History: Two years ago several faculty and chaplains in the Health Professional Schools began working on an Interdisciplinary Online Course for students on Ignatian Spirituality and Values. Although that course did not come to fruition, it was transformed into a faculty development opportunity as a project for the Jesuit Seminar. Originally designed with health professionals in mind, faculty in other professions have taken the course and found it to be of great benefit.

Course Content:
This course is an introduction to Ignatian Values, Ignatian Pedagogy and the Jesuit Mission as related to higher education, as well as an opportunity for those who are familiar with these to increase knowledge and deepen their appreciation and application.

Module 1  Introduction to Ignatius of Loyola
Module 2  Discernment of Spirits – Consolation and Desolation
Module 3  Reflection & Practices for Awareness
Module 4  Vocation and Calling
Module 5: Jesuit Catholic Mission, Social Justice and Health Care
Module 6: Ignatian Tradition and Leadership
Module 7: Contemplative in Action
Module 8: Ignatian Pedagogy

What previous participants have to say:

“This is not the first time that I have come to realize the importance of taking time out from your day, or week, for reflection, and discernment. It is, however, the first time that doing so is embedded in the cultural/religious/institutional behavior and modus operandi of the organization I’m working in. One thing I’m taking from this course is a reframed job description. Contemplation is now ranked alongside attacking my inbox. My New Year’s wish is, of course, to remember this a month from now.” Noam Ebner, Assistant Professor and Online Program Chair, Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, Creighton University School of Law

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•Approx 2-3 hours per week
•Online, asynchronous discussion

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