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**Department of Religion. Collection of the Department of Religion,  
1955-Ongoing.**

**GACA Collection 382**

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**ABSTRACT:**

The Department of Religion collection contains department self-studies, course planning, and discussions about the program's requirements and major. Also included is data from surveys relating to religious education. Religion has been a part of the curriculum at Gustavus Adolphus College since the very beginning.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:**

The founder of Gustavus Adolphus College, Rev. Eric Norelius, was a pastor, and made Christian education a focus of his school. This emphasis continued through the decades with religion always being a core part of the Gustavus curriculum. Many early students went on to become pastors. For many years the department was named Christianity, but beginning in 1960 the name changed to Religion as the study of world religions increased.

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**SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Gustavus Adolphus College. Department of Religion.

Gustavus Adolphus College. Department of Christianity.

Gustavus Adolphus College. Department of Bible Study and Christian Education.

Gustavus Adolphus College. Department of Bible Study and Religious Education.

Gustavus Adolphus College. Department of Biblical Literature and Religious Education.

Gustavus Adolphus College. Department of Religious Instruction.

<b>GACA Collection 382</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
American Academy of Religion, Census of Religion and Theology Programs, Data Report, 2000	1	1
Bonnier Reading Room, Library for Jewish Studies, 2023	1	13
Clippings, 1950s-80s	1	8
Curriculum Planning, 1955-70 and undated	1	9
Department Strategic Plan, May 2009 (digital document)	Google	Drive
Endowed Chairs, 2002 and 2011	1	2
George Hall Dinner, 2015	1	7
History of the Religion Department, 1961 and 1978	1	10
National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) Results, 2006	1	1
Religion Blog, Spring 2019-24 (digital documents)	Google	Drive
Religion Major, 2008	1	3
Religion Requirement, 1987-89	1	3
Self-Study, 1991	1	4
Self-Study, 1996	1	5
Self-Study, 2014 (digital documents)	Google	Drive
Six Course Planning Schedules, 2006	1	6
Syllabi and Tests, 1957 and undated	1	11
Tuesday Conversations: Religion and Culture, 1992	1	12