

Religion Major Intended Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- 1. interpret the content of the Old and New Testament writings in relation to the social and historical contexts from which the texts emerged.
- 2. explain the formative influences of the biblical traditions upon western civilization and illustrate their significance for contemporary life.
- 3. demonstrate a critical understanding of the relationships among religious beliefs, institutions and social structures, and practices in changing historical contexts.
- 4. articulate the common human quest for meaning and will show respect for diverse religious and philosophical expressions of this quest.
- 5. will articulate and critique their own ethical values and engage in constructive public dialogue with others whose values may differ.
- 6. analyze and construct a critical response to issues of societal concern using basic elements of ethical theories and moral reasoning skills.

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