

Learning Goals for the Department

Students be able to

1. Understand the religious dimensions of human experience, history, and cultures;
2. Critically analyze religious expressions in sacred texts, art, ritual practices, and ethical commitments;
3. Respect cultural and religious diversity in local and global contexts;
4. Appreciate the relationship between religious commitment and efforts to address injustice and live ethically; and
5. Recognize the ways in which the Catholic Christian tradition addresses the fundamental questions of human existence.

Alignment with Academic Learning Goals

Graduates will	1	2	3	4	5
Demonstrate an integrative knowledge of the human and natural worlds;	X				X
Develop habits of critical analysis and aesthetic appreciation;		X			
Apply creative and innovative thinking;					
Communicate skillfully in multiple forms of expression;					
Act competently in a global and diverse world;			X		X
Understand and promote social justice;				X	X
Apply a framework for examining ethical dilemmas;					
Employ leadership and collaborative skills;					
Understand the religious dimensions of human experience.	X				X

TRS Majors are expected to have successfully met all five goals at an *advanced* level:

1. Understands the key terms and methodologies of the diverse subfields within the academic study of religion (including biblical studies, ethics, historical approaches, and systematic theology) and is able to articulate his or her own methodological approach.
2. Applies a variety of interpretative methods (including historical-critical methods) to the Bible and to the sacred texts of at least one other religious tradition; able to assess the strengths and weakness of these methods.
3. Compares and contrasts the beliefs, practices, or worldview of at least two religious traditions in a way that models respectful interaction with people, ideas, and cultures that are different.
4. Assesses and applies multiple religious or ethical frameworks to complex issues, with an awareness of the root causes of injustice and a commitment to address these issues and contribute to the common good.
5. Understands Catholic theological approaches to multiple fundamental questions and how these questions are related to one another.

Alignment with Assessment Measures

Measure	1	2	3	4	5
Assignments for Coursework	x	x	x	x	x