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.

	Moral	Mature	Accomplished	Competent	Acceptable	Unacceptable
	Virtues	4	3	2	1	0
I	Love of Wisdom	Has developed a deeply rooted love for the intellectual life born from wonder about the marvels of the world, both natural and supernatural.	Has developed a love for the intellectual life born from wonder about the marvels of the world, both natural and supernatural.	Has developed a strong interest in the intellectual life, desiring to answer important questions.	Is willing to engage the intellectual life, desiring to answer at least some important questions.	Is indifferent or opposed to the intellectual life, or is only motivated by curiosity about trivial matters.
II	Confidence in the Road to Wisdom	Has firm confidence that progress can be made on the difficult road to wisdom.	Has confidence that progress can be made on the difficult road to wisdom.	Has some confidence that progress can be made on the difficult road to wisdom.	Has wavering confidence that progress can be made on the difficult road to wisdom.	Has little to no confidence that progress can be made on the difficult road to wisdom.
III	Intellectual Humility	Consistently 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.	For the most part 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.	Often 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.	Recognizes the need 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.	Disregards the need 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.

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