ASSESSMENT SUMMARY FORM FOR: B.A. IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES.

June, 2003

Chair: Terrence Tilley

Assessment committee (AC): J. Martin, V. Branick

Outcome 1. Students will be able to analyze in a historical and critical manner expressions of thought and belief in one major religious tradition.

Measure 1. Assessment committee will evaluate course papers, exams or other assignments collected in the portfolios of graduating seniors and will agree that 90% have achieved this outcome.

Measure 2. An exit interview with the department Chair will show that at least 80% will agree that this outcome has been achieved.

Research papers of all graduating seniors were examined and 10 out of 10 clearly demonstrated this outcome.

3 of 14 graduating seniors were interviewed. 100% of those interviewed agreed that this outcome had been achieved.

Outcome 2. Students will demonstrate a basic knowledge of at least two faith traditions. (Courses focused on non-Catholic traditions include: 300, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 345, 369, 429.)

Measure 1. Examination of students’ records and course syllabi will confirm that at least 75% will have met the requirement and, of these, 90% will have achieved a grade of C or higher.

Measure 2. At exit interview with Chair at least 80% will express agreement that the outcome has been achieved.

Outcome 3. Students will be able to describe ways in which their study of religion has contributed to their personal psychological, spiritual, intellectual and moral development. [Graduating Seniors are to be notified that self-assessment questions will be placed online prior to Thanksgiving and Spring breaks.]
Measure 1. The office will request and collect written self-assessments which will be reviewed by the assessment committee and 90% will agree that this outcome has been achieved.

Measure 2. In exit interview with Chair 90% will agree that this outcome has been met.

Outcome 4. Students will have adequate academic preparation to teach religion in a primary school or local church program.

Measure 1. Every third year a questionnaire will be sent to schools and churches that have hired our graduates. Findings will confirm that at least 90% of the responses will affirm that our graduates were satisfactorily prepared.

Measure 2. A review of transcripts will verify that all graduates have taken at least one each of four departmental sub-areas (i.e. biblical studies, historical theology, systematic theology, and Christian ethics/religion and culture.

Outcome 5. Students will be qualified to enter a Master’s level program in Religious Studies or Theology if they so choose.

Measure 1. At least 80% of those who apply for such programs will be accepted.

Measure 2. Every third year a questionnaires will be sent to students who are engaged in or have completed Master level programs. Findings will verify that at least 80% agree that they were satisfactorily prepared for those programs.

Outcome 6. Students will have a minimum of 10 hours of service experience and will be able to describe the relationship between their service and their religious understanding.

Measure 1. Office will request and collect a written self-assessment. 90% will be able to satisfactorily complete this task.

Measure 2. Exit interview with Chair will confirm that students gave evidence of achieving this outcome.
All the students interviewed were able to articulate the connections in a satisfactory way.