

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

CAREER INFORMATION FOR MAJOR IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

This handout provides sources of career information for **Religious Studies** Majors. There are different career options available in the field of **Religious Studies**. Below is a sample of some of the types of positions for graduates with major in **Religious Studies**. Please note that you might require further education and experience for some positions.

SKILLS DEVELOPED BY RELIGIOUS STUDIES STUDENTS

- Community Outreach
- Analyzing scripture and other literature
- Communication oral and writing
- Research
- Empathy
- Objectivity
- Decision Making
- Team Building
- Conflict Resolution
- Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Organization skills

CAREERS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

- Ministry/parish work
- Social work/service
- Diplomacy
- Consultancy work
- Relief Services
- Education/ teaching
- Journalism
- Public relations
- Community development
- Law
- Post-graduate study
- Non-Profit work
- Youth work
- Church counseling

RELIGIOUS STUDIES ASSOCIATIONS

- World Council of Churches www.wccoe.org
- Society of Christian Philosophers www.siu.edu/~scp
- The Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy www.sacpweb.org
- North American Association for the Study of Religion <http://www.naasr.com/>
- The Canadian Society of Biblical Studies <http://www.ccsr.ca/csbs/>
- Canadian Society of Church History <http://churchhistcan.wordpress.com/>
- The Society of Biblical Literature www.sblsite.org/
- Association for the Sociology of Religion www.sociologyofreligion.com
- Religious Education Association www.religiouseducation.net
- Canadian Society for the Study of Religion <http://www.cssrscer.ca/>
- The Canadian Society of Patristic Studies <http://www.ccsr.ca/csps/>
- American Academy of Religion www.aarweb.org/

WHO HIRES RELIGIOUS STUDIES GRADUATES

- Religious institutions
- Government
- Non-profit organizations
- Libraries
- Correctional institutions
- Corporate businesses
- Museums
- Media
- Foreign Services
- Teaching institutions

OTHER RESOURCES FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES STUDENTS

- Career Cruising www.careercruising.com
- Human Resources and Skills Development Canada <http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/>
- Scholarly Societies Project, http://www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/society/religion_soc.html
- Scholarly Organizations, <http://www.religiousworlds.com/societies.htm>
- The Society of Christian Ethics <http://www.scethics.org/>
- American Society of Missiology <http://www.asmweb.org/content/home>
- Religious Studies Journals http://www.dmoz.org/Society/Religion_and_Spirituality/Religious_Studies/Journals/
- Career Cruising www.careercruising.com
- Volunteer Abroad <http://www.volunteerabroad.ca/>
- The Working in Canada www.workingincanada.gc.ca
- Action Without Borders www.idealists.org
- Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion <http://www.ccsr.ca/>
- Canadian Philosophical Association www.acpcpa.ca
- The Zen Studies Society <http://www.zenstudies.org/>
- American Bible Society <http://www.americanbible.org/>
- StFX Religious Studies Program http://www.stfx.ca/faculties/arts/religious_studies
- Volunteer Abroad <http://www.volunteerabroad.ca/>

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