Religious Studies seeks to understand the creation, expression and practices of religion belief systems. This program will give you an understanding of the complex nature and function of religion within the lives of individuals, communities, societies, and cultures.

**Key Skills & Knowledge**

**Critical thinking & problem solving:** Think thoroughly and systematically, using methods of conceptual analysis, reasoning, and detailed description; logical thinking and deductive reasoning; making recommendations for global problems at a local level.

**Interpersonal:** Interact with diverse groups; cross cultural understanding, awareness and sensitivity; teamwork and the ability to work independently; conflict resolution skills; ability to interact with diverse groups and backgrounds.

**Interdisciplinary perspective:** Ability to apply knowledge from a variety of disciplines to the understanding of concepts, people and situations; exposure to different cultural environments and languages; cultural sensitivity, objectivity and open-mindedness.

**Communication:** Proficiency in reading, writing, and oral communication; public speaking skills, comfortable with debating ideas and persuading and influencing others; writing skills, able to explain and present ideas and data clearly; articulate, understand and explain abstract ideas; exposure to different languages.

**Qualitative & quantitative research skills:** Data collection, analysis and presentation in written format.

**Cross cultural understanding, awareness & sensitivity:** Understanding of human spiritual and social needs; ability to interact with diverse groups and apply knowledge and concepts from a variety of disciplines and backgrounds; knowledge of different religious beliefs, doctrines and practices; understanding of human behaviour from a cultural perspective.

**Sample Job Titles**

- Advocate
- Campus Religious Coordinator
- Communications Advisor
- Community Development Officer
- Community Projects Coordinator
- Conflict Management Specialist
- Critical Analyst
- Cultural Affairs Officer
- Customer Relations Representative
- Denominational Representative
- Diversity Consultant
- Export Marketer
- Family Counsellor
- Financial Aid Officer
- Foreign Service Worker
- Government Official Assistant
- Historic Site Guide
- Human Resources Consultant
- Human Rights Officer
- Immigration Officer
- International Development Advisor
- Project Officer
- Media Relations Advisor
- Mediator
- Missionary
- Multicultural Liaison
- Paralegal - Mediation
- Parole Officer
- Pastoral Counsellor
- Policy Advisor
- Public Service Worker
- Religious Advisor
- Religious Educator
- Religious Publications Writer
- Research Officer
- Resource Liaison
- Seminary Administrator
- Social Services Worker
- Student Services Officer
- Teacher / Facilitator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Youth / Community Worker

Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: [alis.alberta.ca/occinfo](alis.alberta.ca/occinfo)

**Need help deciding what to do?**

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. Request an assessment via [CareerLink](#)
Associations provide an opportunity for continued professional development. Many also offer networking opportunities and other events for their members.

- American Academy of Religion: [www.aarweb.org](http://www.aarweb.org)
- American Council of Learned Societies: [www.acls.org](http://www.acls.org)
- Association for the Sociology of Religion: [www.sociologyofreligion.com](http://www.sociologyofreligion.com)
- Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion: [www.ccsr.ca](http://www.ccsr.ca)
- Canadian Philosophical Association: [www.acpca.ca](http://www.acpca.ca)
- Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences: [www.ideas-idees.ca](http://www.ideas-idees.ca)
- International Association for the History of Religion: [www.iahr.dk](http://www.iahr.dk)
- North American Association for the Study of Religion: [www.naasr.com](http://www.naasr.com)
- Religious Education Association: [www.religiouseducation.net](http://www.religiouseducation.net)
- Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council Canada: [www.sshrc.ca](http://www.sshrc.ca)
- Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy: [www.sacpweb.org](http://www.sacpweb.org)
- Society for Biblical Literature: [www.sbl-site.org](http://www.sbl-site.org)
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion: [www.sssrweb.org](http://www.sssrweb.org)
- World Council of Churches: [www.oikoumene.org](http://www.oikoumene.org)

**Potential Industries**

- Advertising
- Advocacy
- Church Administration
- Community Development
- Community Outreach
- Community / Social Services
- Conflict Resolution / Mediation
- Counselling/Coaching
- Diversity Training
- Cultural Studies
- Ethics
- Education
- Exports & Trades
- Family Support
- Foreign Service
- Fundraising & Development
- Government—All Levels
- Health Services
- Heritage & History
- Human Resources
- Human Rights
- Immigration
- Industrial Relations
- International Development
- International Corporations
- Library Services
- Lobbying
- Publishing / Multicultural Publications
- Missionary Organizations
- Museums
- Non-Profit Organizations / NGOs
- Public Administration & Policy
- Religious Organizations / Ministries
- Theology
- Writing

**Career Services**

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- Career Planning
- Job Search Support
- Resume Reviews
- Career Workshops
- Online Job Postings
- Career Fairs
- Networking Events
- Information Sessions & much more!

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Twitter: @HireUCalgary

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**Job Boards**

- Indeed: [https://ca.indeed.com/](https://ca.indeed.com/)
- Charity Village: [https://charityvillage.com/](https://charityvillage.com/)
- Idealist.org: [https://www.idealist.org](https://www.idealist.org)
- CareerLink: [careerlink.ucalgary.ca](http://careerlink.ucalgary.ca)

**Additional Resources**

- Careers in the Non-profit Sector by Jennifer Bobrow Burns
- Good works: A Guide to Social Change Careers by Donna Colvin
- Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors by Blythe Camenson
- International Jobs by Eric Kocher

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**Student Clubs**

Various Religious Student Clubs: [suclubs.orgsync.com/clublist](http://suclubs.orgsync.com/clublist)

**Aligned Majors**

History, International Relations, Sociology