

General Education Learning Outcomes: Assessment Tools

Religious Studies

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<p>Program Learning Outcomes</p> <p>Knowledge, skill, or behavior students can demonstrate upon program completion</p>	<p>Measurement Tool</p>	<p>Timeline/Frequency of Assessment</p>	<p>Target</p>	<p>Review</p>
<p>1 Gain greater understanding of their own religious convictions and gain insight into how these convictions inform their everyday life (religious self-understanding).</p>	<p>Response Papers, Source Summaries Reading Journals Take-home exams Personal Perspectives Paper Religious Roots Papers Short position Papers Reflection Essays Journal Article Reviews Reading Commentaries Final Projects Interpretive Essays/Exegetical Papers Comprehensive Final Exam Essays Statement of Beliefs/Theological Reflections Interview Papers</p>	<p>Fall 2020, Fall 2022</p>	<p>2 on a 4-point rubric</p>	<p>Spring 2020 and 2022</p>
<p>2 Acquire a basic familiarity with the biblical story—its main characters, important themes, historical-cultural contexts, literary genres, and the like (biblical knowledge).</p>	<p>Reading Quizzes Unit Tests Reflection Essays Interpretive Essays/Exegetical Papers</p>	<p>Spring 2021, Spring 2023</p>	<p>2 on a 4-point rubric</p>	<p>Fall 2021, Fall 2023</p>
<p>3 Obtain a rudimentary understanding of the basic beliefs and practices of the Christian faith (Christian self-understanding).</p>	<p>Take Home Exams Response Papers Reflection Essays Final Exams Statement of Beliefs/Theological Reflections</p>	<p>Fall 2021, Fall 2023</p>	<p>2 on a 4-point rubric</p>	<p>Spring 2022, Spring 2024</p>

4	Attain some understanding of how Christian experience shapes and is shaped by historical contexts and some appreciation for both continuity and change within Christianity (historical-cultural perspective).	Response Papers Religious Roots Papers Reading Journals Take-home exams Personal Perspectives Paper Reflection Essays Reading Commentaries Final Projects Comprehensive Final Exam Essays Statement of Beliefs/Theological Reflections Interview Papers	Spring 2021, Spring 2023	2 on a 4-point rubric	Fall 2021, Fall 2023
5	Acquire an understanding of and appreciation for religious traditions other than Christianity (world religions).	Research Paper Research Essay	Spring 2022, Spring 2024	2 on a 4-point rubric	Fall 2022, Fall 2024
6	Develop greater ability to read religious texts with understanding and sensitivity	Response Papers Source Summaries Reading Journals Take-home exams Reflection Essays Reading Commentaries Final Projects Interpretive Essays/Exegetical Papers Comprehensive Final Exam Essays	Fall 2020, Fall 2022	2 on a 4-point rubric	Spring 2021, Spring 2023
7	Acquire increased proficiency in thinking critically with respect to religious texts, traditions, and experience, e.g., greater facility in identifying arguments and ferreting out their assumptions and implications (disciplined reflection).	Response Papers Source Summaries Final Exams Reading Journals Take-home exams Reading Commentaries Final Projects Interpretive Essays/Exegetical Papers Comprehensive Final Exam Essays Statement of Beliefs/Theological Reflections Interview Papers	Fall 2021, Fall 2023	2 on a 4-point rubric	Spring 2022, Spring 2024

8	Develop greater skill in communicating their own religious convictions clearly, concisely, and persuasively (rhetorical competence).	Response Papers Take-home exams Personal Perspectives Paper Religious Roots Paper Short position Papers Reflection Essays Final Projects Interpretive Essays/Exegetical Papers Comprehensive Final Exam Essays Statement of Beliefs/Theological Reflections Interview Papers	Fall 2021, Fall 2023	2 on a 4-point rubric	Spring 2022, Spring 2024
9	Become better able to interpret contemporary religious experience in light of past events, other traditions, and their own convictions (integration of faith and life).	Response Papers Religious Roots Papers Take-home exams Final Projects Interpretive Essays/Exegetical Papers Comprehensive Final Exam Essays Statement of Beliefs/Theological Reflections Interview Papers	Spring 2022, Spring 2024	2 on a 4-point rubric	Fall 2022, Fall 2024
10	Increase their capacities for intellectual honesty, respect, and humility and in some measure further develop certain traits of character, e.g., courage, fortitude, justice, wisdom, and compassion (habits of excellence).	Response Papers Reading Journals Take-home exams Personal Perspectives Paper Short position Papers Reflection Essays Journal Article Reviews Reading Commentaries Final Projects Interpretive Essays/Exegetical Papers Comprehensive Final Exam Essays Statement of Beliefs/Theological Reflections Interview Papers	Spring 2022, Spring 2024	2 on a 4-point rubric	Fall 2022, Fall 2024