

## Aquinas Sections

### Great Books

Do you believe that university is about examining life's great questions? By reading classic works of the western world, you will explore life's great themes of love, friendship, freedom, and ethics as seen by authors across cultures and throughout the ages. You'll be encouraged to read and think critically about contrasting perspectives. You'll be challenged to examine your own ideas. Through the study of novels, plays, poetry, philosophical texts and contemporary films, you will wrestle with diverse and conflicting arguments, and debate the ideas which shape our world.

Small classes bring an intimate atmosphere as you actively engage in discussions and work collaboratively to understand such books as Homer's *Iliad*, Dante's *Inferno*, Plato's

## Great Books For Journalists

Do you believe a liberal arts education should give you the tools to reflect on some of the perennial questions of human life? In this section, you will tackle questions such as What is good? What is evil? Does power corrupt? You will reflect on the media's role in society. Is media based on reason and deliberation? Is it used to advance personal passions and interests? Is it used to exercise power through manipulation and propaganda?

The section draws from Journalism, Political Science, and Philosophy. The Journalism aspect of the section offers students a modern/contemporary historical component and allows students to see how the ideas of the older texts they read can shed light on world events.

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- 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