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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