# MAR Program Goals with SLOs Integrated

Louisville Seminary intends that students in this program achieve deeper theological and biblical understanding through a broad foundational course of study in the areas of Bible, History, Theology, Ethics, and Religion. This means that students will

*SLO1: be able to interpret Scripture critically and imaginatively*

*SLO2: demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the global history of the Church*

*SLO3: demonstrate the ability to think imaginatively and contextually about theological and ethical issues.*

The Seminary also intends that students in this program:

(1) develop advanced biblical and theological understanding through elective credits for a concentration in the Bible or Religious Thought

(2) Are better prepared for graduate study by becoming competent in conducting independent research through the completion of a culminating project, usually a thesis, and, in certain extraordinary cases, a comprehensive examination

   *SLO4: Students will be able to conduct independent critical research and write clearly and convincingly on a topic of biblical, theological, historical, or ethical concern.*

(3) Acquire basic skills and knowledge to grow spiritually and explore vocationally the uses of their degree for their life and work in the church and in the world.

**QEP SLO:**

Students can describe strategies, grounded in their practice, for working toward racial justice appropriate to their particular vocational settings. Students can demonstrate competence with this Student Learning Outcome (SLO) in many ways including, but not limited to, the following:

- Defining and using key terms in ways informed by an understanding of systemic racism
- Identifying racism in its many manifestations (structural, personal, communal, etc.)
- Critical reflection on the history and current contexts regarding race, racism, and antiracism
- Critical reflection on racist and antiracist practices and theologies
- Developing and implementing antiracist policies, practices, and theologies

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