



What can I do with a major in *Religious Studies*?

Overview

- The religious studies discipline seeks to provide students with the opportunity to explore the role and significance of religion in human life and culture, grapple with the ultimate questions and issues religion addresses, reflect critically on the nature and meaning of diverse religious beliefs and practices, and investigate thoughtfully those biblical, historical, theological and ethical sources that contribute to the Christian heritage, particularly the Catholic tradition.

- Religious studies courses are designed to encourage thoughtful reflection about matters of faith. You do not have to be religious to study religion at St. Norbert College. You may simply want to explore questions of ultimacy and investigate how religious people grapple with them. But deepening your own faith might be reason enough to embark on a course of study that will challenge and broaden your perspective.

- As a major program in the liberal arts, religious studies helps cultivate a greater sensitivity to the complexity and diversity of Christian beliefs and practices in an increasingly international, multicultural and global environment. Courses in religious studies help develop a student's capacity for critical thinking and sound argumentation, preparing the student for a wide range of professional career choices.

Career Titles

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| ▪ Admissions Counselor | ▪ Education Coordinator | ▪ Politician |
| ▪ Advertising Account Executive | ▪ Employee Relations Specialist | ▪ Professor |
| ▪ Archaeologist | ▪ Ethicist | ▪ Psychologist |
| ▪ Archivist | ▪ Evangelist | ▪ Public Information Officer |
| ▪ Bioethicist | ▪ Family/Marriage Counselor | ▪ Public Policy Specialist |
| ▪ Business Manager | ▪ FBI/CIA Agent | ▪ Public Relations Specialist |
| ▪ Campus Minister | ▪ Foreign Service Officer | ▪ Publications Specialist |
| ▪ Campus Religious Coordinator | ▪ Fund Raiser | ▪ Rehabilitation Counselor |
| ▪ Chaplain | ▪ Government Agency Administrator | ▪ Religious Bookstore Manager |
| ▪ Child Welfare Worker | ▪ Historic Site Administrator | ▪ Religious Education Director |
| ▪ Church Administrator | ▪ Hospice Director | ▪ Religious Education Teacher |
| ▪ Church Camp Director | ▪ Hospital Administrator | ▪ Religious Educational Administrator |
| ▪ Clergy | ▪ Hospital/Military/Prison Chaplain | ▪ Religious Leader |
| ▪ Collection Agent | ▪ House Parent | ▪ Religious Researcher |
| ▪ College/University Administrator | ▪ Human Resources Specialist | ▪ Religious Writer |
| ▪ Community Affairs Specialist | ▪ Insurance Agent/Broker | ▪ Researcher/Archivist |
| ▪ Community Organization Worker | ▪ International Relations Specialist | ▪ Residence Hall Director |
| ▪ Community Service Agency Worker | ▪ Journalist | ▪ Retail Store Manager |
| ▪ Conflict Resolution Specialist | ▪ Labor Relations Specialist | ▪ Sales Representative |
| ▪ Consultant | ▪ Lawyer | ▪ School Guidance Counselor |
| ▪ Consumer Advocate | ▪ Lay Minister | ▪ Social Worker |
| ▪ Copy Writer | ▪ Legal Assistant | ▪ Student Activities Director |
| ▪ Corporate Trainer | ▪ Librarian | ▪ Teacher |
| ▪ Corrections Officer | ▪ Liturgist | ▪ Theological Professor |
| ▪ Counselor | ▪ Lobbyist | ▪ Translator |
| ▪ Cultural Affairs Officer | ▪ Market Researcher | ▪ Travel Consultant |
| ▪ Customer Relations Representative | ▪ Mediator | ▪ University/Seminary Administrator |

Career Services

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| ▪ Daycare Center Worker | ▪ Missionary | ▪ Urban Regional Planner |
| ▪ Diocesan Employee | ▪ Music Minister | ▪ Volunteer Services Coordinator |
| ▪ Diplomat | ▪ Newspaper/Magazine Journalist | ▪ Volunteer Services Director |
| ▪ Director of Institutional Research | ▪ Non-Profit Administrator | ▪ Writer/Editor |
| ▪ Director of Religious Activities | ▪ Nursing Home Director | ▪ Youth Counselor |
| ▪ Director of Religious Education | ▪ Peace Corps/JVC/VISTA Worker | ▪ Youth Minister |

Employers

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| ▪ Adoption Agencies and Foster Care | ▪ FBI/CIA | ▪ Public Relations Firms |
| ▪ Advertising Agencies | ▪ Federal/State Congressional Offices | ▪ Publishing Firms |
| ▪ Assisted Living Homes | ▪ Foreign Service | ▪ Radio/TV Stations |
| ▪ Board of Education | ▪ Foundations | ▪ Religious Bookstores |
| ▪ Children/Youth Homes | ▪ Health Organizations | ▪ Religious Hospitals And Hospices |
| ▪ Children's Aid and Family Services | ▪ Hospitals | ▪ Religious Organizations |
| ▪ Churches, Synagogues And Mosques | ▪ Legislative Affairs | ▪ Religious Political Organizations |
| ▪ Civil Rights Commission | ▪ Libraries | ▪ Religious Publishers |
| ▪ Colleges and Universities | ▪ Magazines/Newspapers | ▪ Religiously Affiliated Schools |
| ▪ Community Organizations | ▪ Management and Consulting Firms | ▪ Research Services |
| ▪ Consumer Affairs Office | ▪ Media Organizations | ▪ Retail Stores |
| ▪ Consumer Organizations | ▪ Mental Health Organizations | ▪ Retirement Homes |
| ▪ Correctional Institutions | ▪ Mental Health Treatment Facilities | ▪ Schools |
| ▪ Criminal Courts | ▪ Museums, Historical Societies | ▪ Seminaries/Schools Of Theology |
| ▪ Cultural Organizations | ▪ Nonprofit Organizations | ▪ Shelters |
| ▪ Denominational Hospitals, Homes, Schools, Boards And Agencies | ▪ Nursing Homes | ▪ Social Service Agencies |
| ▪ Division of Youth and Family Services | ▪ Peace Corps/AmeriCorps/JVC | ▪ Youth Organizations And Camps |
| ▪ Drug Enforcement Agency | ▪ Professional Associations | |

Skills

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| ▪ Analyze and apply biblical, theological, and doctrinal principles | ▪ Distinguish differing views and discover ultimate truth | ▪ Persuade and influence others |
| ▪ Analyze complex spiritual issues and establish a standard | ▪ Elicit hidden assumptions | ▪ Present clearly and with confidence |
| ▪ Apply spiritual truths to current life issues | ▪ Examine material in its historical, grammatical, and cultural context | ▪ Presents ideas through well-constructed, concise arguments |
| ▪ Apply theory | ▪ Exercise good judgment | ▪ Relate to abstract ideas |
| ▪ Appreciate human spiritual and social needs | ▪ Express a distinctive view with authority and confidence | ▪ Sense how to meet the spiritual and social needs of others |
| ▪ Build and defend views in competing positions | ▪ Formulate and defend positions | ▪ Show sensitivity to and compassion for others |
| ▪ Clarify problems | ▪ Imagine and conceive | ▪ Summarize complex materials |
| ▪ Collect, organize and classify data | ▪ Incorporate theory and practical application | ▪ Synthesize perceptions |
| ▪ Communicate clearly orally and in writing | ▪ Interact with all types of people | ▪ Trouble-shoot and problem-solve effectively |
| ▪ Concentrate for long periods of time | ▪ Listen and respond to others objectively | ▪ Use analytical and synthetic reasoning |

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- Convince others of truth by personal example
- Critical Thinking
- Critique
- Make critical observations and appropriate decisions
- Oral and written presentation of ideas
- Organize, conduct and explain research
- Work independently and in teams
- Write interpretively, descriptively, and persuasively

Salary

NACE (National Association of Colleges and Employers) Spring 2008 Salary Survey Average Offers:

- **Currently no salary data from NACE on a Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies**

The job titles and employers listed below are a sample of the results from the annual St. Norbert College Career Services graduate follow-up survey for the Classes of 2003-2007.

Graduate Information: Job Titles

- Coordinator of Youth Ministry
- Family Life Minister
- General Studies Instructor
- Junior High Youth Ministry
- Outbreak of Faith Team Member
- Reading Clinician
- Volunteer Candidate for Seminary
- Youth Director
- Youth Minister

Graduate Information: Employers

- Corpus Christi Catholic Church
- Cultivation Ministries
- Diocese of Grand Rapids
- Franciscan Friars of Renewal
- Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest
- Nativity of Our Lord Parish
- Our Saviour Lutheran Church
- St. Giles Catholic Church
- St. Peter Parish

Career Library Resources

- A Directory of Third World & US Volunteer Opportunities
- A Guide to Careers in Community Development
- A Guide to Religious Ministries for Catholic Men and Women
- At Home in the World, The Peace Corps Story
- Careers for Good Samaritans and Other Humanitarian Types
- Christians at Work-Not Business as Usual
- From Making a Profit to Making a Difference-How to Launch Your New Career in Nonprofits
- How to Find Your Mission in Life
- How to Live Your Dream of Volunteering Overseas
- Jobs and Careers with Non-Profit Organizations-Profitable Opportunities with Nonprofits
- Make A Difference- America's Guide to Volunteering and Community Service
- So, You Want to Join the Peace Corps...What to Know Before You Go
- The Great Adventure, Volunteer Stories of Life Overseas
- To Touch the World, the Peace Corps Experience
- Whistle While You Work-Heeding Your Life's Calling

For the most current information about Majoring in Religious Studies from Career Services, including links regarding Alumni Profiles, Career Information, Professional Associations, and Jobs and Internships, please visit:

<http://www.snc.edu/career/students/majors/religiousstudies.html>