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What can I do with my degree in... Bachelor of Arts, Religious Studies?

Knowing What's Expected

If you are interested in religious services, administering the rites of a religious faith or denomination, as well as performing other functions associated with the practice of a religion, you will enjoy the options that a Religious Studies Major affords.

Jobs in this field require the ability to perform a wide variety of duties in churches, synagogues, temples, or other places of worship.

You will be required to supervise, plan, and administer programs of religious education and may participate in humanitarian endeavors.

Educational requirements vary, depending on the religion, and may require a master's of divinity degree.

Transferable skills

- ❖ Continually updating your knowledge
- ❖ Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- ❖ Ability to set guidelines for operations
- ❖ Clear & Logical thinking
- ❖ Critical evaluation
- ❖ Literacy & Expression
- ❖ Negotiating
- ❖ Organizing
- ❖ Planning
- ❖ Problem solving
- ❖ Research

Your Choices

A Religious Studies Major opens the door to many areas. As a result, you may pursue occupations in religion, social services, education, and counseling.

Careers for Religious Studies Majors

- ❖ Chancellor
- ❖ Chaplain
- ❖ Historian
- ❖ Evangelist
- ❖ Teacher/Educator
- ❖ Professor
- ❖ Minister
- ❖ Volunteer Coordinator
- ❖ Moderator
- ❖ Government Relations
- ❖ Research Assistant
- ❖ Spokesperson
- ❖ Community Liaison
- ❖ Administrator
- ❖ Advice Worker
- ❖ Counsellor
- ❖ Journalist
- ❖ Minister of Religion
- ❖ Youth & Community Worker

Necessary Skills

- ❖ Communication
- ❖ Client needs assessment
- ❖ Community service work

What Employers Want

Contributions you make to your community reflect well on you as an individual. Employers are looking for students who are dedicated, hard working, and show a commitment to their interests.

By getting involved in on-campus societies (See-www.mountstudents.ca) and volunteering early, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

Associations

Why join now? Professional associations are a great way to network within your field of study. Not only do these organizations help get you connected, they also help keep you well-informed. Many also have discounted student membership rates.

- ❖ Canadian Society for the Study of Religion
www.ccsr.ca/cssr/
- ❖ The Canadian Scientific and Christian Affiliation
www.casca.ca/
- ❖ The Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion
<http://www.ccsr.ca/desjardins1.htm>

Available Reference Materials

What To Do With Your Degree

- ❖ Philosophy/Religious Studies (Refer to yellow binder)

Occupation Information

- ❖ Careers for Scholars & Other Deep Thinkers
- ❖ www.careercruising.com

Directories

- ❖ Halifax Directory of Community Services
- ❖ Who's Hiring
- ❖ Business Directory for the Metropolitan Halifax Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ Canadian Career Directory

Job Searching

Job Hunting Websites

- ❖ www.msvu.ca/careerplanning
- ❖ Government of Canada
<http://jobs.gc.ca>
- ❖ Nova Scotia Public Service Commission
www.gov.ns.ca/psc/services/employ
- ❖ Career Beacon
www.careerbeacon.com
- ❖ Halifax Herald
www.jobspress.com
- ❖ Atlantic Canada Careers
www.acc.net

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