Religious Studies is a uniquely comparative, cross-cultural and interdisciplinary way to study the world’s religious communities. Students develop a broad knowledge of the world’s religions past and present, along with the opportunity for critical analysis of the role of religion in relation to other social and cultural domains: history, politics, art, literature, science, technology, and the media. During their studies students develop strong skills in analytical and critical thinking, written and spoken communication, and an understanding of cultural differences as they attend to the intersections of gender, ethnicity, race, and class in relation to religious traditions and practices. Students must choose one of two areas of concentration: Religions and Cultures (focusing on religion in relation to other aspects of culture and society) or Study of Religions (with more emphasis on the study of religious traditions).  

Career Areas/Job Titles:

Management and Industry
- Youth Group Leader
- Cultural Events Coordinator
- Historian
- Cultural Program Director
- Librarian
- Synagogue Administrator
- Day Care, Children and Adult
- Outreach Coordinator
- Campus Minister
- Grant Writer
- Non-Profit/Advocacy
- Curator
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- Teacher/Professor
- International Relations
- Consultant

Clergy
- Disaster Relief Aid

Government/Politics
- Lawyer
- Foreign Intelligence Manager
- United Nations Member
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Professional Links:


International Association for the History of Religions: [http://www.iahr.dk/](http://www.iahr.dk/)


*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.

Transferable Skills:

- Basic Computer Skills
- Teamwork
- Administrative Skills
- Language Fluency
- Identifying Problems
- Mediating Conflict
- Expressing Ideas
- Research Skills
- Organization Skills
- Oral Communication
- Adaptability/Flexibility
- Strategic Planning/Visioning
- Written Communication
- Attention to Detail
- Creating Innovative Solutions
- Cultural Understanding
- Judgment & Decision Making
- Analytical/Critical Thinking
- Service Orientation
- Initiative
- Teaching/Instructing Others
- Managing Time/Stress

*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here: [http://ccss.osu.edu](http://ccss.osu.edu)