

Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies

START WELL

STAY ON COURSE

FINISH STRONG

WHAT'S NEXT?



Learn

- See [sample schedule](#) for your degree
- Meet with your major advisor
- Take WU 101 seriously
- Practice the study strategies & time management skills from [The Learning Scientists](#)
- Choose general education classes that might become minors or double majors for you
- Take advantage of [WU tutoring](#)
- Do not be afraid to ask for help

- Meet with your advisor to ensure progress on your degree
- Check your degree progress with [DegreeWorks](#)
- Keep up with assignments
- Learn from feedback
- Wait until at least Junior year to take PH 301
- Choose a minor, second major, or certificate

- Understand graduation requirements
- Take RG 331 when it is offered
- Complete your capstone (RG 398 and 399)

Entry-level jobs in a variety of fields
Internships and gap year programs
Humanities graduate school programs, including (but not limited to) religious studies

Seminary or divinity school

Master's programs in social work, administration, human services, liberal studies, and psychology

Juris doctorate programs

Master's of business administration programs

Local, state, or federal government

Non-governmental humanitarian organizations

Marketing

Media (TV, radio, online)

Museum curation

Social work (hospice, migrant services, shelters, correctional institutions, religious organizations)

Pastorate/chaplaincy

Secondary or higher education

* Some careers require additional education or training



Experience

- Consider whether becoming a [Bonner Leader](#) or pursuing a Community Service [Washburn Transformational Experience](#) that fits with your goals
- Apply to be a [FYE Peer Educator](#)
- Attend the [campus job fair](#)
- Consider an on-campus job to acquire transferable skills

- Get involved in [Washburn Student Government Association](#) (WSGA)
- Speak with a professor about project, volunteer, or research opportunities

- Seek leadership roles in other campus organizations
- Complete a [Washburn Transformational Experience](#) project
- Use a Scholarly-Creative WTE to get funding to present at a regional conference

Social work (hospice, migrant services, shelters, correctional institutions, religious organizations)



Engage

- Join the Religious Studies Club
- Attend [Apeiron](#) presentations
- Join the [University Honors program](#)
- Visit multiple professors' office hours and ask about their disciplines

- Take Honors courses through the University Honors program
- Participate in volunteer and service-learning opportunities
- Find student organizations that match your interests
- Engage with faculty; they can serve as your references
- Complete a [Study Abroad](#) (like Religious Diversity in North America)

- Use LinkedIn and Handshake to expand your network
- Present a poster/paper at [Apeiron](#)



Launch

- Have a resume and keep it updated
- Attend the [Career & Internships Expo](#) to ask questions from employers about how you can be preparing now for potential careers
- Sign up for Handshake
- Take the [Focus2 Career Assessment](#)
- If you are considering law school, look into the [LEAP Program](#)

- Schedule informational interviews with people in industries that interest you
- Log in to [Handshake](#) and start pinning job openings that interest you
- Create LinkedIn/Indeed account
- Begin exploring [internship opportunities](#)
- Secure strong letters of recommendation from faculty

- Complete an internship for your religious studies capstone or write a capstone paper that you could use as a grad school application writing sample
- Utilize the [Career Engagement Office](#) to search for jobs
- Apply to graduate schools or employment

LEARN MORE:



Use this major map to plan your journey at Washburn. Everyone's experiences are different, so talk to your advisor about customization.