It entails a reflection on the meaning of human existence, on people as naturally religious beings and on the importance of religion in human life and culture. It seeks to encourage understanding of the possible relation between faith and reason, to provide basic knowledge of the comparative history of religions, to value the importance of religious freedom and tolerance and, in particular, to present the sources of biblical faith and the foundations of Christian doctrine.

SKILLS

Basic Skills
Students must have demonstrated knowledge and understanding in an area of study that is founded on general secondary education. Moreover, the area of study is typically at a level that includes certain aspects implying knowledge at the forefront of its field of study, albeit supported by advanced textbooks.

Students must be able to apply their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional manner and possess skills that can typically be demonstrated by coming up with and sustaining arguments and solving problems within their field of study.

Students must have the ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually within their field of study) in order to make judgments that include reflections on pertinent social, scientific or ethical issues.

Students must be able to convey information, ideas, problems and solutions to both an expert and non-expert audience.

Students must have developed the learning skills needed to undertake further study with a high degree of independence.

**General Skills**

To nurture an attitude of intellectual curiosity and a quest for truth in all areas of life and to foster interpersonal and intercultural communication, adopting an attitude of dialogue, respect and personal and social commitment to oneself and others, interpreting any information presented or reality occurring, and subsequently comparing it with one's own concept of truth and the meaning of existence.

**Specific skills**

An ability to understand the essential dimensions of human beings as well as practical engagement with said dimensions in an attitude of constructive dialogue with regard to the truth.

**DISTRIBUTION OF WORK TIME**

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