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## ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The College's program of Catholic liberal education is unique in American higher education.

Fundamental in the Catholic intellectual tradition is the conviction that learning means discovering and growing in the truth about reality. **It is the truth that sets men free and nothing else.** Since truth concerns both natural and supernatural matters, the College's program has both natural and divine wisdom as its ultimate objectives.



Aquinas, T. S. Eliot and Albert Einstein.

**There are no lectures.** Teaching and learning demand a meeting of the minds. The course is, therefore, essentially a sustained conversation in tutorials, seminars, and laboratories guided by tutors who assist students in the work of reading, analyzing, and evaluating the great works which are central in the collected wisdom of Civilization. Classes are Socratic in method and do not exceed twenty students. Every student has daily practice in the arts of language, grammar, and rhetoric; in reading and critical analysis of texts; in mathematical demonstration; in laboratory investigation.



**There are no majors, no minors, no electives, no specializations.** The arts and sciences which comprise the curriculum are organized into a comprehensive whole. The College aims at providing its students with a thorough grounding in the arts of thinking and a broad and integrated vision of the whole of life and learning.

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**There are no textbooks.** The prescribed, four-year interdisciplinary course of studies is based on the original works of the best, most influential authors, poets, scientists, mathematicians, philosophers, and theologians of Western civilization. In every classroom, the primary teachers are the authors of the "Great Books" from Aristotle, Homer and Euclid to St. Thomas



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