

Educational Effectiveness 2020-2021 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

At St. Charles Borromeo, entering first-year College students take a pre-test to determine their level of expertise in the various fields of communication, composition, mathematics, science and history. Two years later, they take a post-test to see how effective their education has been. In 2020-21, students had a 14% increase in their level of general education, a significant increase from the 5% scored in 2019-2020. Results of comprehensive exams in other areas are:

- Bachelor of Arts (written) = 89.4%, an overall increase of 2.2%
 - Master of Arts in Philosophical Studies (oral and written) = 92.8%, an increase of 1.6%
 - Master of Divinity (oral and written) = 89.6%
 - Master of Arts (oral and paper) = 96.83%, an increase of 1.1%
 - Master of Arts, School of Theological Studies (oral and written) = 91.5%, an increase of 1.4%
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- SCBS had twice as many completions for the MA than the peer average (24 vs. 12) and overall, graduate degrees rated higher on completions than the peer average (34 vs. 27 overall.)
 - Over the past year, three cohorts of faculty, administration and staff have participated in a “change leadership” training program tailored to the seminary’s unique strengths and challenges in the face of the coming relocation.
 - Eleven men have been ordained to priesthood, 18 have been ordained as Transitional Deacons, and nine have been ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in 2021.
 - Of the Theology Seminary alumni, 95% thought that various dimensions of their education helped their integration into the priesthood, and the same percentage thought that the Spiritual Formation Program helped them to minister to others.
 - SCBS’ racial/ethnic enrollment for the MDiv increased from 29.5% in 2017 to 38.5% in 2020, but in the MA degree, it increased from 9.3% in 2016 to 24.2% in 2020.
 - In the past five years, SCBS’s ratio of full-time equivalent students per faculty averaged 3.9 to 1; for Roman Catholic/Orthodox Theological schools it was 5.3 to 1.
 - In 2016 (latest year available) SCBS’ cohort default rate ranged was 0%, much lower than the national 9.7% average default rate.
 - In 2020, SCBS had more applications and admissions to both the MDiv and MA than the peer average (26 vs. 21 for MDiv; 18 vs. 14 for the MA.)