What can I do with a Religious Studies degree?

This is a common question asked by students who are pursuing or intend to pursue the Religious Studies major. It is difficult to answer when you only think of your career options by correlating a job title to the degree. The reality of the career world is that your degree is only one part of the formula.

Your career search should instead focus primarily on the skillset you have to offer potential employers, along with the additional qualifications and experience that you should acquire along the way. A degree in Religious Studies will provide you with a versatile skillset that you can apply to a wide variety of career options.
Sample Skillset

* cultural awareness & sensitivity
* critical thinking/reading/writing
* research
* analyze complex information

* interpersonal communication
* understanding and appreciation of socio-cultural & religious diversity
* open-minded approach to problem solving
* conflict resolution
* social intelligence
* time management
* teamwork/collaboration
* oral/written communication
* leadership

Sample Career Fields & Job Titles*

♦ Business
  ⇒ Administration/Executive/Manager
  ⇒ Entrepreneurship
  ⇒ General Business
  ⇒ Human Resources
  ⇒ Public Relations
  ⇒ Sales

♦ Communication & Arts
  ⇒ Public Relations
  ⇒ Writing/Editing/Publishing

♦ Education
  ⇒ Academic/Student Affairs
  ⇒ Teacher/Instructor/Professor

♦ Government/Public Sector
  ⇒ Administration
  ⇒ Civil or Foreign Service Officer
  ⇒ Elected Official
  ⇒ Policy Analyst & Advisor

♦ Law

♦ Military

♦ Non-Profit Groups/Organizations
  ⇒ Advocate/Social Services
  ⇒ Analyst/Advisor
  ⇒ Fundraiser
  ⇒ Humanitarian Work
  ⇒ Museum Work
  ⇒ Researcher

♦ Religious Services
  ⇒ Clergy/Ministry
  ⇒ Fundraising
  ⇒ Mission Work
  ⇒ Volunteer Coordinator

♦ Social Services
  ⇒ Case Management
  ⇒ Counseling
  ⇒ Community Organizing
  ⇒ Social Worker

*Some career fields & job titles may require additional training and/or schooling