

Linking Majors to Careers

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Religious Studies

A major or minor in religious studies at Regis focuses on various religious traditions, with particular emphasis on the beliefs, practices and worship activities of the Christian tradition. Students are familiarized with religious history, theological concepts, and worship practices of various religious traditions and with the way in which these religious phenomena affect both individual human lives and the life of society.

- Some of the areas in which religious studies majors have applied their knowledge are youth work, religious education, other church ministries, various social services and foreign service.
- A major or minor in religious studies can also complement and support a majors in education, business, social science and the arts.
- It can provide a sound basis for further study in various graduate or divinity school programs or in professional schools for education, social work, or law.

SKILLS: The person who majors in **Religious Studies** has the opportunity to practice the following **skills**:

- knowledge about the role of religion in human affairs
- understanding of human spiritual and social needs
- interacting with people of varying backgrounds
- ability to persuade and influence others
- ability to serve those in need
- reading/writing/oral communication
- interpersonal communication
- decision making and problem solving

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL ENTRY INTO A CAREER USING A RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR AT REGIS UNIVERSITY:

1. Participate in University Ministry groups such as Scripture Study or the Chapel Music Ensemble.
2. Get involved with lay ministry opportunities such as lectures, ministries of hospitality, Eucharistic ministers.
3. Volunteer in service programs through University Ministry or Service Learning.
4. Participate in Campus Faith and Justice Program.
5. Attend religious retreats, conferences and workshops.
6. Participate in alternative Christian community experiences including the Romero House and the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.
7. Participate in the Rocky Mountain Catholic Studies Coalition.
8. Embark on your own spiritual journey with a spiritual director.

RELATED JOBS: Listed below are some career fields someone with a Religious Studies major may enter:

associate pastor*	evangelist	high school teacher
campus minister*	guidance counselor*	religious researcher
campus religious coordinator	librarian*	religious staff writer
chaplain*	minister of music	religious writer
missionary	church camp director	nursing home director
seminary administrator	church administrator	pastor*
social worker*	denominational officer	priest*
theological professor*	director of preschool	youth minister*
director of social service	religious bookstore worker	YMCA/YWCA worker
director of religious education	prison counselor*	youth counselor
religious educational administrator		

* Require additional education.

CAREER RESOURCES IN:

- CAREER SERVICES LIBRARY (CS)
 - DAYTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY (DM)
 - ON THE INTERNET
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Career and Occupational Information

Occupational Outlook Handbook (CS, DM, and <http://www.bls.gov/oco>)

ONET <http://online.onetcenter.org>

Adams Jobs Almanac (CS, DM)

Dictionary of Occupational Titles (CS, DM)

Great Careers for... series (CS)

Careers for ... series (CS)

Careers in ... series (DM)

Encyclopedia of Career and Vocational Guidance (DM)

Liberal Arts Career News (CS)

Professional Organizations

National Directory of Non-Profit Organizations (DM)

Denver Meets (DM)

Encyclopedia of Associations (link on DM online catalog)

Internet Public Library listing at: <http://www.ipl.org/div/aon>

Employer Directories

Reference USA (link on DM online catalog)

Denver Business Journal Top 25 Book of Lists (CS, DM)

Colorado Business Directory (DM and available via link on DM online catalog)

Directory of Colorado Manufacturers (DM)

Rocky Mountain High Tech. Directory (DM)

Almanac of American Employers (DM)

Job Banks for US cities (CS, DM)

Standard & Poor's Register of Corp. Directory (link on DM online catalog)

Thomas Register of American Manufacturers
<http://www.thomasregister.com>

Directory of Colorado Non-Profits (DM and <http://www.coloradonoprofits.org>)

Employment Outlook

Occupational Outlook Quarterly (CS, DM)

Job Rated Almanac (DM)

CAM report (CS)

Employment Outlook for Colorado (DM)

Internships

Internships are placements with employers that give Regis College students with a GPA of 2.5 or better the opportunity to combine coursework with real-life experience while earning academic credit. Internships enhance academic knowledge, personal development and professional preparation. In addition, a successful internship can give students an edge when hiring decisions are made because employers seek applicants with practical experience in their field. Students interested in an internship need to register with the **Academic Internship Program** for help with determining a site placement, learning objectives and academic criteria.

Graduate School Information

Real Guide to Grad School (CS, DM)

Peterson's Graduate and Professional Programs (CS, DM and <http://www.petersons.com>)

Gorman Report (CS)

Graduate School Admissions Advisor (CS)

Getting what you came for (CS)

Educational Rankings Annual (DM)

College Blue Book (DM)

Directory of Post-Secondary Institutions (DM)

Salary Information

Colorado Occupational Wages
(<http://www.coworkforce.com/lmi/wages/wages.asp>)

Compensation & Working Conditions (DM)

NACE Salary Survey (CS)

Salary.com - <http://Salary.com>

Alumni Career Network

One of the best resources for career information is people who work in the field you are considering. Contact information for Regis Alumni who have agreed to talk with students investigating career fields is available on the Alumni Career Network, a program located under "Alumni" at <http://www.ecampusrecruiter.com/regis>

World Wide Web Sites

Regis Career Services: <http://www.regis.edu/careerservices>

Dayton Memorial Library article and research database:
<http://www.regis.edu/libdatabase.asp?sctn=lib&p1=empty>

JobWeb (NACE): <http://www.jobweb.org>

Career Magazine: <http://www.careermag.com>

America's Job Bank: <http://www.ajb.dni.us>