

What can I do with a...

Major in Religious Studies?

I CAN GO IN TO...	AND POSSIBLY WORK FOR...	DOING THIS CAN HELP ME GET THERE...	SAMPLE COMPANIES	SAMPLE TITLES
CAREER AREA	POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS & INDUSTRIES	CAREER PREPARATION STRATEGIES	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR
International Areas				
<p>Humanitarian services Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Community <p>Disaster/Disease relief Policy development Program administration Volunteer coordination Peace keeping or peacebuilding Conflict resolution/Management Diplomacy/Faith based diplomacy Public service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign affairs International security <p>International law</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International aid and relief organizations NGO's (Non-governmental Organizations), (e.g., Amnesty International) Nonprofit and not-for-profit organizations (e.g., Vital Voices or Habitat for Humanity) Federal government agencies with an international focus [e.g., Peace Corps, USAID and the Foreign Service (State Department)] Private voluntary organizations Humanitarian organizations (e.g., International Red Cross and CARE) Religious organizations (e.g., World Vision) National Security Council United Nations Think tanks 	<p>Sharpen your skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn one or more foreign languages. Develop excellent research, writing, communication, organizational skills, and a good working knowledge of international humanitarian law. Earn first aid certification to assist in disaster relief work Develop skills in the areas of organizing groups, efficiency, and the ability to calm people. <p>Gain experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study, volunteer, or intern abroad Participate in an international service learning experience or go on a mission trip. Apply for a federal government internship. Volunteer at relevant local social service agencies <p>Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek cultural experiences on campus and get involved with the international student population. <p>Pursue a minor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing The Present Peace Corps Global Lutheran Outreach Central American Lutheran Mission Society 	<p>Job titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Recruiter Digital Content Manager Program Specialist Administrative Assistant Program Specialist <p>Part Time/Intern titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing The Present Intern Advocacy Intern Social Media Intern Partnerships & Fundraising Intern Finance and Operations Intern Database Management Intern Web Design Intern

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Pursue graduate school
Earn a graduate degree in an area of interest to open more job opportunities.

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<p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching • Research • Student affairs administration • Multicultural programming • Programs/Study abroad administration • Library/Information sciences • Religious life programming • Campus ministry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary schools • Private, public, or religiously affiliated colleges and universities • Schools of theology/seminaries • Organizations (e.g., Fellowship of Christian Athletes). 	<p>Sharpen your skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn certification/licensure to teach in public secondary schools. Choose a double major in an area such as history. • Learn to speak a second language if planning to pursue a graduate degree in religious studies. <p>Gain experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek campus leadership positions such as Peer Mentor, Resident Assistant, or Orientation Leader. • Volunteer to assist a faculty member with research. <p>Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop relationships with faculty to secure strong recommendations. <p>Pursue a minor Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Pursue a graduate degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctorate degree for teaching and research in colleges and universities. • Master's degree in a relevant field for positions in student affairs administration or library/information sciences. • Master of Divinity and Ph.D., D.Min. or Th.D. usually required for teaching, research and administration in seminaries and schools of theology. • Complete Master of Divinity plus additional training for campus ministry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River Pointe Church • Brentwood Christian School • Texas Christian High School • Summit Christian Academy 	<p>Job titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Pastor/Director • Administrative Assistant <p>Internship titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Next Internship • Impact Internship

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Business				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human resources: • Training and development • Recruitment • Equity and diversity functions • Management • Sales • Marketing • Public relations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance firms • Retail stores • Banks and financial institutions • Staffing agencies • Service industries • Other large corporations 	<p>Sharpen your skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to sell your religious studies major to business employers that value employees who understand and appreciate cultural diversity • Develop the ability to write and speak persuasively, as well as adapt content for diverse populations • Learn how to use relevant software including those for spreadsheets, presentations, and databases. <p>Gain experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain related experience through internships or summer and part-time jobs. • Get involved in relevant student organizations and seek leadership roles. <p>Network Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Pursue a minor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double major or minor in business. <p>Pursue a graduate degree Click or tap here to enter text.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hendrickson Business Advisors • Thrivent Financial • Water to Thrive • 501 Community – Mission Capital 	<p>Job titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Research Study • Casework Supervisor • Living Healthier Program Manager • CLASS Case Manager • Executive Assistant and Projects Coordinator <p>Internship titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Analyst Intern • Public Relations Intern

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Communications & Arts Writing Editing Publishing Television/Film Radio Advertising Public relations Sales Commercial art Website design Event planning Museum work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curatorship • Exhibition design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publishing houses • Radio, television, and film producers • Newspapers • Websites • Denominational boards/agencies • Interdenominational organizations • Denominational publishing houses of books and magazines • Local churches, synagogues, and mosques • Advertising and public relation agencies • Museums • Galleries 	<p>Sharpen your skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take courses in English, journalism, art history, or photography depending upon interest area. • Develop excellent writing and editing skills. • Learn web design and desktop publishing. • Develop a portfolio of writing samples. • Display good planning, organizational, interpersonal, and public speaking skills, and learn to think creatively. • Consider freelance positions to work in journalism. <p>Gain experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to complete one or more internships in this area to prepare for a professional job and to build a network of relevant professionals. • Work for the campus newspaper, radio station, or tv station. <p>Network Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Pursue a minor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain specialized technical training such as a double major or minor in broadcasting or graphic design for work in those fields. <p>Pursue a graduate degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate Degree for museum work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concordia Publishing House • SPIRIT 105.9 	<p>Job titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Marketing Manager • Church Market Researcher/Outbound Caller • Data Integration Analyst <p>Internship titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing Intern • Public Relations/Publicity

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<p>Social Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case management • Counseling • Rehabilitation • Administration • Vocational training • Volunteer services • Programming • Advocacy • Crisis services (e.g., pregnancy, housing, etc.) • Church-based organizing/Community development • Fundraising • Grant writing • Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonprofit and social services organizations: United Way, Red Cross, Goodwill Industries, Salvation Army, etc. • Immigrant and refugee service providers • Migrant service providers • Hospitals and hospices • Residential treatment facilities • Correctional institutions • Shelters • Nursing homes and assisted living facilities • Youth organizations and camps: YMCA, YWCA, Young Life, Campus Life, etc. • Churches, synagogues, and mosques • Lobby agencies 	<p>Sharpen your skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop multicultural competence. • Obtain excellent interpersonal and oral and written communication skills • Find ways to develop fundraising and grant writing skills • Learn a language such as Spanish to work with immigrant and migrant populations. <p>Gain experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer with local organizations to gain experience working with a wide variety of people from various backgrounds. • Internship or part-time job in an organization of interest to gain experience and develop contacts. <p>Network Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Pursue a minor Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Pursue a graduate degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate Degree in counseling, social work, or psychology to provide therapy or counseling to clients. • Earn a joint degree in divinity and law to work in legal fields related to religious freedom issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heartlight Ministries • Upbring • Center for Child Protection • The Austin Stone Counseling Center • Head to Heart Restoration Ministry • New Life Institute Inc • Hyde Park Counseling Center 	<p>Job titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Care Specialist • Therapist • Behavior Support Specialist • Case Manager • Counseling Coordinator <p>Internship titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Services Internship • Evaluation Internship • Grant Writing Internship • Nonprofit Administration Internship

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Religiously Affiliated Areas				
<p>Clergy and other religious leaders Chaplaincy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military • Institutional <p>Mission work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church development • Community or agricultural development • Educational • Medical • Metropolitan • Evangelism <p>Local ministries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth ministries • Adult ministries • Leisure ministries • Counseling/Recovery • Religious education • Day care, children and adult • Food bank/Emergency ministries • Family life center management <p>Music-oriented ministries Religious camp administration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local churches, synagogues, mosques • Religious organizations • Religious retreat centers • Denominational boards and agencies • All branches of military service • Hospitals, hospices • Homes for children, youth, senior citizens • Correctional institutions • Missions boards • Local churches • Religious-based camps and youth programs, (e.g., Young Life) 	<p>Sharpen your skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain general knowledge of practices, procedures, guidelines, and doctrine of one's faith. • Gain an understanding of human spiritual and social needs. • Demonstrate an openness to learn about other people's faith and multiple perspectives from different backgrounds. • Hone communication skills, both oral and written. • To become a chaplain, obtain ordination and two years' service in local church or after acceptance into branch of military service, attend chaplaincy school. • Earn any needed advanced degrees, certification, or licensing in area of interest for missions. • Gain travel and cultural experience with group of interest. Foreign language skills are a plus. • Develop fundraising and budgeting skills. <p>Gain experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek related experience by participating with missions groups <p>Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain experience and contacts through extensive involvement in campus organizations or local religious institutions. • Seek camp experience to improve organization and counseling skills as well as network within the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSM • QuadW Missional Internship • A Christian Ministry in the National Parks • Highland Lakes Camp & Conference Center • TechMission, Inc. • River Pointe Church • Bee Creek United Methodist Church • Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church 	<p>Job titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter National Park Ministry Team Members • Urban Mission Trip Host • Summer Missions Team • Discipleship Pastor • Worship Leader • Recreation and Outreach Director <p>Internship titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QuadW Missional Intern • Office Manager/Admin Assistant Internship • Lead Next Internship Program • Praxis Internship in Pastoral Leadership

		<p>denominational / organizational structure</p> <p>Pursue a minor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earn dual degrees where appropriate <p>Pursue a graduate degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master of Divinity and denominational ordination are required for most clergy positions		
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