

**Catholic Studies Minor  
Assessment Report 2020-21  
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**1. Program Director:**

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**2. Mission Statement**

The Minor in Catholic Studies explores the Catholic tradition in all its cultural diversity and universal scope. Catholicism (from Greek *katá* + *holos*: ‘relating to the whole’) is arguably the first ‘globalization’ having an immense impact on human society worldwide. In this minor, students achieve critical insight into the self-understanding of Catholicism as transcendent actor for the common good and human flourishing, in the intellectual enterprise, the arts and its relations with other religions.

There has been no change to the mission statement in the last academic year.

**3. Program Learning Outcomes:**

Students will:

1. *Catholic Social Teaching*: Demonstrate an understanding of how Catholic social teaching interfaces with religious and secular culture.
2. *Catholic Intellectual Tradition*: Articulate the major intellectual, social, historical, and aesthetic perspectives of the Catholic cultural tradition.
3. *Pluralism & the Common Good*: Articulate how Catholic social teaching interfaces with other religions in a pluralist society.

There have been no changes to these PLOs in the last academic year.

**4. Curricular Map**

See attached Excel file.

**5. Assessment Methodology**

Since the program has had no new enrollments in this academic year, there is no available data on which to base a report.