What can I do with a degree in… Religious Studies?

UW Department of Religious Studies
A major in Religious Studies offers intellectual excitement as well as broad access to many career options. The study of religion has an international component, deals with values and speaks to contemporary issues. When combined with the study of a foreign language, it makes excellent preparation for a career in diplomacy or international business. While some people may use it as a path for a career in ministry, more will take it as preparation for a professional degree. Even others use it to launch themselves into a career in business or medicine. Many Religious Studies majors go on to post-graduate education. Duke University recently shared results from a survey of Religious Studies graduates that showed that 35% are professionals of various kinds, 19% are in ministerial professions, 14% are educators, 8% are in legal professions, 18% are medical professionals and 6% in other fields. Approximately two-thirds of a recent graduating class were planning to attend graduate or professional school with one-half of those headed to medical school.

Career Options
- Business (particularly international)
- Journalism
- Government Organizations (local, national and international)
- Counseling and Social Work
- Education
- Ministerial
- Legal
- Museums and Galleries (other arts and cultural organizations)
- Medicine
- Non-profit or non-governmental organizations
- Publishing

For More Information
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Transferrable Skill Set

Religious Studies majors develop a broad range of intellectual skills that provide flexibility.

- Critical Thinking and problem solving
- Communication, particularly writing and speaking
- Ability to understand and apply complex ideas and theories
- Understand information and determine relevancy
- Read and understand complex writing
- Knowledge of different cultures, beliefs and practices
- Comfortableness with learning different world views and ways of life
- Open-mindedness and objective thinking

Related Websites

UW Religious Studies
http://www.uwyo.edu/relstds/
American Academy of Religion
http://www.aarweb.org/
Why Study Religion
http://www.studyreligion.org/
Chronicle of Philanthropy
http://philanthropy.com/section/Jobs/224/
Church Jobs
http://www.churchstaffing.com/

Possible Employers

- Schools: secondary, colleges, universities
- Financial Industry; insurance firms, banks, staffing agencies
- Secular radio, television and film producers
- Local churches, synagogues and mosques,
- Public relations agencies
- Museums
- United Way, Goodwill Industries, migrant services, YMCA, YWCA,