Religious Studies
IU School of Liberal Arts

ABOUT THE MAJOR

Religion deeply informs human experience. People find identity and connection in practicing their religions. In this major, you will learn how religious communities shape moral norms, wage war and make peace; influence what people eat, how they dress, how they live and how they die. The field of Religious Studies provides you the critical tools to understand the “why” of these meanings and motivations. Religious Studies offers you opportunities to explore the patterns and dimensions of the many different religious traditions of the world from the perspectives of the academic study of religion.

Skills and abilities this major develops include: problem solving, critical thinking, communication, and research (IU School of Liberal Arts, 2017).

OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION

Career Opportunities
Religious Studies majors from IUPUI have diverse opportunities upon graduation including: public relations, community service organizations, human resources, and more. According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (2017) the projected growth for Religious Workers is average through 2024. Community and Social Service Specialists positions are growing at an average pace from 2014-2024.

Salary Information
The average starting salary for School of Liberal Arts graduates from IUPUI was $33,495 for the May 2016 graduating cohort. The median starting salary for liberal arts graduates who pursued a degree in religious studies was $46,750 for the class of May 2016 according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE, 2017).

(This section is intended for informational purposes, not prediction of actual salary.)

Graduate & Professional School Paths
Religious Studies majors often pursue advanced degrees in the following areas: Seminary, Law, Medicine, Counseling, Social Work, Philosophy, and Religious Studies among others.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

IU School of Liberal Arts
Department of Religious Studies
Cavanaugh Hall 335
liberalarts.iupui.edu/religious_studies

American Academy of Religion
www.aarweb.org

Liberal Arts Career Development Office
Cavanaugh Hall 243B
317-274-1224
liberalarts.iupui.edu/careers

Sample Coursework:
- Comparative religions
- Christian religions
- Women & religion
- Religion and healing
- Islam and modernity
- Religion and culture
- Yuppies and gurus

Possible Careers:
- Counselor*
- Human resource generalist
- Journalist
- Ministry/Missionary
- Nonprofit management
- Professor*

* = Career option requires additional training or education.

Where Could I Work?
- Business development
- Community & social services
- Nonprofit organizations
- Religious Ministries
- Social Work
- State of Indiana

Complementing Interests:
S
Social

A
Artistic

E
Enterprising

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