

**Point Loma Nazarene University
General Education Assessment Data
School of Theology and Christian Ministry
Spring 2015**

Learning Outcome:

General Education LO 3a: Engage in actions that reflect Christian discipleship in a context of communal service and collective responsibility,

Outcome Measure:

Measures of religiosity as established by the Duke University Religion Index. (DUREL)

Criteria for Success (if applicable):

Sixty per cent of students in BIB 101, BIB 102, CHU 395 and THE 306 will meet or exceed the measures of religiosity as indicated in the rubric (below).

Longitudinal Data:

The following percentages were recorded for the four SoTCM courses used for measurement (N in parens):

	<u>BIB 101</u>	<u>BIB 102</u>	<u>CHU 395</u>	<u>THE 306</u>
Q1	88% (192)	87% (231)	75% (117)	74% (74)
Q2	75% (166)	69% (185)	60% (96)	70% (70)
Composite	66% (142)	61% (169)	55% (86)	55% (55)

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

The minimum criteria for success was met or exceeded in the two extrinsic measures of religiosity (Q1 and Q2) for all courses. The minimum criteria for success was exceeded in the intrinsic measure of religiosity (Composite) for the two lower division courses (BIB 101 and BIB 102) but not for the two upper division courses (CHU 395 and THE 306).

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

No changes are recommended for the BIB 101 or BIB 102 courses. Additional attention to the intrinsic dimensions of faith is recommended for CHU 395 and THE 306 courses.

Rubric Used

Questionnaire responses were scored as meeting the minimum criteria for success as follows:

- 1) "More than once a week", "Once a week", or "A few times a month" in answer to the question, "How often do you attend church or other religious meetings?"
- 2) "More than once a week", "Daily" or "Two or more times/week" in answer to the question, "How often do you spend time in private religious activities, such as prayer, meditation or Bible study?"
- 3) A composite score score of 6 or less (response of 1=Definitely true; 2=Tends to be true; 3=Unsure; 4=Tends not to be true; and 5=Definitely not true) to the statements,
 - a. "In my life, I experience the presence of the Divine(i.e., God)"
 - b. "My religious beliefs are what really lie behind my whole approach to life".
 - c. "I try to carry my religion over into all other dealings in life."

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STUDENT RESPONSES (Form 1 of 2):

Overall Total

BIB101: Declared SoTCM Major: 6

Denominations: 23 Nazarene; 92 Non-denominational; 3 Evangelical Free; 28 Catholic; 10 Baptist; 9 Presbyterian; 4 Methodist; 3 Lutheran; 4 Pentecostal; 19 Unstated or no/or anti- denomination affiliation.

<i>Rated 1 (strong "No") to 5 (strong "Yes"):</i>		1	2	3	4	5
1	Was the course material presented in a clear and cohesive manner?		1 (.5%)	23 (11%)	61 (29%)	129 (60%)
2	Was the course material presented in a way that was engaging for you as a student?	2 (.9%)	6 (3%)	43 (20%)	70 (33%)	89 (42%)
3	I found the course academically challenging.	2 (.9%)	22 (10%)	67 (31%)	94 (44%)	30 (14%)
4	Did this class increase your understanding of the Christian tradition?		4 (2%)	19 (8%)	72 (32%)	132 (58%)
Do you consider yourself a Christian? Yes? <u>200 (92%)</u> No? <u>8 (4%)</u> Unsure? <u>9 (4%)</u> If NO, please skip to question #10. If YES or Unsure, please continue with question #5.						
<i>Rated 1 (Unimportant) to 5 (Very Important):</i>						
5	How important would you say that your faith was to you when you entered the class?	1 (.5%)	9 (4%)	29 (14%)	56 (30%)	116 (50%)
<i>Rated 1 (No Impact) to 5 (Strong Impact):</i>						
6	Did this class have a positive impact on your faith as a Christian?	4 (2%)	6 (3%)	21 (10%)	83 (39%)	96 (45%)
7	Did your interaction with the professor have a positive impact on your faith as a Christian?	3 (1%)	5 (2%)	27 (13%)	73 (35%)	100 (50%)
8	Did this class have a positive impact on your participation in Christian practices such as worship, prayer, Bible study, sharing your faith, and service to others?	3 (2%)	17 (8%)	41 (20%)	77 (38%)	67 (33%)
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9	Do you expect as a result of taking this class that there will be an impact in the future on your participation in Christian practices such as worship, prayer, Bible study, sharing your faith, and service to others?	9 (4%)	15 (7%)	41 (20%)	74 (40%)	65 (31%)

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		<i>Rated 1 (Terrible class) to 5 (Great class):</i>				
10	What is your overall assessment of this course?	2 (1%)	5 (2%)	19 (9%)	56 (30%)	132 (60%)

Individual written responses for last two questions:

11	In a few words, how would you describe the impact of this class on your understanding, practice and/or experience of Christianity has both a historic and living faith?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthened my faith 2. I was always intimidated by the Old Testament, but this course presented it in a clear and easy to understand way. 3. Easier to remain faithful when you understand the history of your religion. 4. It encouraged me to read the Old Testament more and taught me how to understand its teachings. 5. This class helped impress upon me the truth that events retold in the bible were real and happened to real people and I am part of that legacy. It's largely helped me understand more of who God is. 6. Analyzing the bible in this manner helps me understand the reading at church at a much deeper level. 7. I learned lots of deeper meaning behind many stories I already knew. 				
12	What suggestion do you have for improvements in the class?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than just lecture 2. More visuals with lectures 3. More methods of teaching outside just lectures 4. Maybe some videos and more interaction. 5. Study guides 6. More class activities 7. Lecture handouts for easier following along. 8. More assignments to keep students on track and more bearable class reading. 				

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STUDENT RESPONSES (Form 1 of 2):

Overall Total

BIB102: Declared SoTCM Major: 5

Denominations: 26 Nazarene; **116** Non-denominational; 9 Evangelical Free; 27 Catholic; 10 Baptist; 8 Presbyterian; 2 Methodist; 7 Lutheran; 2 Pentecostal; 29 Unstated.

<i>Rated 1 (strong "No") to 5 (strong "Yes"):</i>		1	2	3	4	5
1	Was the course material presented in a clear and cohesive manner?	3 (1%)	15 (6%)	37 (14%)	97 (35%)	120 (44%)
2	Was the course material presented in a way that was engaging for you as a student?	6 (2%)	12 (5%)	60 (23%)	81 (31%)	100 (39%)
3	I found the course academically challenging.	3 (1%)	12 (5%)	56 (21%)	120 (45%)	76 (30%)
4	Did this class increase your understanding of the Christian tradition?	3 (1%)	10 (4%)	32 (13%)	85 (38%)	122 (48%)
Do you consider yourself a Christian? Yes? <u>245 (90%)</u> No? <u>7 (3%)</u> Unsure? <u>18 (7%)</u> <i>If NO, please skip to question #10. If YES or Unsure, please continue with question #5.</i>						
<i>Rated 1 (Unimportant) to 5 (Very Important):</i>						
5	How important would you say that your faith was to you when you entered the class?	2 (.7%)	10 (4%)	48 (17%)	86 (31%)	129 (47%)
<i>Rated 1 (No Impact) to 5 (Strong Impact):</i>						
6	Did this class have a positive impact on your faith as a Christian?	10 (4%)	11 (4%)	47 (18%)	87 (33%)	106 (41%)
7	Did your interaction with the professor have a positive impact on your faith as a Christian?	14 (5%)	19 (7%)	43 (16%)	80 (30%)	106 (40%)
8	Did this class have a positive impact on your participation in Christian practices such as worship, prayer, Bible study, sharing your faith, and service to others?	26 (10%)	27 (10%)	60 (23%)	75 (29%)	71 (27%)

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9	Do you expect as a result of taking this class that there will be an impact in the future on your participation in Christian practices such as worship, prayer, Bible study, sharing your faith, and service to others?	23 (9%)	25 (10%)	49 (19%)	87 (33%)	74 (28%)
<i>Rated 1 (Terrible class) to 5 (Great class):</i>						

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10	What is your overall assessment of this course?	5 (2%)	13 (5%)	39 (15%)	83 (31%)	126 (47%)
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Individual written responses for last two questions:

11	In a few words, how would you describe the impact of this class on your understanding, practice and/or experience of Christianity has both a historic and living faith?					
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It allowed me to view the bible and it's revelation through a new lens by providing context. 2. I learned there is so much more to be unpacked from the bible then what is seen at face value. 3. Studying the bible is not just content, but context, purpose, and meaning. 4. It makes it more real; I'm able to approach faith with both a historical and a theological perspective. 5. It helped me to acknowledge my faith on a daily basis. 6. I am now able to understand different bible verses and connect, and how to analyze them. 7. For the first time I have finished the Whole New Testament. If not for this class, I don't know if I ever would have read it. 8. I now have some background knowledge to have conversations with other non-Christian believers. 9. It helped Jesus come alive for me and the knowledge of the scriptures very cool. 10. I see now the complexity of it all. 11. This course taught me how to dig deeper in my understanding of the bible to understand the fullness of it's meaning, rather than reading it shallowly. 12. Helped me form meaning behind the history. 13. I liked how there are connections between the OT and the NT 14. More comfortable talking to others about the scriptures 					
12	What suggestion do you have for improvements in the class?					
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study guides would be very helpful 2. Engaging with the professor and classmates through discussion would help keep engament 3. More interactivity and less lecture. 4. More visuals and technological resources. 5. More homework for more possible points. 6. More concrete and clearer lecture. 7. Avoid tangents because it waist time that has no benefit to the class. 8. Fewer papers and separate books and more bible. 9. No hybrids. 10. Handouts/outlines to help flow/main points of the course. 11. Not so detailed quizzes 					

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BIB 101

Question #1: How often do you attend church or other religious meetings?	# of responses	Percentage%
1) More than once/wk.	83	38%
2) Once a week	61	28%
3) A few times a month	48	22%
4) A few times a year	15	7%
5) Once a year or less	4	2%
6) Never	9	4%
Average:	2.2	

Question #2: How often do you spend time in private religious activities, such as prayer, meditation or Bible study?	# of responses	Percentage%
1) More than once a day	31	14%
2) Daily	79	36%
3) Two or more times/week	56	25%
4) Once a week	14	6%
5) A few times a month	17	8%
6) Rarely or never	24	11%
Average:	2.9	

The following section contains 3 statements about religious beliefs or experience. Please mark the extent to which each statement is true or not true for you

- 1) *Definitely true of me*
- 2) *Tends to be true*
- 3) *Unsure*
- 4) *Tends not to be true*
- 5) *Definitely not true*

Statement #1: In my life, I experience the presence of the Divine (i.e., God)

Statement #2: My religious beliefs are what really lie behind my whole approach to life.

Statement #3: I try hard to carry my religion over into all other dealings in life.

Total of possible responses	Number of students total responses for statements 3, 4, 5	Percentage%
3	69	32%
4	43	20%
5	30	14%
6	24	11%
7	14	6%
8	12	5%
9	11	5%
10	4	2%
11	2	1%
12	2	1%
13	2	1%
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15	3	1%
Average:	5.2	

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Overall Total

BIB 102

Question #1: How often do you attend church or other religious meetings?	# of responses	Percentage%
1) More than once/wk.	107	40%
2) Once a week	82	31%
3) A few times a month	42	16%
4) A few times a year	24	9%
5) Once a year or less	6	2%
6) Never	4	2%
Average:	2.1	

Question #2: How often do you spend time in private religious activities, such as prayer, meditation or Bible study?	# of responses	Percentage%
1) More than once a day	43	16%
2) Daily	70	26%
3) Two or more times/week	72	27%
4) Once a week	24	9%
5) A few times a month	36	14%
6) Rarely or never	20	8%
Average:	3.0	

The following section contains 3 statements about religious beliefs or experience. Please mark the extent to which each statement is true or not true for you

- 1) *Definitely true of me*
- 2) *Tends to be true*
- 3) *Unsure*
- 4) *Tends not to be true*
- 5) *Definitely not true*

Statement #1: In my life, I experience the presence of the Divine (i.e., God)

Statement #2: My religious beliefs are what really lie behind my whole approach to life.

Statement #3: I try hard to carry my religion over into all other dealings in life.

Total of possible responses	Number of students total responses for statements 3, 4, 5	Percentage%
3	77	28%
4	56	20%
5	36	13%
6	38	14%
7	20	7%
8	11	4%
9	13	5%
10	10	4%
11	4	1%
12	3	1%
13	3	1%
14	2	1%
15	3	1%
Average:	5.4	

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STUDENT RESPONSES (Form 1 of 2):

Overall Total

CHU395: Declared SoTCM Major: 2

Denominations: 25 Nazarene; 68 Non-denominational; 9 Catholic; 7 Baptist; 3 Presbyterian; 2 Methodist; 2 Lutheran;
22 Unstated.

<i>Rated 1 (strong "No") to 5 (strong "Yes"):</i>		1	2	3	4	5
1	Was the course material presented in a clear and cohesive manner?	4 (3%)	21 (14%)	34 (22%)	58 (38%)	36 (24%)
2	Was the course material presented in a way that was engaging for you as a student?	5 (3%)	17 (11%)	45 (30%)	43 (28%)	42 (27%)
3	I found the course academically challenging.	5 (3%)	14 (9%)	36 (23%)	56 (37%)	42 (27%)
4	Did this class increase your understanding of the Christian tradition?	4 (3%)	11 (7%)	21 (14%)	49 (32%)	66 (44%)
Do you consider yourself a Christian? Yes? <u>135 (87%)</u> No? <u>8 (5%)</u> Unsure? <u>11(7%)</u> <i>If NO, please skip to question #10. If YES or Unsure, please continue with question #5.</i>						
<i>Rated 1 (Unimportant) to 5 (Very Important):</i>						
5	How important would you say that your faith was to you when you entered the class?	4 (3%)	11 (8%)	19 (13%)	40 (28%)	71 (49%)
<i>Rated 1 (No Impact) to 5 (Strong Impact):</i>						
6	Did this class have a positive impact on your faith as a Christian?	8 (6%)	17 (12%)	33 (23%)	55 (39%)	29 (20%)
7	Did your interaction with the professor have a positive impact on your faith as a Christian?	4 (3%)	8 (6%)	33 (23%)	56 (39%)	43 (30%)
8	Did this class have a positive impact on your participation in Christian practices such as worship, prayer, Bible study, sharing your faith, and service to others?	12 (8%)	23 (16%)	48 (34%)	38 (27%)	22 (15%)

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9	Do you expect as a result of taking this class that there will be an impact in the future on your participation in Christian practices such as worship, prayer, Bible study, sharing your faith, and service to others?	16 (11%)	23 (16%)	44 (30%)	36 (25%)	26 (18%)
<i>Rated 1 (Terrible class) to 5 (Great class):</i>						

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10	What is your overall assessment of this course?	1 (.6%)	17 (11%)	40 (27%)	49 (33%)	42 (28%)
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Individual written responses for last two questions:

11	In a few words, how would you describe the impact of this class on your understanding, practice and/or experience of Christianity has both a historic and living faith?					
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It caused me to leave me comfort zone and try new things. 2. I knew that I believed in God and His word, but now I know why, and the history behind denomination. 3. This class has provided me with insight into where the foundations of my faith came from. 4. I am able to see how Christianity was founded and the debate people went through to make it right. 5. Has helped me understand how different denominations differentiate in a variety of ways and why they believe what they believe. 6. This class has opened my mind to the Christian ideas and traditions. I feel like it's easy to just believe what you hear growing up-especially in the church. This class helped me broaden my knowledge and view of Christian beliefs, challenged my ideas of my faith. 7. It has shown me how detrimental the fragmentation of the Christendom has had on society and why the Western world is one of subjectivity and "tolerance". 					
12	What suggestion do you have for improvements in the class?					
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More engagement and class involvement. 2. Have a paper that contains the outline for the topic we will review in class. It was hard to track what was going on when the prof was writing on the board. 3. Needs better organized lectures, power points would be helpful too. 4. Definitely do quizzes to keep us accountable. 5. Don't get so sidetracked. 6. Cut at least half the essays! 7. Less outside work, the reading is very challenging. 8. More manageable course load, all reading/paper are difficult. 					

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CHE 359

Question #1: How often do you attend church or other religious meetings?	# of responses	Percentage%
1) More than once/wk.	39	25%
2) Once a week	42	27%
3) A few times a month	36	23%
4) A few times a year	28	18%
5) Once a year or less	6	4%
6) Never	7	4%
Average:	2.6	

Question #2: How often do you spend time in private religious activities, such as prayer, meditation or Bible study?	# of responses	Percentage%
1) More than once a wk.	15	9%
2) Daily	36	23%
3) Two or more times/week	45	28%
4) Once a week	11	7%
5) A few times a month	15	9%
6) Rarely or never	36	23%
Average:	3.5	

The following section contains 3 statements about religious beliefs or experience. Please mark the extent to which each statement is true or not true for you

- 1) *Definitely true of me*
- 2) *Tends to be true*
- 3) *Unsure*
- 4) *Tends not to be true*
- 5) *Definitely not true*

Statement #1: In my life, I experience the presence of the Divine (i.e., God)

Statement #2: My religious beliefs are what really lie behind my whole approach to life.

Statement #3: I try hard to carry my religion over into all other dealings in life.

Total of possible responses	Number of students total responses for statements 3, 4, 5	Percentage%
3	39	25%
4	27	17%
5	20	13%
6	15	9%
7	10	6%
8	11	7%
9	12	8%
10	8	5%
11	4	2%
12	1	.6%
13	4	2%
14	2	1%
15	5	3%
Average:	6.2	

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STUDENT RESPONSES (Form 1 of 2):

Overall Total

THE 306: Declared SoTCM Major: 1

Denominations: 15 Nazarene; 49 Non-denominational; 10 Catholic; 4 Baptist; 2 Presbyterian; 15 Unstated.

		<i>Rated 1 (strong "No") to 5 (strong "Yes"):</i>				
		1	2	3	4	5
1	Was the course material presented in a clear and cohesive manner?			7 (7%)	40 (41%)	50 (52%)
2	Was the course material presented in a way that was engaging for you as a student?		4 (4%)	14 (14%)	44 (45%)	36 (37%)
3	I found the course academically challenging.	1 (1%)	22 (23%)	43 (45%)	24 (25%)	7 (7%)
4	Did this class increase your understanding of the Christian tradition?		1 (1%)	8 (8%)	35 (36%)	54 (55%)
Do you consider yourself a Christian? Yes? 88 (91%) No? 1 (1%) Unsure? 7 (7%) If NO, please skip to question #10. If YES or Unsure, please continue with question #5.						
<i>Rated 1 (Unimportant) to 5 (Very Important):</i>						
5	How important would you say that your faith was to you when you entered the class?		5 (5%)	17 (18%)	28 (29%)	46 (48%)
<i>Rated 1 (No Impact) to 5 (Strong Impact):</i>						
6	Did this class have a positive impact on your faith as a Christian?		2 (2%)	11 (11%)	46 (47%)	38 (39%)
7	Did your interaction with the professor have a positive impact on your faith as a Christian?	1 (1%)	2 (3%)	11 (14%)	42 (55%)	21 (27%)
8	Did this class have a positive impact on your participation in Christian practices such as worship, prayer, Bible study, sharing your faith, and service to others?	2 (2%)	3 (3%)	15 (16%)	43 (45%)	32 (34%)

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9	Do you expect as a result of taking this class that there will be an impact in the future on your participation in Christian practices such as worship, prayer, Bible study, sharing your faith, and service to others?		2 (2%)	19 (20%)	45 (46%)	31 (32%)
<i>Rated 1 (Terrible class) to 5 (Great class):</i>						
10	What is your overall assessment of this course?		1	9	36	52

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			(1%)	(9%)	(37%)	(53%)
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Individual written responses for last two questions:

11	In a few words, how would you describe the impact of this class on your understanding, practice and/or experience of Christianity has both a historic and living faith?
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I have a stronger understanding of how to live a life of faith. 2. I love learning the disciplines and thinking about applications to our own lives. 3. I learned a lot and realized the importance of placing discipline in my life and keep me on track accountable with Christ. 4. Encouraged me to stop my busy life once and a while I just listen/appreciate. 5. It helped me understand some basic theological background and its importance to us today. 6. Got me to try more in ministry. 7. This class has revealed the original intent of God and helped us decipher a lot of the human influence.
12	What suggestion do you have for improvements in the class?
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liked having guest speakers 2. Would like to do more work with local community/ learn about cultural implications of faith. 3. Using the books more in class. 4. More projects. 5. More involvement with group based activities. 6. Fewer lectures and more activity.

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THE 306

Question #1: How often do you attend church or other religious meetings?	# of responses	Percentage%
1) More than once/wk.	22	22%
2) Once a week	32	32%
3) A few times a month	20	20%
4) A few times a year	14	14%
5) Once a year or less	6	6%
6) Never	6	6%
Average:	3.0	

Question #2: How often do you spend time in private religious activities, such as prayer, meditation or Bible study?	# of responses	Percentage%
1) More than once a day	13	13%
2) Daily	28	28%
3) Two or more times/week	29	29%
4) Once a week	6	6%
5) A few times a month	11	11%
6) Rarely or never	13	13%
Average:	3.1	

The following section contains 3 statements about religious beliefs or experience. Please mark the extent to which each statement is true or not true for you

- 1) *Definitely true of me*
- 2) *Tends to be true*
- 3) *Unsure*
- 4) *Tends not to be true*
- 5) *Definitely not true*

Statement #1: In my life, I experience the presence of the Divine (i.e., God)

Statement #2: My religious beliefs are what really lie behind my whole approach to life.

Statement #3: I try hard to carry my religion over into all other dealings in life.

Total of possible responses	Number of students total responses for statements 3, 4, 5	Percentage%
3	27	27%
4	11	11%
5	17	17%
6	24	24%
7	9	9%
8	5	5%
9	3	3%
10		
11	1	1%
12		
13	1	1%
14	1	1%
15	1	1%
Average:	5.4	