

ADVANCED OUTCOMES IN THE MAJOR AREA

DISCIPLINE: RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Discipline Outcomes	Advanced Level Abilities	
	Primary Focus	Related Focus
1. Scriptural and Theological Interpretation: Engages in scriptural and theological interpretation that is consistent with hermeneutical theory.	Analysis, 5 Analysis, 6	Aesthetic Engagement, 5 Aesthetic Engagement, 6 Communication, 5 Communication, 6 Valuing, 5 Valuing, 6
2. Critical and Metaphorical Thinking: Through critical and metaphorical thinking, responds analytically and aesthetically to stories, symbols and rituals expressive of religious experience.	Aesthetic Engagement, 5 Aesthetic Engagement, 6	Analysis 5 Analysis 6 Communication, 5 Communication, 6 Valuing, 5 Valuing, 6
3. Religious Pluralism: Critically explores the unique meanings and values expressed in various religious traditions.	Analysis, 5 Analysis, 6	Aesthetic Engagement, 5 Aesthetic Engagement, 6 Communication, 5 Communication, 6 Valuing, 5 Valuing, 6
4. Moral and Ethical Responsibility: Develops and articulates a personal moral and ethical stance responsive to the complexity of contemporary issues.	Valuing, 5 Valuing, 6	Aesthetic Engagement, 5 Aesthetic Engagement, 6 Analysis 5 Analysis 6 Communication, 5 Communication, 6
5. Professional Integration of Theological and Spiritual Theory and Practice: Articulates a personal theology based in core concepts, theories and methods of the discipline, and uses an effective theory of practice appropriate to the professional role aspired to.	Valuing, 5 Valuing, 6	Aesthetic Engagement, 5 Aesthetic Engagement, 6 Analysis, 5 Analysis, 6 Communication, 5 Communication, 6

**Advanced Level Courses required for the Major (taken collectively this set of courses in various combinations contributes to the achievement of the outcomes of the major):**

**Required**

**Electives**

HUM 350 Series Studies in Civilizations and Cultures Student takes any one in the HUM 350 series of courses.	RL 483 RL/PL 385	Advanced Internship Studies in Ethics: Theory and Practice
RL 350 The Biblical Worldview		
RL 375 Religion in America and the World	Religious Studies Department HUM	
RL 383 Internship Seminar	Advanced Level courses in WEC:	
RL 399 Formal Introduction to Advanced Work	HUM 366	The Experience of God
HUM 410 Senior Humanities Seminar	HUM 373	The Biblical World
RL 410 Senior Religious Studies Seminar: Spirituality	HUM 393	Comparative Religions
RL 413 External Assessment for Religious Studies Majors	HUM 396	Ecology and Spirituality
RL 475 Religious Studies Design: Christian Ministry		

**Advanced Ability Units Required for the Major:**

Choose 4 of the following (at least 2 at level 6):
Aesthetic Engagement, 5
Aesthetic Engagement, 6
Analysis, 5
Analysis, 6
Communication, 5
Communication, 6
Valuing, 5
Valuing, 6