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
- Chaplin
- 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