



Religious Studies

An Overview...

The study of religion involves the study of human beliefs, experiences, practices and worship activities as they relate to a people's ultimate value or concern which may or may not be expressed as a supreme power or deity. Students study religious history, doctrines, theological concepts, worship practices and the philosophy and psychology of religion as well as the symbolic language of religion.

Skills:

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| Knowledge in one's area of personal ministry | Ability for creative thinking |
| Ability to interact with people | Understanding of human spiritual needs |
| Ability to persuade/influence others | Sensitivity to others |
| Ability to express ideas orally/in writing | Ability to make decisions |
| Proficiency in reading/writing | Ability to evaluate/weigh values |
| Ability to carry out/integrate one's occupational responsibilities with one's religious faith | Ability to listen carefully/empathetically |

Some Professional Careers:

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| Associate Pastor | Foreign Missionary | Rabbi |
| Campus Minister | Fund Raising | Religious Editor |
| Career Counselor | Law | Religious Educator |
| Chaplain | Lay Religious worker | Religious Writer |
| Church Administrator | Local Missionary | Researcher |
| Church Camp Director | Marriage Counselor | School Administrator |
| Church Secretary | Mass Media | Social Worker |
| Counselor | Pastor | Teacher |
| Director of Social Service Organization | Preschool Director | Theological Professor |
| Elderly Worker | Priest | YMCA Worker |
| Evangelist | Prison Ministries | Youth Minister |

Hiring Organizations:

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| Archives | Museums |
| Bookstores | Newspapers |
| Churches | Non-profit Organizations |
| Educational Institutions | Nursing Homes |
| Foundations | Orphanages |
| Fundraising Organizations | Parochial Schools |
| Government Agencies | Public Relations Firms |
| Hospitals | Radio/TV Industry |

Insurance Companies
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Military

Religious Organizations
Seminaries
Travel Agencies

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