

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON ASSESSMENT PROGRAM SUMMARY FORM
(Revised 2003)

Religious Studies - M.A. Theological Studies.

Date: June 29, 2006

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.

Measure 1. Faculty who evaluate theses, projects and major papers will complete forms indicating the achievement of these abilities. At least 85 percent of these writings will show this achievement.

Two theses and two research papers were reviewed. All met this measure

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

100 percent completed a methods seminar

Outcome 2. Students will be able to describe and provide examples 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 presented such a perspective.

Fifty percent met this measure.

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

100 percent met this measure.

Outcome 3. They 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 to local parishes, schools or service agencies who have hired recent MA graduates will agree or strongly agree that at least 80 percent of these graduates are judged to have been appropriately prepared.

Of those who were contacted in 2006, 100 percent emphatically affirmed that this measure was met by our MA graduates.

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

Of all those who responded to the 2006 survey, 87 percent were in fact employed in fields related to their graduate study. (Includes both theological

studies and pastoral ministries respondents since anonymous responses could not be distinguished.)

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.

100 percent of those who applied were accepted.

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

In the 2006 survey 100 percent of those accepted into a doctoral program agreed that this outcome was achieved.

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(Measures revised 5/30/2002)

Religious Studies - M.A. Pastoral Ministries

Date: June 29, 2006

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Assessment Committee: V. Branick and J. Martin

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

Measure 1. Faculty who evaluate major papers will complete forms indicating the achievement of these abilities. At least 85 percent of these writings will show this achievement.

No research papers from pastoral ministries graduates were available for the assessment.

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

86 percent of the pastoral ministries graduates completed such a seminar

Measure 3. 80 percent of respondents to a quinquennial survey of graduates will agree or strongly agree that the outcome has been achieved

Question not asked in 2006 survey. No respondents volunteered a response to this measure.

Outcome 2. They will be able to describe and provide examples 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 presented such a perspective.

29 percent of the pastoral ministries graduates met this measure.

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

Question not asked in 2006 survey. No respondents volunteered a response to this measure.

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

100 percent agreed.

Outcome 3. They 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 to local parishes, schools or service agencies who have hired recent MA graduates will agree or strongly agree that at least 80 percent of these graduates are judged to have been appropriately prepared.

Of those who were contacted in 2006 survey, 100 percent emphatically affirmed that this measure was met by our MA graduates.

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

Of all those who responded to the 2006 survey, 87 percent were in fact employed in fields related to their graduate study. (Includes both theological studies and pastoral ministries respondents since anonymous responses could not be distinguished.)

Outcome 4. They 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.

Of the 50 percent sampled, 100 percent met this measure.

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

Question not asked in 2006 survey. No respondents volunteered a response to this measure.