

# What Can I Do With a Major in Religious Studies?

**Sample Occupations:** The following listings are occupations you can pursue with a Religious Studies Degree. Please note that this list is not exhaustive. There are many careers for which a Religious Studies Degree prepares you. *Note that occupations that require an advanced degree are also listed.* For help in identifying more information about the occupations listed below, please visit the Career Center at 259 Highsmith Union.

Assistant Buyer	Customer Service Representative	Minister/Youth Minister
Associate Pastor	Diplomat	Minister of Music
Attorney	Director of Religious Education	Missionary
Author	Foreign Service Officer	Office Manager
Business Administrator	Fundraiser	Paralegal
Campus Religious Coordinator	Grant Writer	Pastor
Campus Minister	Guidance Counselor	Peace Corps Worker
Chaplain	Human Resource Manager	Press Secretary
Church Building Engineer	Human Rights Officer	Priest
Church Camp Director	Insurance Underwriter	Professor
Church Program Coordinator	Journalist	Psychologist
Clergy	International Development Officer	Public Service Official
Columnist	Inventory Control Analyst	Publisher
Consultant	Legal Assistant/Lawyer	Religious Education Teacher
Consumer Advocate	Librarian	Religious Researcher
Counselor	Lobbyist	Religious Staff Writer
Credit Analyst	Management Trainee	Religious Education Administrators
Community Development Officer	Market Research Analyst	Social Worker
Critic	Marketing/Sales Manager	Teacher

## **Sample Work Settings**

Adoption Agencies	Hospitals	Publishing Companies
Advertising Agencies	Libraries	Radio Stations
Archeological Research Firms	Living History Museums	Religious Organizations
Art Galleries	Magazines/Newspapers	Schools
Consulting Firms	Law Firm	Social Services
Colleges & Universities	Non-Profit Organizations	Television/Radio Stations
Government	Political Parties	YMCA/YWCA
History Museums	Public Relations Firms	Youth Camps

## **Government Departments**

Agency for International Development	Department of State	Immigration and Naturalization
Central Intelligence Agency	Department of the Army	National Endowment for the Humanities
Department of Commerce	Department of the Navy	Peace Corps
Department of Justice	Federal Bureau of Investigation	US Information Agency
	Health and Human Services	

## **Professional Organizations**

Association of Religion and Intellectual Life (ARIL) <http://www.aril.org/>  
The Institute on Religion in an Age of Science <http://www.iras.org/Site/Welcome.html>  
International Association for the History of Religions <http://www.iahr.dk/>  
North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR) <http://www.naasr.com/>  
American Academy of Religion (AAR) <http://www.aarweb.org/>

## **Internet Resources**

Religion Newswriters Association <http://www.religionwriters.com/>  
Religious Research Association <http://rra.hartsem.edu/>  
Government Jobs <http://www.usajobs.gov/>  
Scholarly Societies and Religious Studies <http://www.religiousworlds.com/societies.html>  
JobWeb: [www.jobweb.org](http://www.jobweb.org)  
Margaret Riley Online Career Guide [www.rileyguide.com/mfdikel.html](http://www.rileyguide.com/mfdikel.html)  
Job Hunters Bible [www.jobhuntersbible.com](http://www.jobhuntersbible.com)

## **UNC Asheville Career Center Resources for Religious Studies Majors**

### **Career Exploration:**

100 Best Careers for the 21st Century  
150 Best Companies for Liberal Arts Graduates  
50 Best Jobs for your Personality  
Careers For Culture Lovers and Other Artsy Types  
Careers For Good Samaritans and other Humanitarian Types  
Careers For History Buffs and Others Who Learn From the Past  
Careers For Scientific Types and Others With Inquiring Minds  
College Majors and Careers  
Discover the Best Jobs for You!  
Do What You Are  
Finding Your Perfect Work  
Great Jobs For History Majors  
Great Jobs For Liberal Arts Majors  
Jobs and careers with Non-Profit Organizations  
Liberal Arts Jobs  
The Career Guide for Creative and Unconventional People  
The College Career Bible  
The College Majors Handbook  
Vault Career Guides  
What Color is Your Parachute?  
Occupational Trends: The Year 2000  
Exploring Careers, The ASVAB Workbook  
Journal of the Liberal Arts: Vocation, Vocationalism & The Liberal Arts - Volume 3

### **Job Search Resources:**

Find a Federal Job Fast  
Finding Your Perfect Work  
Job Search Handbook for People with Disabilities  
Job Searching Online For Dummies  
Professional's Job Finder  
Targeting the Job You Want  
Ten Steps to a Federal Job  
The Book of U.S. Government Jobs  
The Top 10 Fears of Job Seekers  
Vault Guides; Schmoozing and Resume, Cover Letters, & Interviewing, and Starting Your Own Business  
Who's Hiring Who?

### **Internship Opportunities:**

Americas Top 100 Internships  
Directory of International Internships  
Internship Handbook  
The National Directory of Internships  
Internship Success  
Internships with America's Top Companies  
Internships: Find the Right Internships for You  
The Best 109 Internships  
The Internship Bible  
Internships and Fellowships  
The Student's Guide to International Internships