



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

Religious Studies, B.A.

Discipline Specific Knowledge, Skills, Behavior and Values

1. Graduates of the program will be able to recognize and generate good questions in Religious Studies, and distinguish them from the questions central to other disciplines and professions.
2. Graduates of the program will be able to identify and use interdisciplinary methods of investigation to questions in Religious Studies.

Critical Thinking

3. Graduates of the program will be able to critically analyze cultural and social aspects of identity construction, especially religious identity.
4. Graduates of the program will be able to critically analyze religious practices in contemporary mass or popular culture contexts.
5. Graduates of the program will be able to identify and critically analyze different literary, artistic and intellectual forms from different religions.

Communication

6. Graduates of the program will be able to communicate verbally, with clear purpose, organization, and presentation style.
7. Graduates of the program will be able to identify appropriate research venues to gain critical scholarly information about specific research topics in Religious Studies.
8. Graduates of the program will be able to identify and critically discuss the relevance of critical research in Religious Studies to contemporary social, cultural, political, and economic scholarship.
9. Graduates of the program will be able to develop and defend a thesis that relates to the analysis and critical discussion of a specific topic in religious studies.

Assessment of Religious Studies, B.A.

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

- tests
- research projects
- research papers
- oral and written presentations