

Program Learning Outcomes: Assessment Tools

Program Name: Religion Major

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	Program Learning Outcomes Knowledge, skill, or behavior students can demonstrate upon program completion	Measurement Tool	Timeline/Frequency of Assessment	Target	Review
1	Read, analyze, and interpret religious texts with precision and sympathy.	Direct assessment of student work: Source Summary Roots Paper Exam Questions Journal entries Response papers Reflection Essays Forum posts Course essay Group Projects	Fall 2023, Spring 2025 Fall 2026, Spring 2028	200-level: 2 on a 4-point scale 300-400 level: 3 on a 4-point scale	Spring 2024, Fall 2025, Spring 2027, Fall 2028
2	Understand and explore how religious traditions shape and are shaped by cultures and contexts.	Direct assessment of student work: Exam Questions Religious Roots Papers Forum posts Course essay	Spring 2024, Fall 2025 Spring 2027, Spring 2028	200-level: 2 on a 4-point scale 300-400 level: 3 on a 4-point scale	Fall 2024, Spring 2026 Fall 2027, Fall 2028
3	Reflect on the relationship of religion and/or theology to cosmos, community, society, and self.	Direct assessment of student work: Exam Questions Religious Roots paper Journal entries Reflection Essays Forum posts Course essay	Fall 2024, Spring 2026, Fall 2027, Spring 2029	200-level: 2 on a 4-point scale 300-400 level: 3 on a 4-point scale	Spring 2025, Fall 2026, Spring 2028, Fall 2029
4	Write a 300 or 400-level paper that embodies sophisticated research and critical thinking in at least one of four major fields (Bible, History, Theology, or World Religions).	Direct assessment of student work: Research Paper Theology Essay Course Essay	Every Semester	300-400 level: 3 on a 4-point scale	Every Semester, Beginning Fall 2023