

What can I do with my degree in RELIGIOUS STUDIES?

The information in this handout will provide you with ideas as to some typical careers/jobs that are associated with your degree, along with alternative careers that may not be as directly related to what you have studied. This by no means implies that these jobs are the only options you have. These careers are just samples of what you can do if you have the appropriate skills and experience.

I can look for work now. Depending on my interests and experience, possible job titles include:

<i>Education</i>	Academic Advisor #4143	Educator / Trainer #4131	Alumni Relations Officer
	Research Assistant / Researcher #4164/4165	International Student Advisor #4143	Historic Site Guide
<i>Communications</i>	Writer #5121/ Author / Columnist	Editor #5122	Reporter #5123 / Correspondent
	Journalist #5123	Broadcaster #5231	Publisher #0016
	Producer #5131	Web Developer/Producer	Fundraiser #4212
	Management Consultant #1122	Benefits Officer #1432	Market Researcher #4163
<i>Business</i>	Quality Control / Quality Assurance Specialist	Public Relations Consultant #5124	Entrepreneur / Venture Capitalist
	Recruiter #1223	Human Resources Specialist #1121	Financial Advisor
	Multicultural Consultant	Investment Advisor #1112	Salesperson
	Buyer	Copywriter #5121	Corporate Citizenship Officer
	Policy Analyst #4161	Technology Transfer Officer	Public Administrator #4121, #0411
<i>Other</i>	Community Relations Officer	Laboratory Assistant	Volunteer Coordinator
	Social Service Worker #4212	Cultural Center Coordinator	Missionary #4217
	Salvation Army Commissioned Officer #4154	Native Affairs Officer #4164	International Development Agent
	Humanitarian Relief Worker	Group Home Worker #4212	Nursing Home Activities Coordinator
	Community Activist	Foreign Service Officer #4168	Legal Assistant #4211

With additional education/training or experience, I can become:

Social Worker #4152	Diplomat #4168	Professor #4121	Paralegal #4211
Preacher #4154	Chaplain #4154	Clergy #4154	Critic #5123
Priest #4154	Theologist	Family Life Educator	Museum Curator #5112
Lawyer #4112	Religious & Moral Education Teacher #4141/Curriculum Designer	Counsellor	Religious Life Advisor
Director of Corporate Giving	Marketing Manager #0611	Director of Mentorship/Leadership Organization	Librarian #5111
International Business Developer	Music/Art Historian #4169	Human Resources Trainer	Non-Profit Administrator
Rare Books Conservator			

For career descriptions, profiles and job outlooks visit the *National Occupational Classification Website* (<http://www23.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/2001/e/generic/welcome.shtml>), *Job Futures* (www.jobfutures.ca), and *Career Cruising* (www.careercruising.com, username & password available by contacting CAPS)

If you wish to explore your interests, identify your goals, and discover how to make the most of your education, we encourage you to sign up for the P.A.C.E. program (Program for the Advancement of Career Exploration). For more information visit <http://www.caps.mcgill.ca/programs/pace/>

Feel free to come by the CAPS office to make an appointment with a career advisor to discuss your career options and job search strategies.

Employers

Foreign Service	Government	Health Services Institutions	Libraries
Media	Museums	Mental Health Organizations	Newspapers & Magazines
Non Profit Organizations	Political Organizations	Private Organizations	Publishing Companies
Religious Organizations	Research Organizations	Social Services	Teaching Establishments
Correctional Institutions	Policy Institutes	International Aid Organizations	Advertising Agencies
International Consulting Firms			

Skills of Religious Studies Majors

- Ability to mediate in disputes and conflicts in basic values
- Ability to formulate and defend positions
- Ability to make critical observations, evaluations and appropriate decisions
- Ability to speak articulately and listen objectively
- Ability to organize, conduct, and clearly explain research
- Ability to analyze and relate to unfamiliar belief systems
- Ability to adapt in cross-cultural settings
- Capacity to write and speak with maximum precision and clarity
- Proficiency in using techniques for addressing complex ethical and practical dilemmas
- Ability to identify key elements in an argument and to evaluate the logic of the argument
- Ability to synthesize the underlying assumptions in an argument
- Capacity to anticipate and understand the views and concerns of others
- Ability to evolve new perspectives on a problem
- Exposure to different cultural environments
- Skills in examining the grounds for the beliefs that makes up people's fundamental views of the world
- Computer skills - word processing
- Problem Solving
- Deductive Reasoning
- Communicating in logical manner
- Interest in pursuing, exploring and explaining intangible ideas
- Debating Skills
- Self-discipline
- Theory Development
- Curiosity
- Open-mindedness
- Close, extensive reading
- Objectivity
- Work independently

Professional Associations

- Canadian Philosophical Association (www.acpcpa.ca)
- World Council of Churches (www.wcc-coe.org)
- Society of Christian Philosophers (www.siu.edu/~scp)
- The Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy (www.sacpweb.org)
- American Academy of Religion (www.aarweb.org/)
- The Society of Biblical Literature (www.sbl-site.org/)
- Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion (www.ccsr.ca/)
- Association for the Sociology of Religion (www.sociologyofreligion.com)
- Religious Education Association (www.religiouseducation.net)
- Action Without Borders (www.idealists.org)