

**UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON ASSESSMENT PROGRAM SUMMARY FORM**  
**RELIGIOUS STUDIES - M.A. IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**  
**(Revised 2003)**

**Date: June 2005**

**Chair: Sandra yocum Mize**

**Assessment Committee: V. Branick, J. Martin**

OUTCOME 1. Students will be able to research appropriate topics using the standard reference tools and various methodologies recognized in theology and the academic study of religion.

**Nine students received an M.A. in Th. St.**

Measure 1. Faculty who evaluate theses, projects and major papers will complete forms attesting that at least 85 percent have met this criteria.

**Five theses and four research papers were reviewed. All met this measure.**

Measure 2. At least 80 percent of graduates will have completed a methods seminar.

**55% met the goal. Note: The four who did not complete a methods seminar began course work in the 1990s, before this requirement was established.**

OUTCOME 2. Students will be able to describe and provide examples of types of religion as a fundamental human phenomenon which embrace persons of various cultural or ethnic groups and faith traditions.

Measure 1. Examination of course records and syllabi will show that at least 90 percent of students received B or better in at least one course which presented such a perspective.

**77% met this goal. Note: The two students who did not meet the goal, began course work before this was a requirement.**

Measure 2. Exit interview by Chair will reveal that 80 percent will agree that this outcome has been achieved.

**Of the three interviewed, all three agreed that the goal had been met.**

OUTCOME 3. Graduates will be professionally competent, capable of taking on employment in positions (such as pastoral ministry, education and human services) which utilize and express what they have learned in the graduate program.

Measure 1. Results of questionnaires, sent out every three years, to parishes, schools or service agencies who have hired recent MA graduates will show that at least 80 percent of those responding will agree or strongly agree that these graduates are judged to have been appropriately prepared.

**Questionnaires will be completed for the 2006 assessment report.**

Measure 2. 80 percent of respondents to a quinquennial survey of graduates will agree or strongly agree that the outcome has been achieved.

**Survey will be completed for the 2006 report.**

OUTCOME 4. Those students who intend to enter a doctoral program will be adequately prepared to do so.

Measure 1. An examination of records will indicate that at least 70 percent of our graduates who seek admission to such programs are accepted.

**Of the three who have applied, three have been accepted.**

Measure 2 In a triennial survey of recent graduates, 80 percent who are currently engaged in or have completed doctoral work will agree that this outcome has been achieved.

**Survey will be completed for the 2006 report.**

**ASSESSMENT PROGRAM SUMMARY FORM  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES - M.A. PASTORAL MINISTRIES**

**Date: June 2005**

**Chair: Sandra yocum Mize**

**Assessment committee: J. Martin, V. Branick**

OUTCOME 1. Students will be able to research appropriate topics using the standard reference and various methodologies recognized in theology and the academic study of religion. **One student received an M.A. in.Pastoral Ministries**

Measure 1. Faculty who evaluate theses, projects and major papers will complete forms indicating competence of students. At least 85 percent will have met these criteria.

**Goal was met.**

Measure 2. At least 80 percent of graduates will have completed a methods seminar.

**Goal was met.**

Measure 3. A triennial survey of graduates will show that at least 80 percent of respondents agree or strongly agree that the outcome has been achieved.

**Survey will be completed for the 2006 report.**

OUTCOME 2. Students will be able to describe and provide examples of types of religion as a fundamental human phenomenon which embraces persons of various cultural or ethnic groups and faith traditions.

Measure 1. Examination of course records and syllabi will show that at least 90 percent of students received B or better in at least one course which presents such a perspective .

**The sole graduate did not complete such a course.**

Measure 2. At least 80 percent of respondents to a quinquennial survey will agree or strongly agree that the outcome has been achieved.

**Survey will be completed for the 2006**

Measure 3. Exit interviews by Chair will reveal that 80 percent agreed that this outcome has been achieved.

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OUTCOME 3. Students will be professionally competent, capable of taking on employment in positions (such as pastoral ministry, education and human services) which utilize and express what they have learned in the graduate program.

Measure 1. Results of questionnaires, sent every three years to parishes, schools or service agencies who have hired recent MA graduates, will show that at least 80 percent of those responding will agree or strongly agree that these graduates are judged to have been appropriately prepared.

**Questionnaires will be completed for the 2006 report.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Measure 2. At least 80 percent of respondents to a quinquennial survey will agree or strongly agree that the outcome has been achieved.

**Questionnaires will be completed for the report.**

OUTCOME 4. Students will be able to describe the relationship between their graduate study and their development as full human persons committed to the service of broader human communities.

\_\_\_\_\_ Measure 1. A committee of faculty members will examine a sampling of reflection papers by at least 50 percent of students graduated in Pastoral Ministries courses and verify that 90 percent of these have achieved this outcome.

**100% compliance. (1 out of 1)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Measure 2. 80 percent of respondents to a quinquennial survey of graduates will agree or strongly agree that the outcome has been achieved.

**Survey will be completed for the 2006 report.**