

Religious Studies

Learning Objectives – Courses taken in fulfillment of the major in Religious Studies will be assessed with regards to four learning objectives (two of which will vary according to track):

Level II Objective – Most courses in the major satisfy the Level II requirement in Religious Studies. As such, they share an objective that encompasses critical thinking within the field: “Recognize and apply methods for the interpretation and application of sources of tradition.”

Track 1: Theological Studies – Students in the Theological Studies track will cultivate a number of competencies, but will be assessed with regards to two learning objectives (assessed largely at the 300-level):

1. Recognize and apply the principles and methods of Christian theological reflection; and
2. Adapt the practice of Christian theological reflection to specific contexts.

Track 2: Religion, Politics and Civil Society – Like the Theological Studies track, this track will be assessed (at the 300-level) with regards to two learning objectives:

1. Examine the role of religion in the formation and resolution of social problems; and
2. Analyze the role of religion and inter-religious interaction in civil society.

Capstone Objective – Regardless of their track, all majors in Religious Studies will be assessed in the capstone objective associated with mature engagement with the phenomenon of religion: “Complete research necessary to explore students’ own interests.”

Curriculum Map

Track One – Theological Studies

Objective	RELST 175	RELST 263	Scriptural Foundations	Topics in Theology	Theology Seminar	RELST 3xx - Internship	RELST 3xx – Theologians and Movements	RELST 390
Recognize and apply the principles and methods of Christian theological reflection		X		X	X			X
Adapt the practice of Christian theological reflection to specific contexts				X		X		
Complete research necessary to explore students’ own interests					X		X	X
Recognize and apply methods for the interpretation and application of sources of tradition	X	X	X	X	X		X	X

Track Two – Religion, Politics and Civil Society

	RELST 175	RELST 263	Religious Traditions Past & Present	Religion in the World	Religion & Society Seminar	RELST 3xx - Internship	RELST 3xx – Theologians and Movements	RELST 390
Examine the role of religion in the formation and resolution of social problems			X		X			
Analyze the role of religion and inter-religious interaction in civil society				X		X		
Complete research necessary to explore students' own interests					X		X	X
Recognize and apply methods for the interpretation and application of sources of tradition	X	X	X	X	X		X	X