Religious Studies
What can I do with this degree?

Religious Studies is an interdisciplinary 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 of 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
International Association for the History of Religions, http://www.jahr.dk
Society for the Anthropology of Religion, http://las.alfred.edu/~soc/SSSR/

Job Search
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

Additional Resources

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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