

## Historical Studies Goals Draft 2

Historical studies aim to help students gain a broad perspective on the various, often radically different, expressions of Christianity from its early beginnings to the present and to encourage students to gain an understanding of and appreciation for other major contemporary religions.

Students completing coursework in the division should be able to:

1. critique contemporary Christian thought and practice by examining historical contexts and tracing storylines,
2. articulate a substantive understanding of the theology, polity, and ecclesiology of their own denominations in order to personally appropriate and publicly interpret that denomination's features and values,
3. explore the general concepts of ecumenical and interfaith engagements through historical developments, theological understandings, and cooperative activities.

### Division-Goals Mapping:

Courses that meet goal # 1:

HS 502 History of Christianity I  
HS 504 History of Christianity II

Courses that meet goal # 2:

HS 518 Christianity in the U.S.  
Denominational courses in history, polity, theology

Elective courses that address goal # 3 simultaneously meet this goal and fulfill requirements in Cross Cultural studies:

HS 520 Contemporary World Religions  
HS 549 Seminar in Ecumenical Studies  
HS 550 Christian Theology of World Religions

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