



What can I do with a major in Religion & Philosophy

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The information below describes typical occupations and employers associated with this major.

Understand that some of the options listed below may require additional training.

Moreover, you are not limited to these options alone when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Religion & Philosophy

The academic study of religion and philosophy helps you to develop your critical thinking, reading, and writing skills, your ability to communicate effectively with those of different cultures, and your understanding of the importance of compassion in engaging an increasingly diverse and complex world in a responsible and meaningful way. There is a clear interdisciplinary character to the academic study of religion and philosophy, as it draws upon the various resources and distinctive approaches of, for example, archaeology, the visual and performing arts, economics, history, literature, and the behavioral, natural, political, and social sciences. Thus, as a Religion and Philosophy major at CBU, you are encouraged and equipped to understand and appreciate the worldviews and faith commitments of others, and to examine your own.

Possible Job Titles of Religion & Philosophy Graduates (Includes Full-Time, Internships & Co-Ops)

(*Jobs secured as reported by CBU Career Services post-graduate survey)

Account Executive	Director of Student Ministries*	Parish/Church Director, Liturgy/Worship
Advertising Agent	Director of Youth Services*	Pastor
AIDS Educator*	Editor*	Political Scientist
Animal Care Technician*	ESL Instructor*	Priest
Archivist	Evangelist	Program Coordinator*
Assistant to Publisher*	Foreign Correspondent	Project Manager
Behavior Specialist*	Foreign Services Officer	Psychologist
Biographer	High School Religion/Theology/Philosophy Teacher	Public Relations Officer
Camp Director	Human Resource Specialist	Publisher
Campus Minister	Intake Counselor	Rabbi
Case Manager*	International Relations Representative	Real Estate Title Examiner*
Chaplain	Journalist	Receptionist*
Church Planner	Judge	Religious Writer
Coach*	Lawyer*	Research Assistant*
College Professor of Religious Studies	Lead Case Manager*	Researcher
Community Developer	Library Assistant*	Social Worker
Community Service Coordinator	Lobbyist	Teacher*
Community Service Coordinator	Mediator	Technical Support*
Coordinator, Language Center*	Minister	Training/Development Coordinator
Counselor*	Minister of Music	TV Director
Critic	Missionary	Volunteer
Customer Service Associate*	Narcotics Officer*	Writer
Day Care Worker	Nonprofit Manager*	Youth Director*
Director of Religious Education	Outreach Program Coordinator*	Youth Minister

Possible Employers and Employment Settings for Religion & Philosophy Graduates

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ADT Security Systems*	Born Capital Markets*	Civil Service Commission
Advertising Agencies	Churches*	Colleges and Schools*
Archives	Colleges and Universities*	Community Development Agencies
Armstrong and Dobbs	Comcare*	Consulting Services
AutoZone*	Correctional Facilities	Consumer Affairs Office
Banks*	Chambers of Commerce	Denominational Boards

Education Departments
Foreign Service
Government Agencies
Hidden Lake Academy
Hospitals*
Historical Societies
Human Service Agencies
Humane Societies*
International Paper*
Jesuit Volunteer Corps*
JET Program*
Justice Department
Libraries*
Lucent Technologies
Legislatures
Libraries
Library of Congress

Mental Health Centers*
Men's Journal Magazine
Military Branches
Mosques
Magazines & Newspapers*
Memphis Botanical Gardens*
Museums
Newspapers / Magazines*
Non-profit Organizations*
Nursing Homes
National Archives
Private Schools
Public Interest Data, Inc.*
Publishing Companies
Political Organizations
Professional / Trade Associations
Public Interest Groups

Public Relation Firms
Radio/TV/Film Industry
Religious Organizations
Retirement Homes
Research Foundations
St. Jude Children's Hospital*
Social Service Agencies
School Systems*
Seminaries
Shelters
Street Ministries*
Synagogues
TBI
US Army
US Peace Corp
Youth Organizations
Youth Villages*

Skill Sets and Interests Associated with Religion & Philosophy Majors

Able to critically analyze religious texts
Proficient at evaluating historical data
Knowledgeable of classical and modern languages
Ability to interact with diverse people
Ability to win, persuade or influence others
Skilled in reading, writing, and communicating
Considerate and sensitive to the needs of others
Understanding of practice and doctrine of personal faith
Sympathetic to people's spiritual and emotional needs
Capable of criticizing theological formulations or ideas
Above average verbal skills

Proficiency in listening objectively
Ability to conduct research and explain results
Capacity to effectively analyze and problem solve
Open-minded concerning complex life questions
Ample command of grammar and vocabulary
Ability to formulate and support various positions
Skillful at analytical reasoning
Capable of integrating large amounts of information
Values logical thought and self-expression
Inclined to question the meaning of things
Propensity to support thinking with facts and reason

Top Career Services Resources for Religion & Philosophy Majors

Career Resources Library (Buckman 207)
CareerLinX: <https://cbu-csm.symplicity.com/students/>
Memphis Business Journal, Book Of Lists
Careers for Good Samaritans & Other Humanitarian Types
by Marjorie Eberts and Margaret Gisler
The Liberal Arts Advantage by Gregory Giangrande
Good Works edited by Donna Colvin

Life Keys by Jane Kise, David Stark and Sandra Hirsh
Making a Living While Making a Difference by Melissa Everett
Soul Work by Deborah Bloch and Lee Richmond
Guide to America's Federal Jobs by JIST Publishing
Liberal Arts Jobs by Burt Nadler
The Liberal Arts Advantage by Gregory Giangrande
Opportunities in Law Careers by Gary Munneke

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TypeFocus: www.typefocus.com (Access Code: CBU8998)
SIGI 3: www.tinyurl.com/cbusigi

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Additional Resources/Contacts for Religion & Philosophy Majors

American Academy of Ministry: www.ministry.org
American Academy of Religion: www.aar-site.org
Society of Biblical Literature <http://www.sbl-site.org>
Association for Religion and Intellectual Life: www.aril.org
Assoc. of North American Missions: www.anam-usa.org
Council of Societies for the Study of Religion: www.cssr.org
National Council on Churches: www.nccusa.org/index.htm
Religious Research Association: <http://rra.hartsem.edu/>
American Philosophical Association: www.udel.edu/apa
Tennessee Philosophical Association: <http://www.tpaweb.org/>
O-Net: <http://online.onetcenter.org>

Ethics Updates: <http://ethics.acusd.edu/>
Catholic Theological Society of America <http://www.ctsa-online.org/>
North American Academy of Liturgy <http://www.naal-liturgy.org/>
Vocation Web Site of the Christian Brothers, Midwest Province <http://www.cbmidwest.org/>
Vocation Office, Catholic Diocese of Memphis <http://www.memphisvocations.com/>
Vocation Web Page, Southern Dominican Province <http://www.dominicanvocations.com/>
Catholic Religious Vocation Network <http://www.vocationnetwork.org/>
VISION: <http://www.digitalvocationguide.org/vision>
National Association for Catholic Lay Ecclesial Ministry <http://www.nalm.org/>
National Conference for Catechetical Leadership: <https://ncl.wildapricot.org/resource/careers>