



Grades 9-12 Curriculum Map for Religion Diocese of Great Falls-Billings Catholic Schools

This curriculum map is a tool for religious educators seeking guidance in teaching the religion curriculum. It includes details and resources from the USCCB high school curriculum framework. Teachers can add essential questions, lessons from textbooks and other resources.

Elective Options:

Option A- Sacred Scripture

Purpose: The purpose of this course is to give an overview of Sacred Scripture with an introduction to the basic principles for understanding and interpreting the Bible. Given the limits of a semester of study, it will not be possible to introduce all the books of the Bible here. But every effort is made to project a sense of the unity of the narrative for the divine plan of salvation, the presence of God's action in this record of his Revelation, and his desire to share his merciful love with us.

Option B- History of the Catholic Church

Purpose: Course Four presented a catechesis of the Church and the Body of Christ in history: its nature and meaning, images, marks, life and ministry, guide to moral life, and the role of prayer. This elective can supplement that catechesis on the Church. The purpose of this course is to supply the students with a general knowledge of the Church's history from apostolic times to the present. They will be introduced to the fact that the Church was founded by Christ through the Apostles and is sustained by him throughout history through the Holy Spirit. The students will come to know that the Church is the living Body of Christ today and, as such, has both divine and human elements. In this course, students will learn about the Church's 2,000 years of history and about how the Church is led and governed by the successors of the Apostles.

Option C-Living as a Disciple of Jesus Christ in Society

Purpose: The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the Church's social teaching. In this course, students are to learn how Christ's concern for others, especially the poor and needy, is present today in the Church's social teaching and mission. Referencing the [Gr.2-8 Catholic Social Teachings document](#) is highly recommended.

Option D- Responding to the Call of Jesus Christ

Purpose: The purpose of this course is to help students to understand the vocations of life: how Christ calls us to live. Students should learn what it means to live life for the benefit of others and the value in considering a vocation in service to the Christian community.

Option E: Ecumenical and Interreligious Issues

Purpose: The purpose of this course is to help the students understand the manner in which the Catholic Church relates to non-Catholic Christians as well as to other religions of the world. The course is intended to help students to recognize the ways in which important spiritual truths can also be found in non-Catholic Christian churches and ecclesial communities as well as in non-Christian religions and how other religions are similar and different from the Catholic faith.