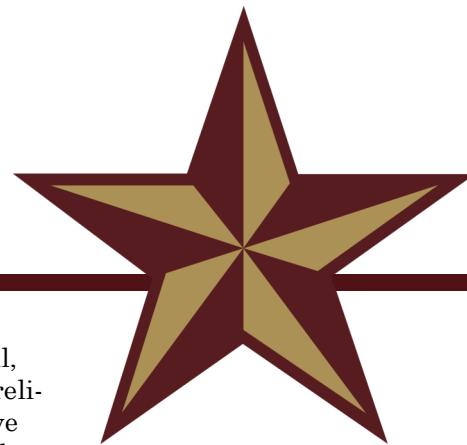


Religious Studies

What can I do with this degree?



Religious Studies is an inter-disciplinary field that uses historical, cultural, social, scientific and philosophical approaches to study religion. Religious Studies attempts to understand how religions have come about, what they are made of, what their members do, and how they affect culture and society.

Skills

- Critical Thinking Skills
- Research/Analysis
- Cross-Cultural
- Communication Skills
- Perspective Taking
- Observation Skills
- Sensitivity to other Cultures
- Understanding of Human Culture and Behavior
- Writing Skills
- Comparative Skills
- Creativity
- Critical Examination of Text
- Listening Skills

Areas Of Specialization

Bachelors

- Religious Studies
- Values Studies

Masters

- Divinity
- Counseling
- Theology and Religious Studies

Doctorate

- Modern Religion
- Thought
- Jewish Studies
- Buddhist Studies
- Islamic Studies
- Christian Studies

Career Paths

(Some of the occupations outlined in this brochure may require additional education or training)

Churches or Religious Organizations

Sample Job Titles

- Chaplain
- Clergy
- Youth Advocacy
- Administration
- Religious Life Programmer
- Religious Activities Programmer
- Youth Minister
- Musician
- Campus Ministry Leader
- Church and Community Development
- Church Administrator
- Attorney
- Parish or Congregational Work
- Writer
- Sales
- Professor
- Child Caretaker
- Missionary
- Public Relations

Possible Work Settings

- Local Churches
- Religious Bookstores
- Seminaries
- Religious Institutions
- Religiously Affiliated Schools
- Interdenominational Organizations
- Non-Profit Organization
- Hospitals

Secular Institutions

Sample Job Titles

- Professor
- Peace Corps Member
- Human Resources
- Social Worker
- Program Administrator or Director
- Youth Advocacy
- Counselor
- Teacher
- Case Worker
- Child Caretaker
- Writer
- Public Relations
- Attorney
- International Relations
- Camp Administrator
- Sales

Possible Work Settings

- Nursing Homes
- Hospice
- Community Centers
- Public Schools
- Universities
- Hospitals
- Non-Profit Organizations

Resources

Texas State University-Student Organizations

Phi Sigma Tau Honor Society- Delta Chapter (National Honor Society for Philosophy)

Professional Organizations

American Academy of Religion,

<http://www.aarweb.org/>

Association for the Sociology of Religion,

<http://www.sociologyofreligion.com>

International Association for the History of Religions,

<http://www.iahr.dk>

North American Association for the Study of Religion,

<http://www.as.ua.edu/naasr/>

Religious Research Association,

<http://rra.hartsem.edu/>

Society for the Anthropology of Religion,

<http://las.alfred.edu/~soc/SSSR/>

Society of Biblical Literature,

<http://www.sbl-site.org/>

The Council of Societies for the Study of Religion,

<http://cohesion.rice.edu/CentersAndInst/CSSR/>

publications.cfm

Job Search

About.com: Religious and Ministry Jobs,

<http://jobsearch.about.com/od/religiousjobs/>

Religious_and_Ministry_Jobs.htm Christian Jobs,

<http://www.christianjobs.com/job-listings/category/church-ministry/>

Chronicle of Higher Education,

<http://chronicle.com/section/Jobs/61/>

Church Jobs,

<http://www.churchjobs.net/>

Church Staffing,

<http://www.churchstaffing.com/>

Idealist.org,

www.Idealist.org

Interfaith Alliance,

<http://interfaithalliance.org/about/jobs-and-internships/intern-opportunities>

Ministry Search,

<http://www.ministrysearch.com/>

Youth Specialties,

<http://www.youthspecialties.com/jobbank/jobs/openings/>

Additional Resources

Occupational Outlook Handbook,

<http://www.bls.gov/OCO>

Career Library Resources

150 Best Jobs for a Better World by the editors at JIST and Laurence Shatkin

Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors

by Blythe Camenson

Top Careers for Liberal Arts Graduates by Ferguson

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