



Religious Studies (BA)

Religion is a fundamental part of the human experience. It informs and shapes politics, literature, philosophy, art and science as well as the daily life of millions around the globe. An understanding of religious traditions is critical to understanding our shared past and present and navigating toward our shared future.

Students who pursue the BA in religious studies come from a wide diversity of faiths, cultural backgrounds and intellectual interests. What many find fascinating and exciting about religious studies is that it draws from a wide variety of disciplines --- history, philosophy, anthropology, literature, political science and theology, to name a few. Course offerings reflect a diversity of approaches (historical, anthropological, ethical and theological); regions (North America, South America, Europe, Middle East, Africa, South Asia and Southeast Asia) and traditions (Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Native American traditions).

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Degree Offered

Religious Studies (BA)
Liberal Arts & Sciences, College of

Location

[Tempe](#), [Online](#)

Major Map

A major map outlines the degree's requirements for graduation.

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Application Requirements

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

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ASU has many financial aid options. Almost everyone, regardless of income, can qualify for some form of financial aid. In fact, more than 70 percent of all ASU students receive some form of financial assistance every year.



Career Outlook









Students interested in careers in local, state, regional and national communities will find transdisciplinary encouragement and support in the Bachelor of Arts degree program in religious studies. Students who are attracted to international study will find the undergraduate program rich in multicultural course work and study abroad opportunities. Religious studies students will find many opportunities for practical experience leading to careers in the academic study of religion, in public service, in governmental and non-governmental agencies and in professional careers in a variety of organizations, including all of the helping professions.

Religious studies graduates have gone on to careers in such fields as diplomacy, development and teaching and pursued professional degrees in areas such as law, public policy and counseling.

Example Careers

Students who complete this degree program may be prepared for the following careers. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions. Career examples include but are not limited to:

Career	*growth	*median salary
Business Intelligence Analysts 		\$81,140
Child, Family, and School Social Workers 	12.33%	\$41,530
Clergy	12.69%	\$44,060
Counselors, All Other	13.13%	\$43,810
Criminal Investigators and Special Agents	16.63%	\$74,300
Curators	22.98%	\$49,590
Editors	-0.31%	\$53,880

Financial Analysts  	*growth	*median salary
Healthcare Social Workers 	22.39%	\$49,830
Intelligence Analysts 	16.63%	\$74,300
Labor Relations Specialists		\$54,660
Lawyers 	12.98%	\$113,530
Legislators	0.72%	\$19,780
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists 		\$60,300
Marriage and Family Therapists 	14.46%	\$46,670
Military Officer Special and Tactical Operations Leaders, All Other		
Museum Technicians and Conservators	25.55%	\$38,220
Philosophy and Religion Teachers, Postsecondary		\$64,990
Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists	19.28%	\$48,190
Public Relations and Fundraising Managers	12.93%	\$95,450
Religious Workers, All Other	12.54%	\$26,380
Reporters and Correspondents 	-7.62%	\$35,870
Social Workers, All Other	12.78%	\$54,560
Social and Community Service Managers	13.78%	\$59,970
Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	21.02%	\$38,520

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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