Aquinas Program

Designed for first-year students, the Aquinas Program invites interested students each to a learning that combines the best academic disciplines in a small-class setting where experienced faculty team teaching, and interdisciplinary approaches offer students a high level of flexibility and critical thinking. While individualized first-year credits, Aquinas highlights introduced academic disciplines and courses of relevant liberal arts addictions.

First-year students typically take five courses in five different academic subjects. In Aquinas, the four of these courses are organized into three sections with each section themed around the integration of students and faculty. Each section will allow students to create a close-knit community of students and faculty with its first-year experience.

Aquinas Sections

Great Books

Do you believe that is it valuable to spend a life's greatest? By reading classic works of the western world, you will explore life's greatest themes of love, friendship, freedom, and ethics as seen by the various authors through the ages. You'll become encouraged to read and think critically about important great societies. You'll be challenged to examine your own ideas. Through the study of novels, plays, poetry, philosophical treatises and concerned with a film, you will learn to engage in discussions and conflicts engaging with texts, and to debate the ideas which have shaped our world.

Small classes begin and conclude with the students actively engaged in discussions and working collaboratively to understand texts such as Homer's *Iliad*, Dante's *Inferno*, Plato's *Republic*, and Shelley's *Frankenstein*. Each of these themes will be considered in course content and study in three courses from the perspectives of Political Science, Philosophy, and English.

Courses:

- Political Science 1006 Introduction to Political Science
- Philosophy 1013/1023 Introduction to Western Philosophy I/II
- English 1006 Introduction to Literature

Great Books and Human Rights

Great Books and Human Rights is designed for first-year students interested in social justice and human rights. Students in this section of Aquinas will learn how to critically analyze different accounts of justice, seeking to understand the philosophical foundations of human rights and their implications for our contemporary world. Reading great texts such as Aristotle's Ethics, Wollstonecraft's Vindication Tale, students will be engaged in a weighty question such as: What of a just law? What of the basis of human equality? What of the nature of human freedom?

Courses:

- English 1006 Introduction to Literature
- Human Rights 1006 Introduction to Human Rights
- Political Science 1006 Introduction to Political Science

Great Books For Journalists

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The section draws from Journalism, Political Science, and Philosophy. The Journalism aspect of the section offers students a modern/contemporary historical component and allows   t de t t ee h w he idea f he lde e t he   ead ca hed ligh t w lde e t.

Courses:
- Journalism 1013/1023   The Messenger: Journalism and Storytelling/The Message: Great Stories of Journalism
- Political Science 1006   Introduction to Political Science
- Philosophy 1006   Introduction to Western Philosophy