

### What can I do with a Major in **Religious Studies**?



**For more information on the Religious Studies Major at the U of L:**

<http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/religious-studies>

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<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/academic-advising>

### The Religious Studies Program at the University of Lethbridge

Religious Studies is the study of religion, as understood in its broadest sense. Religion has been around since before the dawn of history, and has shaped every human society and culture from time immemorial – for better and for worse.

Every religious tradition answers questions about spirituality and meaning in a different way, setting out moral values and ethical guidelines for its followers. Religious Studies aims to enhance critical understanding of the phenomenon of religion and the diversity of religious experience and expression, from antiquity to the present in both Eastern and Western traditions.

Students majoring in Religious Studies may complete a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Arts and Science.

### Skills Developed

- Ability to Articulate Abstract Ideas
- Ability to Meet Deadlines
- Ability to Persuade & Influence Others
- Critical & Analytical Thinking
- Cross Cultural Awareness & Tolerance
- Data Gathering
- Leadership
- Oral & Written Communication
- Organizational
- Problem-Solving
- Research
- Self-Discipline
- Sensitivity & Compassion for Others
- Teamwork
- Understanding of Various Religious Beliefs & Practices
- Work Independently

### Work Environments

A major in Religious Studies provides an excellent foundation for law, journalism or education, as well as providing a wide variety of career options. Graduates may find careers in religious organizations, humanitarian aid organizations, museums, diplomatic corporations, or public relations. Graduates may pursue positions in/with non-profit organizations, archeology companies, community development organizations, consulting firms, university or research institutions, publishing companies, libraries, media corporations or social service institutions.

Key Areas of Specialization:

Nature of Religiosity, Early Roman Empire, Ancient Greek Language Acquisition, New Religious Movements in North America, Indian Religion & Philosophy, Medieval & Modern Hinduism, Asian

Religious Teachers & Spiritual Seekers, Hebrew Bible, Japanese Religion & Culture, Modern Buddhism, Early Islamic Theology & Philosophy, Early Sufism, Islamic Responses to Religious Diversity, Buddhism in the West

## Entry Level Job Titles

These jobs are normally intended for new graduates and require 0 to 2 years of experience. It is important to note that many entry level positions require *some* related experience or demonstrated ability to perform job-related tasks. Even those positions that do not *require* experience will still prefer an experienced candidate, if one is available.

- Academic Advisor
- Administrative Development Assistant
- Alumni & Community Relations Associate
- Assistant Pastor (Youth)
- Children & Youth Director
- Community Fundraising Coordinator
- Executive Assistant
- Graduate Program Assistant
- Marketing Reporting Analyst
- Partner Care Representative
- Religious Education Worker
- Religious Studies Teaching Assistant
- Residential Care Worker
- Special Events Coordinator
- Student Development Officer

**Note:** The U of L offers various resources and programs to facilitate students in gaining work and volunteer experience. Find an entry level position on the [CES job board](#) or join the [Management](#) or [Arts & Science](#) Cooperative Education Programs. Summer jobs, part-time work, internship positions and volunteer experience help students to enhance their skillset and accumulate work experience for their future career.

## Related Job Titles

These jobs generally require extensive, relevant work experience and/or further education.

- Activist
- Administrative Coordinator
- Administrator
- Archivist
- Campus Religious Coordinator
- Cantor
- Chaplain
- Charity Coordinator
- Civil Service Agent
- Clergy person
- Community Center Director
- Community Development Officer
- Community Worker
- Counsellor
- Creative Writer
- Critical Analyst
- Cultural Affairs Officer
- Demographer
- Diplomat
- Divorce Mediator
- Education Heritage & History Specialist
- Ethics Consultant
- Executive Assistant to Government Official
- Family Life Educator
- Foreign Service Worker
- Genealogist
- Human Resources Specialist
- Human Rights Advocate/Officer
- Humanitarian
- Immigration Services Officer
- International Aid Worker
- International Development Officer
- Librarian
- Lobbyist
- Mediator – Family & Labour Relations
- Minister
- Missionary
- Museum Curator
- Non-Profit Administrator
- Patient Advocate
- Public Administrator – Policy & Service
- Public Policy Advisor
- Public Relations Specialist
- Public Service Worker
- Religion Analyst
- Religious Advisor
- Religious Educational Administrator
- Religious Rights Advocate
- Researcher
- Social Service Worker
- Social Worker
- Spiritual Health Practitioner
- Teacher
- Theologist
- University Professor
- Victim's Advocate
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Youth Worker

## Thinking Outside the Box: Other Possible Job Titles

On average, people change their careers three to five times in their lifetime. So, no matter what major you choose, you may still be interested in opportunities totally unrelated to your program of study. We encourage you to be open to all possibilities! Your undergraduate degree can be a springboard for other educational pursuits, and your transferable skills and experience can prepare you to work in a multitude of settings.

- Advertising Agent
- Anthropologist
- Archeologist
- Artist
- Author
- Child Care Worker
- Consultant
- Editor
- Entrepreneur
- Events Planner/Manager
- Family Counsellor
- Guidance Counsellor
- Historian
- Industrial Relations Specialist
- Insurance Agent
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Legal Aide
- Marriage Counsellor
- Media Correspondent
- Media Director
- Midwife
- Paralegal – Mediation
- Parole Officer
- Political Analyst
- Political Consultant
- Real Estate Agent
- Urban and Regional Planner
- Writer

## Useful Resources

Recommended websites to assist in exploring the field of Religious Studies and its career opportunities.

Alberta Benevolent Cantor Association  
<http://www.albertacantors.ca>

Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion  
<http://www.ccsr.ca/home/>

Canadian Association for Spiritual Care  
<http://www.spiritualcare.ca>

American Academy of Religion  
<https://www.aarweb.org>

Association for Studies of Religion  
<http://www.asr.org.au>

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  
<http://www.ssrweb.org>

American Theological Library Association  
<https://www.atla.com/>

Society for the Arts in Religious & Theological Studies  
<http://www.societyarts.org>

Religious Education Association  
<http://www.religiouseducation.net>

European Association for the Study of Religions  
<http://www.easr.de/>

International Association for the History of Religions  
<http://www.iahr.dk>

Professional Association of Christian Counsellors & Psychotherapists  
<http://www.paccc.ca>

Japanese Association for Religious Studies  
<http://jpars.org/english/>

African & Diasporic Religious Studies Association  
<http://www.adrsa.org>

The Australian Association for the Study of Religion  
<http://www.aasr.org.au>

The British Association for the Study of Religions  
<http://basr.ac.uk>

## Campus Resources

Career & Employment Services (CES)  
<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/ces/>

Career Counselling (Counselling Services)  
<http://www.uleth.ca/counselling/>

Academic Advising  
<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/academic-advising>

Native Student Advising  
<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/native-student-advising>

Student Success Centre – Study Skills, Learning  
Strategies & Tutoring  
<http://www.uleth.ca/student-success-centre/>

Accommodated Learning Centre  
<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/accommodated-learning-centre/>

International Centre for Students  
<http://www.uleth.ca/international/>

Registrar Office & Student Services  
<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/>

Scholarship & Students Finance  
<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/student-finance/>

U of L Students' Union & Student Clubs  
<http://www.ulsu.ca/>

## Campus Job Resources

Career & Employment Services Job Board  
[CES Job board](#)

Arts & Science Applied Studies  
<http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/applied-studies/students>

Arts & Science Co-op Education & Internship  
<http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/coop>

Management Co-op Education  
<http://www.uleth.ca/management/co-op>

Study Abroad & Exchanges  
<http://www.uleth.ca/international/content/study-abroad-exchanges>

Management Study Abroad & Exchanges  
<http://www.uleth.ca/management/study-abroad>

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### Career & Employment Services (CES)

CES assists U of L students and graduates with their career exploration and work search needs.

AH154 Anderson Hall, Phone: 403-329-2000

Mon- Fri: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.