Course Goals: Introduce or reintroduce the Jesuit in First Studies to the discipline of philosophy in its relation to the Judeo-Christian and Greco-Roman background to the relation between Faith and Reason, Modernity and Post-modernity. Assist Jesuit students in developing a personal of their philosophical education that prepares them for working in our mission of service of the faith that does justice and at the frontiers in dialogue with the natural sciences, social sciences, modern communications, other religions, and culture. Enable the Jesuit students to grasp some of the relationships between Faith and Reason and Philosophy and Theology. Read and analyze an original text in philosophy, which involve identifying, explaining the meaning of, assessing the truth of, and articulating the assumptions and consequences of the fundamental ideas presented. Respectfully assess and discuss the cogency of one's own and another's philosophical position synthesis (through the De Universa Philosophia and/or Capstone paper).

Required Texts:
1. Gschwandtner, C., Postmodern Apologetics: Arguments for God in Contemporary Philosophy
2. Handout: Concerning Islamic Philosophy
3. Handout: Concerning Contemporary Political Philosophy
4. Roochnik, David. Retrieving the Ancients
5. Sokolowski, Robert., The God of Faith and Reason
6. Thomson, Garrett., Descartes to Kant