

## Rubrics for Evaluating Seniors

A. **Moral Virtues.** Successful graduates of Thomas Aquinas College will have gained, to an appropriate degree, certain moral virtues including: (1) the love of wisdom and both (2) confidence and (3) humility in the intellectual life.

	<b>Moral Virtues</b>	Mature 4	Accomplished 3	Competent 2	Acceptable 1	Unacceptable 0
I	<b>Love of Wisdom</b>	Has developed a <b>deeply rooted love</b> for the intellectual life born from wonder about the marvels of the world, both natural and supernatural.	Has developed a <b>love</b> for the intellectual life born from wonder about the marvels of the world, both natural and supernatural.	Has developed a <b>strong interest</b> in the intellectual life, desiring to answer important questions.	Is <b>willing to engage</b> the intellectual life, desiring to answer at least some important questions.	Is <b>indifferent or opposed</b> to the intellectual life, or is only motivated by curiosity about trivial matters.
II	<b>Confidence in the Road to Wisdom</b>	Has <b>firm confidence</b> that progress can be made on the difficult road to wisdom.	Has <b>confidence</b> that progress can be made on the difficult road to wisdom.	Has <b>some confidence</b> that progress can be made on the difficult road to wisdom.	Has <b>wavering confidence</b> that progress can be made on the difficult road to wisdom.	Has <b>little to no confidence</b> that progress can be made on the difficult road to wisdom.
III	<b>Intellectual Humility</b>	<b>Consistently</b> has the humility to acknowledge (1) that he is measured by reality, and (2) that he needs to attend carefully to the great thinkers and to seek guidance from the wise.	<b>For the most part</b> has the humility to acknowledge (1) that he is measured by reality, and (2) that he needs to attend carefully to the great thinkers and to seek guidance from the wise.	<b>Often</b> has the humility to acknowledge (1) that he is measured by reality, and (2) that he needs to attend carefully to the great thinkers and to seek guidance from the wise.	<b>Recognizes the need</b> for humility, but sometimes (1) considers his own idea as a measure of truth, and (2) does not attend carefully to the great thinkers and to seek guidance from the wise.	<b>Disregards the need</b> for humility, (1) considering his own idea as a measure of truth, and (2) not attending carefully to the great thinkers and to seeking guidance from the wise.

**B. Intellectual Virtues.** Successful graduates of Thomas Aquinas College will have gained, to an appropriate degree, certain intellectual virtues including: an understanding of the (1) distinction and (2) unity and order of the disciplines, (3) a grasp of the order of the universe, and (4) skills to communicate fruitfully.

	<b>Intellectual Virtues</b>	Mature 4	Accomplished 3	Competent 2	Acceptable 1	Unacceptable 0
I	<b>Distinction of Disciplines</b>	Understands <b>clearly</b> the distinction of disciplines.	Understands <b>well</b> the distinction of disciplines.	Understands <b>sufficiently well</b> the distinction of disciplines.	Understands, <b>with some errors</b> , the distinction of disciplines.	<b>Little to no</b> understanding of the distinction of disciplines.
II	<b>Unity and Order of Disciplines</b>	Understands <b>clearly</b> the unity and order of the disciplines, recognizing how one discipline sheds light on another.	Understands <b>well</b> the unity and order of the disciplines, recognizing how one discipline sheds light on another.	Understands <b>sufficiently well</b> the unity and order of the disciplines, recognizing how one discipline sheds light on another.	Understands, <b>with some errors</b> , the unity and order of the disciplines, recognizing how one discipline sheds light on another.	<b>Little to no</b> understanding of the unity and order of disciplines.
III	<b>Order of the Universe</b>	Has a <b>strong grasp</b> of the overall order of the universe, both in its natural perfection and in its perfection in grace.	<b>Grasps</b> the overall order of the universe, both in its natural perfection and in its perfection in grace.	<b>Grasps something</b> of the order of the universe, both in its natural perfection and in its perfection in grace.	<b>Broadly grasps</b> order in the universe.	<b>Grasps little</b> of the order of the universe.
IV	<b>Communication Skills</b>	Has <b>excellent</b> skills in conversing with others fruitfully and in the spirit of friendship, both in speech and in the written word.	Has <b>good</b> skills in conversing with others fruitfully and in the spirit of friendship, both in speech and in the written word.	Has <b>sufficient</b> skills in conversing with others fruitfully and in the spirit of friendship, both in speech and in the written word.	Has <b>some</b> skills in conversing with others fruitfully and in the spirit of friendship, both in speech and in the written word.	Has <b>few</b> skills in conversing with others fruitfully and in the spirit of friendship, both in speech and in the written word.