



RELIGIOUS STUDIES ROUTES

SUBJECT PATHWAYS

CAREERS

Careers directly linked to Religious Studies

- Lecturer
- Minister
- Religious / spiritual leader
- School teacher

Religious studies can give you an understanding of different beliefs, values and cultures. This is useful in a many jobs although there are other requirements too. They include:

- Advice worker
- Barrister / solicitor
- Bereavement counsellor
- Play worker
- Business ethics consultant
- Care home manager
- Careers adviser
- Clinical psychologist
- Community development worker
- Counsellor / therapist
- Doctor
- Drugs / alcohol adviser
- Educational psychologist
- Equalities officer
- Ethics lawyer
- Family mediator
- Family support worker
- Funeral director
- Health promotions officer
- Health visitor
- International aid worker
- Interpreter
- Learning mentor
- Nurse / midwife
- Nursery nurse / manager
- Occupational therapist
- Palliative care assistant
- Play worker
- Police officer
- Probation officer
- Prosthetist / orthotist
- Psychotherapist
- Residential care worker
- Sheltered accommodation warden
- Social work assistant
- Social worker
- Solicitor
- Speech and language therapist
- Victim support worker
- Youth offending officer
- Youth / community worker

SKILLS

Religious studies / theology can help you develop a wide range of skills, including:

- Communication
- Constructing a reasoned argument
- Critical thinking
- Information handling
- IT
- Negotiation
- Organisation
- Presentation
- Problem solving
- Reasoning and analysis
- Research
- Team working
- Time management
- Understanding other viewpoints

These skills are needed for jobs at different levels and with a range of entry routes, including apprenticeships and further or higher education. Here's a selection:

- Advertising account executive
- Archivist
- Charity fundraiser
- Communications officer
- Community driver
- Customer services adviser
- Debt adviser
- Dental nurse
- Editorial assistant
- Events manager
- Financial adviser
- Hotel manager
- Housing officer
- Human resources (HR) officer
- Immigration officer
- Information officer
- Journalist
- Legal executive
- Librarian
- Marketing officer
- Public relations officer
- Receptionist
- Retail buyer
- Sales assistant / manager

DID YOU KNOW?

The American civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King was a Baptist minister who studied for a doctorate (PhD) in theology at the University of Boston.

Religious studies and theology graduates go into a wide range of work sectors, including legal, social and welfare, education, healthcare, business, finance and retail.

ROUTES

Routes into these careers, include full time study, higher education and apprenticeships.

Many of them need other subjects too, particularly English, maths and sciences so always check entry requirements.

Higher and degree apprenticeships, where you work and study for higher education qualifications, are being developed in some work sectors e.g. health, care and legal services.

If you're are interested in becoming a religious minister / spiritual leader, you should speak to a leader in your faith community. The training routes can vary but they may involve further study so educational qualifications are helpful. Some roles are carried out by volunteers – religious leaders can normally advise on this.

FIND OUT MORE

For more job ideas, visit nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/youngpeople then follow links to 'Aged 13-19' and 'Do something you're good at'.

If you're thinking about higher education, visit: www.prospects.ac.uk to see what art and design graduates have done after their degree.

Other websites

ccskills.org.uk

sheffieldfutures.org.uk

ucasprogress.com

ucas.com

icould.com

interfaith.org.uk