**Executive Summary of Program Assessment**

**Campus: MU**

**College/School:** Arts & Science

**Academic Unit:** Department of Religious Studies

**Date Submitted:** November 16, 2016

**Person Responsible for Success of Program:** Richard (“Chip) Callahan, Chair, Department of Religious Studies

**Person Submitted Executive Summary:**

Matthew Martens

Faculty Fellow for Academic Programs

**Degree Programs**

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| **Degree (e.g., BS, MA, PhD)** | **Degree Program** | **Enrollment** | | **Number of Degrees Awarded** | |
| **Most Recent Fall Semester**  **(**2014**)** | **5-Year Fall Semester Average** | **Most Recent Academic Year**  **(2013)** | **5-Year Average** |
| BA | Religious Studies | 23 | 26 | 16 | 13 |
| MA | Religious Studies | 9 | 14 | 4 | 4 |

**Changes Since Last Review**

* Faculty turnover; hiring of new assistant professors
* Decline in MA program enrollment
* Several teaching awards won by department faculty

**Strategies or Plans for Improving Program**

* Creating a development board
* Considering curriculum modifications that might be more appealing to students
* Enhanced advertising/marketing of the program/majors