



Career Services
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Rutgers University - New Brunswick

Career Opportunities for Majors in

Religion

Introduction

The Religion department offers major and minor programs of study that provide the impartial analysis and comparison of a wide variety of religious traditions of the world. Students complete courses in history of religions, foundational scriptures, religious ethics, religion and science, religion and psychology. The study of religion is intrinsically interdisciplinary, and includes courses in anthropology, art history, sociology, psychology, philosophy, theology, history, and literature. As an academic discipline, religious studies coordinates these fields for a comprehensive understanding of phenomena that represent some of the most intricate constructs of the human spirit.

Religion graduates pursue careers in business, education, health professions, government, theology and the non-profit sector. They also pursue graduate study in different fields. Future career options may be determined not so much by the choice of the religion major, but by interests, skills, values, and types of work experiences acquired during college with a liberal arts education. Regardless of your career aspirations, increase your marketability to employers through internships, solid work experience, good grades, advanced coursework, and involvement in campus activities. Many careers do not require a specific major, but rather a wide range of demonstrated skills, accomplishments, and work experience while in school.

Types of Employers

A Sample of Private and Non-Profit Organizations

Advertising Agencies Childcare/Adoption Agencies Churches Community Organizations Consumer Organizations Cultural Organizations Entertainment Firms Foundations	Health Organizations Libraries Magazines/Newspapers Management/Consulting Firms Media Organizations Mental Health Organizations Museums, Historical Societies Personnel Agencies	Professional Associations Public Relations Firms Publishing Firms Radio/TV Stations Religious Organizations Retail Stores Social Service Agencies Universities
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A Sample of Government Agencies (Federal, State, County, Local)

Central Intelligence Agency Civil Rights Commission Consumer Affairs Office Criminal Courts Department of Labor	Division of Youth and Family Services Drug Enforcement Agency Federal Bureau of Investigation Federal/State Congressional Offices Foreign Service Legislative Affairs	Peace Corps/AmeriCorps Smithsonian Institution U.S. Customs Service U.S. Information Agency Voice of America
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A Sample of Possible Occupations

Admissions Counselor Advertising Account Executive Business Manager Child Welfare Worker Community Affairs Specialist Conflict Resolution Specialist Consultant Consumer Advocate Copy Writer Corporate Trainer Corrections Officer Counselor Cultural Affairs Officer Customer Relations Representative Editor/Writer	Education Coordinator Employee Relations Specialist FBI/CIA Agent Foreign Service Officer Fundraiser Gov't. Agency Administrator Historic Site Administrator Hospital Administrator Human Resources Specialist Insurance Agent/Broker International Relations Specialist Journalist Lobbyist Market Researcher Non-profit Administrator	Peace Corps Worker Personnel Recruiter Political Analyst Professor/Educator Psychologist Public Information Officer Public Policy Specialist Public Relations Specialist Public Service Official Publications Specialist Religious Leader Sales/Marketing Representative Social Worker Teacher Travel Consultant Youth Counselor
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Skills

Capacity to interpret and evaluate information, critical thinking and analysis
Develop ideas, problem solving, diplomacy, interpersonal skills, resourcefulness
Good listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills

Jobs Obtained by Recent Rutgers Graduates and Experienced Alumni in Religion

AT&T Corporate Headquarters, Customer Sales & Service Specialist AT&T Corporate Headquarters, Title Unknown Carrier Foundation, Director of Development Children's Aid and Family Services, President and CEO Coastline, Computer Service Representative Diversified Information Technology, Senior Vice President Don Bosco Preparatory High School, Teacher of Theology Edge Software Services, Vice President of Operations Elizabeth Board of Education, Teacher Etco, Inc., Account Executive Hanson Research Services, Inc., President Johns Hopkins Hospital, Education Coordinator	Medical Center at Princeton, Help Desk Supervisor Warren Gorham & Lamont, Freelance Editor Middlesex County College Foundation, Executive Director Midwest Tropical, Owner Pearson Education, Title Unknown Pfizer, Inc., Sales Representative Prince Williams Co., Community Service, Mental Health Therapist San Francisco Marriott, Human Resources Manager Social Security Administrator Teach for America, Teacher U.S. Government/Miami, Assistant U.S. Attorney (JD) Xerox, Financial Analyst
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Graduate Schools Attended by Rutgers Graduates in Religion

Columbia University Emory University Harvard University New York Law School, JD, Law	New York University Rutgers University, MA, Public Policy University of Colorado, PhD, Religious Studies University of Texas
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Career Services Resources - A Sampling

Resources (Check each office for specific books)

Careers for Good Samaritans & Other Humanitarian Types
Careers for History Buffs
Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors
Keys to Liberal Arts Success
Peterson's Graduate & Professional Programs

Services

Alumni Career Network: Rutgers alumni who provide career/educational information and advice
Career counseling appointments and drop-in hours (check program schedule)
Career days & e-fairs
Career Services website: <http://careerservices.rutgers.edu>
Computerized career guidance programs and career assessment inventories
Internships, summer jobs and full time job listings (MonsterTRAK)
On-Campus Interviewing Program for seniors and graduate students (InterviewTRAK)
Rutgers Resume Database
Salary information
Seminars on choosing a major, resume writing, job hunting, interviewing; alumni panels