

Religion Curriculum – 2009/2010

Service is required during each year of high school. See the next page.

Sacred Scripture

Course Length: 2 semesters

Credit: one (1)

Prerequisite: Freshmen level for students enrolled in RCCSS.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ in Scripture (1st/2nd semester)

Description: While studying the Scriptures, students will understand Jesus Christ as the ultimate revelation from God to us and what it means to be a disciple of Christ. The Scriptures will be studied as the 'Living Word' of God which has been handed down to us by the early Church so that we may have the same encounter with the Risen Lord as the first disciples experienced him.

TOB / The Church

Course Length: 2 semesters

Credit: one (1)

Prerequisite: Sophomore level for students who have successfully completed Sacred Scripture

Theology of the Body (4 week seminar)

The Church and Sacraments of Initiation (1st/2nd semester)

Description: While studying Church History, the students will also learn about life in the Church today and the sacred nature of the Church (Ecclesiology). Also, they will examine the Sacraments of Initiation in detail in order to help them understand how they encounter Christ through the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

World Religions/Morality (starting in 2009-2010)

Course Length: 2 semesters

Credit: one (1)

Prerequisite: Junior level for students who have completed Sacred Scripture and TOB/The Church.

Ecumenical and Interreligious Issues (1st sem.)

Morality and Sacraments of Healing (2nd sem.)

Description: [1st sem.] Students will study the beliefs of non-Catholic Christian churches and non-Christian religions so that they may recognize: (1) the spiritual truths held in common with other faith traditions and (2) how these systems of belief differ from the Catholic faith. [2nd sem.] They will learn the moral concepts that govern the lives of Christ's disciples.

Vocations / Social Justice

Course Length: 2 semesters

Credit: one (1)

Prerequisite: Senior level for students who have completed TOB/Sacred Scripture and The Church.

Marriage & Holy Orders (1st semester)

Catholic Social Justice (2nd semester)

Description: [1st sem.] Students will learn about the universal call to holiness, and then study the vocations to married life, single life, consecrated life, and priestly life. [2nd sem.] They will be introduced to the Church's Social Teaching and how Christ's concern for others, especially the poor and needy, is present today in the Church's mission.

***Foundational Courses:** The classes for 9th and 10th grades are foundational courses. Therefore, students who enter STM as sophomores or later, must complete these two courses in sequence (or the class for *New Students* and *10th Grade*) before they may enroll in the courses for either 11th or 12th grade.

Service Program

In addition to the service focus described below, there will also be an academic focus which will include research, writing a paper, or class presentations.

9th grade

- Service focus: Continue the 30 hours established in eighth grade (family, community, and church), and add 10 hours of service outside of their personal community (40 hours total). Students should seek opportunities to serve larger Rapid City community (a list of options will be provided to the students).

10th grade

- Service focus: Class projects
 - *Kids Against Hunger. Develop committees (project management; fundraising; educating community on hunger/poverty/Honduras; Rapid City project development; marketing and public relations). Parents could help chair committees with students.*
 - Local project regarding poverty.

11th, 12th grades

- Service focus: Develop a two year relationship with a service site. The service project is relationship based (i.e., normally one-on-one). Students give on average 2 hours per week to the site (50 unpaid hours per year).