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UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM AND MAJORS

Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Ministry

Philosophy Major:

1. To provide students with a multidisciplinary breadth of knowledge in liberal arts studies and Catholic culture.
2. To fulfill the philosophy requirements of the USCCB for seminarians at the college (and pre-theology level).
3. To deepen catechesis through a systematic education in the faith, and a solid foundation in Catholic theology for ministry.
4. To ensure language proficiency for ministry in a bilingual (English & Spanish) pastoral setting, and for graduate studies in English.

The mission is accomplished within a holistic program that integrates what the U.S. Catholic Bishops identify as the four elements of ministry formation – the human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral dimensions.¹ The B.A. degree program specifically addresses the intellectual dimension of seminarians through a four-year curriculum of 124 semester hours.

Catholic Leadership Major

The specific mission of the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Pastoral Ministry (The Catholic Leadership Major) is four-fold:

1. To provide students with a multidisciplinary breadth of knowledge in liberal arts studies and Catholic culture.
2. To deepen catechesis through a systematic education in the faith, and a solid foundation in Catholic theology for ministry.
3. To ensure language proficiency for ministry in a bilingual (English & Spanish) pastoral setting, and for graduate studies in English.
4. To equip students with the leadership skills and cultural competencies needed for effective pastoral ministry in today's multicultural Catholic parishes and institutions.

The mission is accomplished within a holistic program that integrates what the U.S. Catholic Bishops identify as the four elements of lay ministry formation – the human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral dimensions.¹ The B.A. degree program specifically addresses the intellectual dimension of lay ministers through a four-year curriculum of 124 semester hours.

¹USCCB, Program for Priestly Formation