

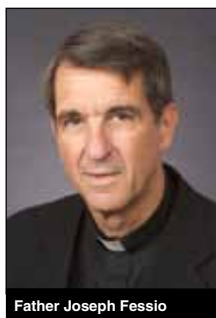


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LIBERAL  
STUDIES  
PROGRAM**ANNOUNCING****Online Catholic college credit for  
high school students and others  
through Ignatius-Angelicum  
Liberal Studies Program**

**I**gnatius Press and Angelicum Great Books Program have joined with cooperating colleges in the US, Australia, and Europe, to launch the Ignatius-Angelicum Liberal Studies Program (LSP), an online course of studies combining the best of home and distance learning with live, online classes.

Under the leadership of Ignatius Press founder and editor Father Joseph Fessio as Chancellor, the Liberal Studies Program provides unrivaled educational opportunities for home-schoolers, students enrolled in traditional high schools, and other students aged fourteen (9th grade) and up, to earn college credit, while acquiring the foundations for a Catholic liberal education and lifelong learning.



Father Joseph Fessio

LSP offers something unique among the many ways high school students can earn college credit—an online program specifically for Catholic students who want to embark on acquiring a liberal education using the Great

Books approach pioneered by the great philosopher, educator, and Catholic convert Dr. Mortimer J. Adler.

Fidelity to the teaching of the Catholic Church is fundamental to the LSP program. Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Constitution on Catholic higher education, *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, guides the LSP's Catholic mission.

LSP is accepted for college credit at Benedictine College (Atchinson, Kansas, USA); Champion College (Australia); St. Bede's Hal (Oxford, UK); Catholic Distance University, (online); and other colleges and universities other colleges and universities. The growing list of collaborating colleges—the Universities of Western Civilization—is at [www.uowc.org](http://www.uowc.org).

The costs of the LSP are a small fraction of the expense of traditional college education. Tuition and fees at a private, four-year college average \$26,273 per year—over \$100,000 for a four-year degree. With a coordinated course of study through LSP and its affiliates in the Universities of Western Civilization network of cooperating colleges, students can obtain a bachelor's degree with an accredited college for as little as \$26,600—about a fourth of the cost of four years on campus.



## ■ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is the benefit of Liberal Studies Program's collaboration?

LSP's collaborative program helps students in at least three ways:

- it assures them of fixed, certain paths to degrees from accredited and faithful Catholic colleges that have agreed to accept all or part of their studies in the LSP for college credit;
- it allows students to begin college-level and college-credit-earning studies while homeschooling or in Catholic school, as early as age 14 (or 9th grade);
- it dramatically reduces college costs

### What do I need to start the LSP?

The ability to read well, a computer, a an inexpensive computer microphone or inexpensive headset with a microphone, a phone line, and tuition. (Payment plans are available). If you have high speed internet, that's great, but only dial-up is necessary.

### May I start from home?

Yes. Most of our students start from their homes.

### How old do I have to be to start?

The LSP accepts motivated students aged fourteen (or 9th grade) and up. As with AP and other high school college-credit programs, the keys to success are intellect, interest, and motivation.

### Why the emphasis on the Great Books of Western Civilization?

The Great Books are almost universally considered masterpieces of our civilization. They contain brilliant insights, profound truths, and great wisdom. How does one obtain wisdom? As the philosopher Dr. Peter Redpath, an LSP faculty member, succinctly puts it: "If you wish to become wise, learn from wise people."

Reading and discussing the works of wise men allow one to enter into conversation with them through their books.

"Reading the Great Books had done more for my mind than all the rest of the academic pursuits," Dr. Mortimer Adler once said. "It is the best education for the

faculty as well as for the students; the use of original texts is an antidote for survey courses and fifth-rate textbooks; and it constitutes by itself, if properly conducted, the backbone of a liberal education."

### Are the participating University of Western Civilization colleges and universities accredited?

Yes. Because they are in different countries the nature of their accreditation varies (i.e., institutions of higher learning in some countries such as Australia and Poland are accredited directly by the State; other countries such as the US have private accrediting bodies).

### To what extent does each college participating in the Universities of Western Civilization network give college credit for the LSP course work?

All of the participating colleges have agreed to accept all 48 hours of credit presently available to students in the LSP (except Benedictine College, which currently accepts 24 of LSP college credits and has agreed to work towards accepting 48). LSP is working to expand the number of participating Catholic colleges.

### What about the faculty of LSP?

The faculty is composed of master teachers who are committed, liberally-educated Catholics. Online seminar classes feature at least one faculty member with a PhD.

### How do I start?

Go to [www.liberalstudiesprogram.com](http://www.liberalstudiesprogram.com) to find out about how to enroll. You may also call 1 (360) 496-0098, text 719-930-7549, or email [lspmail@aol.com](mailto:lspmail@aol.com).

*Classes begin the first week in September, 2010. Classes are limited and may fill up, so enroll now.*

*"If you wish to become wise, learn from wise people."*

— Dr. Peter Redpath, LSP Faculty Member