modern Errors textbook, provided by seminary, drawn from Catholic histories of philosophy, such as Copleston, Gonzalez, and Turner.

DE ERRORIBUS HODIERNIS II

A study of the history of the subversion of the Catholic Faith and of the Catholic order in society.

Hours: Two. Three trimesters.

Textbook: Modern Errors textbook, provided by seminary, drawn from many Catholic and non-Catholic authors.

DE ERRORIBUS HODIERNIS III

A study of modern theology, beginning with the Liberal Protestants of the early nineteenth century up to the present day.

Hours: Two. Three trimesters.

Textbook: Modern Errors textbook, provided by seminary, drawn from many Catholic and non-Catholic authors.

DE ERRORIBUS HODIERNIS IV
An examination of the acts of the Church’s Magisterium from the eighteenth century to Vatican II, with a special focus on the condemnation of modern errors.

*Hours*: Two. Three trimesters.

*Textbook*: Papal Encyclicals.

**DE THEOLOGIA NOVA**

A detailed study of the *New Theology* and its adherents. Very important course to understand the historical context of Vatican II.

*Hours*: Two. Three trimesters.


**DE CONCILIO VATICANO II**

A detailed study of the history of the Council, and well as of the principal documents, comparing them to the teaching of the Catholic Church.

*Hours*: Two. Three trimesters.

*Textbook*: Modern Errors textbook, provided by seminary, drawn from many Catholic and non-Catholic authors.

**Homiletics**
HOMILETICA


Hours: Two. One trimester.


Humanities

LATIN I


*Hours:* Five. Three trimesters.

*Textbook:* Bennett, Charles E. *First Year Latin.*

**LATIN II**


*Hours*: Three. Three trimesters.


**LATIN III**

I - Grammar and Syntax:

II - Select readings from Cicero and other prose writers of the Classical period. Readings from theologians and ecclesiastical documents.

*Hours*: Three. Three trimesters.

LATIN IV

I - Grammar and Syntax:
II - Select readings from Virgil and other Classical poetry. Readings from the Church Fathers and other Ecclesiastical Literature.

Hours: Two. Three trimesters.

Original Latin texts.

GREEK I


Hours: Two. Three trimesters.


GREEK II


Hours: Two. Three trimesters.

GREEK III

Reading and analysis of Attic prose texts (Xenophon, Plato, etc.), the LXX and the New Testament.

Hours: Two. Three trimesters.

Textbook: Original Greek texts.

GREEK IV

Reading and analysis of texts from Homer, Attic Tragedy, and the Greek Fathers (St. Basil, St. Chrysostom, etc.)

Hours: Two. Three trimesters.

Textbook: Original Greek texts.

ENGLISH COMPOSITION

A remedial course providing a basic but thorough study of the rules of English grammar, punctuation, and writing skills.

Hours: Three. Three trimesters.


ANCIENT HISTORY

Hours: Three. Three trimesters.


MEDIEVAL HISTORY


Hours: Three. Three trimesters.


MODERN HISTORY I

A summary of the events from the Great Western Schism to the death of Louis XIV. The Great Western Schism. The Hundred Years’ War and the War of the Roses. The Consolidation of the European monarchies. General character of the period. The Age of Charles V. The Protestant Revolution in England and Scotland. Protestant Revolution and Catholic
revival. The Huguenot wars in France. Philip II, Mary Stuart and Elisabeth. The Thirty Years’ War. The Puritan Revolution. The Age of Louis XIV.

*Hours:* Three. Three trimesters.


**MODERN HISTORY II**


*Hours:* Three. Three trimesters.