

# Religion and Psychological Studies

## Description:

The concentration in Religion and Psychological Studies (RPS) has two emphases: (a) Religion and Behavioral Sciences and (b) Pastoral Theology and Care.

The **Religion and Behavioral Sciences track** is designed to help persons explore the relationship of behavioral sciences, personality theory, and religion. Students in this track will be prepared to do research and teach in the fields of religion and personality and psychology of religion. Graduates from this track would, therefore, be in a position to teach at the college, university, or seminary level in the general field of psychology of religion. Successful degree candidates will be conversant with other disciplines and methods of inquiry in religious studies.

The **Pastoral Theology and Care track** is designed to train persons critically and constructively to relate theological and psychological resources to spiritual/pastoral care, clinical work, teaching, and research in the field of pastoral theology and care. The stipulations of this track are consistent with the membership requirements of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. This track is not designed to prepare persons to meet the requirements for licensing as clinical psychologists, though many of the courses have been used as a partial basis for licensure in the State of Colorado as a Professional Counselor.

## Requirements:

At least 2 Colloquia in Religion and Psychological Studies are required.

**THEO 6200:** Colloquium in Religion & Psychological Studies