



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

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

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

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