

What can I do with a major in “Religion”?

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This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Religion

The study of religion is a meditation on cultural difference. This multi-cultural scope is not unique to the study of religion, but it is one of the paramount values that the study of religion offers the liberal arts student in an increasingly cosmopolitan world. Our sources, the objects of our study, elude neat categorization. They challenge our own ways of life, and often pose severe tests of self-examination. Some of them represent traditions of learning as rigorous as ours and far more ancient. Many religion majors move on to graduate study in religion or other fields, such as archaeology, classics, comparative literature, history, philosophy, political science, or sociology. Others go on to law school, medical school, or other professional programs, like business, journalism, or information science. Others enter careers in government, business, education, public service, or ministerial professions.

Research Careers

Georgia Career Information Center - <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

O*NET - <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook - <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles - <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)

Career Insider - powered by the Vault - http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources

*Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant for additional information or assistance

Possible Job Titles of Religion Graduates

(*Jobs secured as reported by UGA Career Center post-graduate survey)

Author	Foreign Service Officer	Linguist
Bibliographer	Human Resource Specialist	Literary Agent
Broadcaster	Import/Export Manager	Lobbyist
Civil Service Worker	Intake Counselor*	Manager
Columnist	International Relations	Press Representative
Corporate Manager	Interpreter	Public Relations Specialist
Editor	Journalist	Publishing Assistant
Environmentalist	Judge	Researcher
Ethicist	Lecturer	Social Worker
Foreign Correspondent	Librarian	Travel Agent

Possible Employers of Religion Graduates

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Airports	Government Agencies	Non-profit Organizations
Architectural Firms	Historical Societies	Professional Associations
Archives	Human Services Agencies	Public Relations Firms
Banks	Import/Export Companies	Publishing Companies
Bookstores	Insurance Companies	Radio/Television Stations
Broadcasting Companies	Justice Department	Research Foundations
Chambers of Commerce	Legal Firms	State/Local Governments
Communications Firms	Magazines and Newspapers	Television / Film Industry
Consumer Affairs Offices	Military Branches	Travel Agencies
Foreign Service	Museums	Visitors Bureaus

Career Center Library Resources

Careers for Culture Lovers & Other Artsy Types by Marjorie Eberts & Margaret Gisler

Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors, by Blythe Camenson

Liberal Arts Jobs, by Burt Nadler

The Liberal Arts Advantage, by Gregory Giangrande

Keys to Liberal Arts Success, by Howard W. Figler

Top Careers for Liberal Arts Graduates, by Ferguson Publishing

Campus Resources

Department of Religion - <http://religion.uga.edu/undergraduate.htm>

Employment Websites

American Council for Voluntary International Action - <http://www.interaction.org/>

Christian Career Center - <http://www.christiancareercenter.com/>

Hillside Missions Organization - <http://reachthenations.org/>

Ministry Search - <http://www.ministrysearch.com/index.htm>

New Voices - <http://newvoices.aed.org/home.html>

North American Association of Christians in Social Work - <http://www.nacsw.org/JobnetAnnouncement.htm>

Overseas Jobs - <http://www.overseasjobs.com/>

Peace Corps - <http://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services - http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/vol_ppi.html

U.S. Department of State Student Opportunities - <http://www.state.gov/careers/>

Additional Resources

Council of Societies for the Study of Religion - <http://cohesion.rice.edu/CentersAndInst/CSSR/publications.cfm>

American Academy of Religion - www.aarweb.org

Religion Newswriters Association - Religion Newswriters Association

There are many professional organizations available in the field of religious studies. Please check these links to find those that best represent your interests:

<http://www.religiousworlds.com/societies.html>

http://www.scholarly-societies.org/religion_soc.html