

CAREER IDEAS FOR MAJORS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND PHILOSOPHY

For centuries, a college education meant preparation in philosophy and theology. Now, there are many majors that students can choose from, but these two disciplines offer a breadth of knowledge that can factor into any profession.

Our philosophy majors often go into fields as diverse as business, technical writing and information technology. Religious studies majors can also branch out into a number of other professions, and as religion plays an increasing role in the global economy and politics, this area has become key for understanding and communicating across different cultures. Graduate professional programs, including medicine and law, also welcome our graduates.

St. Joseph's Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies and Philosophy, which is offered at the Long Island Campus, combines study of the two with a specialization in one.

Religious studies/philosophy majors must complete 36 credits in the two departments, including four specific courses in each area. An additional 9 credits must be earned in the discipline of choice and the senior thesis must be completed within that discipline. However, students who wish to combine this major with a major in another area can explore the possibility of a cross-disciplinary thesis.

A sample of careers for religious studies and philosophy majors can be found below. Some of these careers may require an education beyond a Bachelor's degree.

A Sample of Careers for Religious Studies and Philosophy Majors

Admissions Counselor
Advertising Account Executive
Attorney
Business Manager
Campus Minister
Child Welfare Worker
Claims Examiner
Clergy
Conflict Resolution Specialist
Consultant
Consumer Advocate
Copy Writer
Corporate Trainer
Corrections Officer
Counselor
Editor/Writer

Employee Relations Specialist
Equal Opportunity officer
FBI/CIA Agent
Financial Planner
Foreign Service Officer
Fundraiser
Government Agency Administrator
Hospital Administrator
Human Resources Specialist
Insurance Agent/Broker
Investment Counselor
Journalist
Labor Relations
Lawyer
Librarian
Lobbyist

Market Researcher
Non-profit Administrator
Paralegal
Peace Corps Worker
Professor/Educator
Psychologist
Public Policy Specialist
Public Relations Specialist
Public Service Official
Realtor
Religious Leader
Sales/Marketing Representative
Social Worker
Sociologist
Teacher
Youth Counselor
Youth Ministry Director

Research careers by exploring the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) and [O*NET Online](#). Match your skills, interests, values, accomplishments, experience, personality traits and goals with career information that you find at these sites.

To gain additional insight into careers for mathematics majors, please research the information included in *Religious Studies and Philosophy Job Search Strategies and Resources* found on MySJC Portal under Campus Life and Career Development and Engagement.

The Office of Career Development and Engagement located in O'Connor Hall, Room E-301, welcomes you to make an appointment with a member of our counseling staff to help you develop a plan to reach your career goals. Career counseling sessions are generally 30-60 minutes in length and appointments can be scheduled by contacting the Office at 631.687.1248.