

THRS Program Goals and Learning Outcomes
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Goal #1. Students will learn the basic terms and definitions of theology and religious studies and be able to explain, analyze, and evaluate fundamental issues that frame theological and religious inquiry.

P.L.O. #1 Students will demonstrate a mastery of the categories, technical vocabulary (e.g., terms, definition, concepts, distinctions), well known exempla, historical data, etc. essential to the relevant subject matter by using these accurately and with both depth and nuance.

Goal #2. Students will gain an understanding of methodologies and research techniques standard in theology and religious studies.

P. L.O. #2 Students will be able to articulate fundamental issues that frame the academic study of religion by constructing well-formed arguments to describe, analyze or explain religious phenomena including texts.

Goal #3. Students will acquire effective communication skills in theology and religious studies.

P.L.O. #3 Students will be able to communicate effectively in writing that is clear, coherent, well-developed, and expressive of complex thought.

P.L.O. #4 Students will exhibit the skills of formal speech necessary to communicate within the discipline.