

## Religious Studies

### Transferable Skills

A liberal arts degree in general, reflects a comprehensive education emphasizing analytical skills, critical thinking and communication skills; abilities in high demand for all employers. Concentrating your studies in a major allows you to also gain specific transferable skills of interest to particular employers and industries. Graduates with a major in Religious Studies are attractive to employers due to their abilities in the following areas:

- Ability to appreciate others' perspectives
- Ability to appreciate cultural difference
- Ability to observe and analyze introspectively
- Ability to think logically and critically and make analogies
- Ability to evaluate personal problems and make appropriate decisions
- Ability to formulate and defend positions
- Ability to practice/concentrate for long periods of time
- Ability to listen critically
- Ability to make critical observations and evaluations
- Ability to understand ideas and values
- Ability to understand the role that religion has on societies
- Background of general knowledge
- Critical tools and body of knowledge needed to evaluate and fully understand a situation
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Good listening, clarifying and responding skills
- Proficiency in interpersonal communication
- Sensitivity to and understanding of others

### Range of Example Positions held by Religious Studies Majors

Please note that some of these positions require an advanced degree. For more information and descriptions of these careers, visit [O\\*NET On-line](#).

- Advertising Executive
- Announcer
- Anthropologist
- Arbitrator
- Audiologist
- Buyer
- Chaplain
- College Administrator
- College Professor
- Commercial Banker
- Counselor
- Curator
- Customs Inspector
- Diplomacy
- Editor
- Employment Counselor
- Graphic Artist
- Guidance Counselor
- Health Care Administrator
- Human Resources Manager
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Librarian
- Market Researcher
- Mediator
- Minister
- Non-Profit Leadership
- Probation Officer
- Psychologist
- Public Relations Specialist
- Registered Nurse
- Social Worker
- Sociologist
- Special Education Instructor
- Teacher
- Technical Writer
- Urban Planner
- Writer/Editor

## **Professional Associations**

Professional associations or organizations can be a great way to meet, learn from and network with professionals in your field of interest. Inexpensive student memberships are often available. These are only a sampling of professional associations. Be sure to search for others that may be applicable or helpful.

- [The American Academy of Religion](#)
- [Society of Biblical Literature](#)
- [Association for Jewish Studies](#)
- [Association of Professional Chaplains](#)
- [American Society of Church Historians](#)
- [Health Ministries Association](#)
- [The Religion Newswriters Association](#)
- [American Academy of Religion](#)
- [American Catholic Philosophical Association](#)
- [American Society of Missiology](#)
- [Cantors Assembly](#)
- [Jewish Women's Archive](#)
- [Christian Educators Association](#)
- [Religious Research Association](#)
- [United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism](#)