

Religious Studies and Theology Major

Learning Goals and Objectives

Canisius College

Student Learning Goal 1: Basic Insights of Christianity and other Religions—Religious Studies and Theology majors will know the basic insights of Christianity and at least two other world religions.

Students will:

- Objective A: Demonstrate familiarity with major movements, figures, and historical developments of the Christian tradition;
- Objective B: Demonstrate understanding of the historical and theological development of Christianity, including Roman Catholicism and other branches of Christianity;
- Objective C: Demonstrate understanding of the historical development and religious teachings of two other world religions.

Student Learning Goal 2: Critical Thinking—Religious Studies and Theology majors will be critical thinkers about religion

Students will:

- Objective A: Demonstrate understanding of the values and teachings of different religious themes and traditions;
- Objective B: Compare and contrast these values and teachings on specific themes;
- Objective C: Use major theories and methods in the academic study of religion and theology.

Student Learning Goal 3: Scholarly Research and Writing—Religious Studies and Theology majors will do scholarly research and writing in Religious Studies.

Students will:

- Objective A: Describe the context of a particular religious or theological question and develop a thesis in response to the question;
- Objective B: Analyze responses to issues raised by the question in response to the student's argument;
- Objective C: Construct a logical defense of the student's argument.