

**Hendrix College  
Department of Religious  
Studies**

**Departmental Learning Goals**

Students completing a major in Religious Studies will be able to

1. **express** an empathetic understanding of a diversity of religious traditions
2. **think** critically and constructively about religion through engagement with appropriate cultural resources
3. **demonstrate** proficiency in a chosen tradition, method, or sub-discipline within the academic study of religion.
4. **reflect** with critical self-awareness on their own orientation to religion.
5. **communicate** effectively, both orally and in writing, in keeping with the standards of religious studies discourse.
6. **articulate** their academic interests and abilities in terms of career competencies valued by potential employers.

**Assessment Schedule**

We will assess each of the goals on a six-year cycle as follows:

Department Learning Goal	Academic Year
Learning Goal 1	2020-21
Learning Goal 2	2021-22
Learning Goal 3	2022-23
Learning Goal 4	2023-24
Learning Goal 5	2024-25
Learning Goal 6	2025-26