



# What can I do with a major in Religion?

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*The information below describes typical occupations and employers associated with this major.  
 Understand that some of the options listed below may require additional training.  
 Moreover, you are not limited to these options alone when choosing a possible career path.*

## Description of Religion

The study of religion is a meditation on cultural difference. This multi-cultural scope is not unique to the study of religion, but it is one of the paramount values that the study of religion offers the liberal arts student in an increasingly cosmopolitan world. Our sources, the objects of our study, elude neat categorization. They challenge our own ways of life, and often pose severe tests of self-examination. Some of them represent traditions of learning as rigorous as ours and far more ancient. Many religion majors move on to graduate study in religion or other fields, such as archaeology, classics, comparative literature, history, philosophy, political science, or sociology. Others go on to law school, medical school, or other professional programs, like business, journalism, or information science. Others enter careers in government, business, education, public service, or ministerial professions.

## Possible Job Titles of Religion Graduates

(\*Jobs secured as reported by UGA Career Center post-graduate survey)

|                         |                           |                             |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Author                  | Human Resource Specialist | Literary Agent              |
| Bibliographer           | Import/Export Manager     | Lobbyist                    |
| Broadcaster             | Intake Counselor*         | Manager                     |
| Civil Service Worker    | International Relations   | Press Representative        |
| Columnist               | Interpreter               | Public Relations Specialist |
| Corporate Manager       | Journalist                | Publishing Assistant        |
| Editor                  | Judge                     | Researcher                  |
| Environmentalist        | Lecturer                  | Social Worker               |
| Ethicist                | Librarian                 | Travel Agent                |
| Foreign Correspondent   | Linguist                  |                             |
| Foreign Service Officer |                           |                             |

## To research careers of interest, you may want to visit these web sites:

O\*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (Click on Find Occupations)

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (Accessible only on campus computers)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (Type in general term for career of interest)

**\*\*Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant for more information or assistance.\*\***

## Possible Employers Who Might Hire Religion Graduates

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|                        |                          |                           |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Airports               | Consumer Affairs Offices | Legal Firms               |
| Architectural Firms    | Foreign Service          | Magazines and Newspapers  |
| Archives               | Government Agencies      | Military Branches         |
| Banks                  | Historical Societies     | Museums                   |
| Bookstores             | Human Services Agencies  | Non-profit Organizations  |
| Broadcasting Companies | Import/Export Companies  | Professional Associations |
| Chambers of Commerce   | Insurance Companies      | Public Relations Firms    |
| Communications Firms   | Justice Department       |                           |

Publishing Companies  
Radio/Television Stations  
Research Foundations

State/Local Governments  
Television / Film Industry  
Travel Agencies

Visitors Bureaus

### **Strategies Associated with Religion Majors**

- Gain experience by volunteering in local church and campus religious organizations.
- Expand on interpersonal, oral and written communication skills.
- Learn to work with people of diverse backgrounds and gain knowledge of classical and modern languages
- Be proficient at analyzing claims and ideas critically
- Be proficient at understanding contemporary data in terms of historical data
- Be able to explain social and cultural data
- Learn to solving problems systematically and support ideas with facts and reason

### **Top UGA Career Center Resources for Religion Majors**

1. *Careers for Culture Lovers & Other Artsy Types* by Marjorie Eberts & Margaret Gisler
2. *Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors*, by Blythe Camenson
3. *Liberal Arts Jobs*, by Burt Nadler
4. *The Liberal Arts Advantage*, by Gregory Giangrande
5. *Keys to Liberal Arts Success*, by Howard W. Figler
6. *Top Careers for Liberal Arts Graduates*, by Ferguson Publishing

### **UGA Campus Contacts Associated with Religion**

#### **Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society, AGT Chapter**

<http://www-hl.syr.edu/admin/tak/default.html>

### **Employment Resources/Contacts for Religion Majors**

About Jobs - <http://www.aboutjobs.com/>

American Council for Voluntary International Action - <http://www.interaction.org/>

Christian Career Center - <http://www.christiancareercenter.com/>

Faith-Based Summer Camps in Maine - <http://www.unitedwaygp.org/b3/b3f5Faith.asp>

Hillside Missions Organization - <http://www.reachthenations.org/intern.html>

Humanities & Social Sciences Online - <http://www.h-net.org/>

Ministry Search - <http://www.ministrysearch.com/index.htm>

New Voices - <http://newvoices.aed.org/home.html>

North American Association of Christians in Social Work - <http://www.nacsw.org/JobnetAnnouncement.htm>

Overseas Jobs - <http://www.overseasjobs.com/>

Peace Corps - <http://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services - [http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/vol\\_ppi.html](http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/vol_ppi.html)

U.S. Department of State Student Opportunities - <http://www.careers.state.gov/student/programs/index.html>

### **Additional Resources/Contacts for Religion Majors**

Council of Societies for the Study of Religion - [www.cssr.org](http://www.cssr.org)

American Academy of Religion - [www.aarweb.org](http://www.aarweb.org)

Religion Newswriters Association - <http://www.rna.org/jobopenings.php>

There are many professional organizations available in the field of religious studies. Please check these links to find those that best represent your interests:

<http://www.religiousworlds.com/societies.html>

[http://www.scholarly-societies.org/religion\\_soc.html](http://www.scholarly-societies.org/religion_soc.html)

<http://www.clas.ufl.edu/users/gthursby/rel/scholars.htm>