

What Can I Do With This **Ohio State** Major?

Bachelor of Arts

Religious Studies

College of Arts and Sciences

Religious Studies is a uniquely comparative, cross-cultural and interdisciplinary way to study the world's religious communities. Students develop a broad knowledge of the world's religions past and present, along with the opportunity for critical analysis of the role of religion in relation to other social and cultural domains: history, politics, art, literature, science, technology, and the media. During their studies students develop strong skills in analytical and critical thinking, written and spoken communication, and an understanding of cultural differences as they attend to the intersections of gender, ethnicity, race, and class in relation to religious traditions and practices. Students must choose one of two areas of concentration: Religions and Cultures (focusing on religion in relation to other aspects of culture and society) or Study of Religions (with more emphasis on the study of religious traditions).¹

Career Areas/Job Titles:

Management and Industry

Cultural Events Coordinator
Cultural Program Director
Synagogue Administrator
Outreach Coordinator
Grant Writer
Curator

Education

Teacher/Professor

Youth Group Leader

Historian

Librarian

Day Care, Children and Adult

Campus Minister

Non-Profit/Advocacy

Peace Corps Volunteer

International Relations

Consultant

Clergy

Disaster Relief Aid

Government/Politics

Lawyer

Foreign Intelligence Manager

United Nations Member

National Security Agent

**Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

Transferable Skills:

Basic Computer Skills

Language Fluency

Expressing Ideas

Oral Communication

Written Communication

Cultural Understanding

Service Orientation

Teaching/Instructing Others

Teamwork

Identifying Problems

Research Skills

Adaptability/Flexibility

Attention to Detail

Judgment & Decision Making

Initiative

Managing Time/Stress

Administrative Skills

Mediating Conflict

Organization Skills

Strategic Planning/Visioning

Creating Innovative Solutions

Analytical/Critical Thinking

**This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here:*

<http://ccss.osu.edu>

Professional Links:

American Academy of Religion: <http://www.aarweb.org/>

American Association of Pastoral Counselors: <http://www.aapc.org/>

International Association for the History of Religions: <http://www.iahr.dk/>

American Foreign Services Association: <http://www.afsa.org/>