

## St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Educational Effectiveness Report 2026

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary measures the effectiveness of its undergraduate education via a test incoming students take twice, first upon entering the college, and then upon completion of the general education courses (including rhetoric, history, mathematics, and science) during their second year. The students who entered in 2021 scored an average of 53% on the pre-test and an average of 65% on the post-test, a positive differential consistent with the students who entered in 2020, who scored 52% and 64%, respectively. The students in 2022 and 2023 did not take the test, due to adjustments to the curriculum caused by the PPF6, but the students who entered in 2024 scored a 48% on the pre-test. They will take the post-test in fall 2026.

Results of comprehensive exams in other areas are:

Degree	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Avg.
MA (Philosophical Studies)	90.13		91.71	91.13	92	91.24
MDiv.	89.74	93.05	90.36	91.68		91.26
MA (Theology)	94.86	94.44	95.57	94.10	94.70	94.73
MA (Theology), STS	87.25	93.67	85.81	93.90	91.79	90.89

Other markers of note are:

- Between 2021 and 2025, SCBS had half again as many MDiv. completions as the peer average (90 vs. 58) and nearly double as many MA completions (122 vs. 66).
- In spring 2026, twenty men were ordained to priesthood, and two were ordained to the permanent diaconate. Fourteen men will be ordained to the transitional diaconate at the end of the fall 2026 semester.
- SCBS' racial/ethnic enrollment for the MDiv increased from 31% in 2024 to 35% in 2025, For the MA degree, it decreased from 31% in 2024 to 24% in 2025, but these numbers are still higher than the peer average (24% and 26%, respectively).
- SCBS's student-faculty ratio was 5 to 1 for the school year 2025-26; for 2024-25 it was 4 to 1.
- Between 2021 and 2025, SCBS had slightly more applications for the MA (77) than the peer average (76), as well as more acceptances (76 vs. 69). While its MDiv. applications (71) were lower than the peer average (87), its acceptance rate was higher (69, or 97%, vs. 79, or 91%).
- In 2025, graduation rates for those enrolled in both the MDiv. (65%) and MA (68%) were higher not only than the average for Roman Catholic/Orthodox schools (60% and 51%, respectively), but all ATS schools (56% and 50%, respectively).