Student Learning Outcomes for Religious Studies Graduate Program

SLO 1: Critical Skills for the Study of Religion: Theory, Method and (Inter)Disciplinarity

Develop and apply critical toolkit to the study of religion and religious traditions, including (inter)disciplinary methodologies and theories.

SLO 2: Historical, Social and Cultural Dimensions of Religion

Understand and interpret religious traditions by examining religion(s) as historical, social, and cultural phenomena.

SLO 3: Psychological, Philosophical and Cognitive Dimensions of Religion

Understand and interpret the subjective dimensions of religion(s) through analyses that explore the psychological, philosophical, and cognitive dynamics of religion and religious experience.

SLO 4: Religious Plurality/Marginal Currents

Understand and interpret religious traditions by examining the plurality of religious voices and expressions, including currents that have been marginalized, neglected, repressed, and censored in a variety of sociological, psychological, philosophical, and political ways.

SLO 5: Multicultural/Transnational Currents

Understand and interpret religious traditions as multicultural and transnational in nature through attention to the impact of globalism, immigration, colonialism, and other forms of multi-cultural (non)religious exchange.

SLO 6: Religious Literacy

Gain basic objective knowledge of the beliefs, practices, and institutional histories of the world's religions.

SLO 7: Communication: Pedagogy and Professionalism

Develop ability to effectively communicate (inter)disciplinary knowledge and critical research in the classroom, at professional conferences, and in academic publications.

SLO 8: Foreign Language Skills: Primary Text Translation

Develop ability to read religious texts in their original languages and perform translations of texts where appropriate.

SLO 9: Foreign Language Skills: Secondary Research Translation

Develop ability to read and understand relevant scholarly research/literature that has been published in foreign languages.