

THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students completing the Theology Major should be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the sources and historical development of beliefs and practices of Christianity with particular attention to the Roman Catholic tradition;
2. Apply scholarly methods to the understanding of scripture;
3. Demonstrate familiarity with key theological concepts and doctrines of the Christian faith (e.g., Christology, trinity, ecclesiology, sacramental theology, etc.) as enunciated by at least two theologians;
4. Demonstrate foundational knowledge of at least one other religious tradition outside of Christianity;
5. Demonstrate an understanding of how Christian perspectives and sources inform responses to pressing ethical questions.

Students completing the Religious Studies Major should be able to:

1. Demonstrate conceptual understanding of the general concept of religion and specific knowledge of key features of two or more religions. For example:
 - Delineate the key features of a religion and discuss how they interact.
 - Describe and compare the central elements of two or more world religions.
 - Demonstrate knowledge of the major scriptures, doctrines and practices of two or more religions.
2. Know and use academic and analytical scholarly methods and terminology employed in the field of Religious Studies. For example:
 - Demonstrate knowledge of a range of scholarly methodologies
 - Accurately use the academic and scholarly terminology used in the field of religious studies
 - Be able to apply scholarly methodologies to research questions
3. Analyze how a religion's components interact with the culture to which it belongs, explaining how it shapes and is shaped by the surrounding society. For example:
 - Articulate how religions shape aspects of people's everyday lives. Discuss aspects such as: family organization and relationships, social structure, food choices, clothing choices, ethical behavior, or gender roles.
 - Describe how religions interact with popular culture (as evidenced by literature, visual arts, film, music, TV, the Internet, etc.) and how that interaction functions to influence public opinion and belief.
4. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of religious approaches to ethics and ethical issues.

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Students completing the Theology Minor should be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge in at least two of the following areas:
 - the sources and historical development of beliefs and practices of Christianity with particular attention to the Roman Catholic tradition
 - the application of scholarly methods to the understanding of scripture
 - key theological concepts and doctrines of the Christian faith (e.g., Christology, trinity, ecclesiology, sacramental theology, etc.)
 - foundational knowledge of at least one other religious tradition outside of Christianity
2. Demonstrate an understanding of how Christian perspectives and sources inform responses to pressing ethical questions.

Students completing the Pastoral Leadership Minor should be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge in at least two of the following areas:
 - the sources and historical development of beliefs and practices of Christianity with particular attention to the Roman Catholic tradition
 - the application of scholarly methods to the understanding of scripture
 - key theological concepts and doctrines of the Christian faith (e.g., Christology, trinity, ecclesiology, sacramental theology, etc.)
 - foundational knowledge of at least one other religious tradition outside of Christianity
2. Demonstrate an understanding of how Christian perspectives and sources inform responses to pressing ethical questions.
3. Display basic good practices of service and leadership within a supervised pastoral setting.

Students completing the Religious Studies Minor should be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge in at least two of the following areas:
 - the sources and historical development of beliefs and practices of Christianity with particular attention to the Roman Catholic tradition
 - the application of scholarly methods to the understanding of sacred texts within at least two non-Christian traditions
 - key theological concepts and doctrines of at least two non-Christian religions, individually understood and in a comparative setting
2. Demonstrate an understanding of basic methodology that distinguishes the field of religious studies from the field of theology
3. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of religious approaches to ethics and ethical issues.