



**College of Arts and Humanities
Academic Learning Compacts**

Religion and Cultural Studies - B.A.

Discipline Specific Knowledge, Skills, Behavior and Values

- 1. Studying Religion and Culture**
Students enrolled in the Religion and Cultural Studies program will demonstrate the ability to identify, analyze, and evaluate various definitions of religion and how they are used by different groups.
- 2. Religious and Cultural Identity Construction**
Students in upper-level Religion and Cultural Studies courses will be able to critically analyze cultural and social aspects of identity construction, especially religious identity.
- 3. Contemporary Religious Practices**
Students in Religion and Cultural Studies courses will be able to critically analyze religious practices in contemporary contexts.
- 4. Comparative Artistic and Intellectual Analysis of Religions**
Students in upper-level Religion and Cultural Studies courses will be able to critically and comparatively analyze literary, artistic and/or intellectual forms from different religions.
- 5. Research in Religion and Cultural Studies**
Students in upper-level Religion and Cultural Studies courses will demonstrate research skills including generating appropriate questions, identifying appropriate scholarly venues, and identifying and using interdisciplinary methods.
- 6. Thesis Construction and Defense**
Students in upper-level Religion and Cultural Studies courses will be able to develop and defend a thesis that relates to the analysis and critical discussion of a specific topic in Religion and Cultural Studies.
- 7. Cultural Relevance of Research in Religion and Cultural Studies**
Religion and Cultural Studies majors will be able to identify and critically discuss the relevance of critical research in Religion and Cultural Studies to contemporary social, political, philosophical, psychological, historical, and/or economic scholarship.

Critical Thinking

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Communication

- 1. Communicating Religion and Cultural Studies Themes**
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Assessment of Religion and Cultural Studies - B.A. Outcomes

These outcomes will be assessed using a variety of assessment methods, including:

- Tests
- Research projects
- Research papers
- Oral and written presentations