Religious Studies aims to understand how faith shapes the thoughts, lives, and ethics of individuals and communities in particular ways and different cultures. Fields of study include Theology, Biblical Studies, Spirituality, World Religions, Religious experience, Ethics, and courses in Religion and Culture. Students learn a variety of multicultural, interdisciplinary, historical, and theological methods and perspectives appropriate to the field. Students become familiar with several major religious traditions in the world in addition to Roman Catholicism. Students explore perennial questions concerning the reality of God, the meaning of human existence, the significance of the Bible, the dignity and liberation of the person, and ways to live ethically in a global world. To this end, students learn to appreciate religious diversity and the roles of religions and religious faith in shaping human life, as exemplified particularly in the Roman Catholic tradition. The department is committed to the university’s mission of social justice and addresses such issues throughout its curriculum.

This liberal arts major prepares students for graduate studies in religion, teaching, ministry, literary studies, history, and psychology as well as law school, medical school, and business school. Students are strong candidates for careers in business, communications, and non-profit organizations. Recent graduates are work as university admissions counselors, non-profit program directors, high school teachers, lawyers, and campus ministers, and lay directors of church education programs.

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