

Religious Studies

Religion plays a major role in shaping and influencing various cultural, historical, and political movements across the globe. Understanding religious traditions and their impact on diverse modern issues is vital preparation for building a career in the global marketplace. At Queen's, our approach to the study of religion is multicultural, diverse, and interdisciplinary. Our courses look at religion in a variety of interesting ways: specific religious traditions (i.e. New Religious Movements, Islam in the Modern World), themes (i.e. Religion and Sport; Religion, Business, and Ethics), and theories.

TOP 5 REASONS to study RELIGION

- 1 Analyze the impact religion has on politics and identity.
- 2 Understand confusing social forces.
- 3 Engage in thoughtful conversations about religious topics.
- 4 Be able to explain and understand Religious Traditions.
- 5 Acquire intercultural literacy and a global perspective.

Alumni Story

"My degree in Religious Studies taught me how to think outside the box. Specifically, I learned how to approach problems from different perspectives and how to be innovative with my analysis and arguments."

-Robyn Agoston, BAH

AT A GLANCE

THEMATIC COURSES

Race and Ethnicity

Social Movements

Environment;
Social Ethics

Mythology and
Heroes

Magic and
Witchcraft

TRADITIONS COURSES

Buddhism; Christianity

Hinduism; Islam

Judaism

Indigenous Knowledges
and Practices

Black Religions

Secularity

New Religious
Movements

add a
CERTIFICATE

Data Analytics

Disability and
Physical Activity

Employment
Relations

Geographic
Information Science

Indigenous
Languages and
Cultures

Sexual and Gender
Diversity

Urban Planning
Studies

[QUartsci.com/certs](https://quartsci.com/certs)

2025-26 Plan Thresholds

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit quartsci.com/planselection

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Check in with your department to learn more about what opportunities and resources are available for you!

Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

That is a degree from Queen's.

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Religious Studies MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF ARTS: HONOURS DEGREE (MAJOR/MINOR) OR GENERAL DEGREE



CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

Knowledge & Workplace Skills

A degree in Religious Studies can equip you with:

Intercultural Literacy:

- Historical, textual, cultural dimensions of diverse religious traditions
- Impact of religion on global politics and histories
- Respect for difference

Analytical/Problem-solving Proficiencies:

- Methods and theories of analysis used in the academic study of religion
- Interpretation of primary and secondary sources, historical, and contemporary
- Research design and implementation

Communication Skills:

- Summarize complex material
- Develop convincing arguments
- Write cogently and present effectively

People Skills:

- Collaboration in groups
- Listening, consideration and evaluation of others' ideas/opposing arguments

Career Possibilities

A degree in Religious Studies can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master's. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Research
- Cultural affairs
- Faith-based leadership
- Human resources
- International development
- Family and labour relations
- Patient advocacy
- Public policy
- Social services

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don't have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the [My Major Map](#) tool.

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Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the [Student Affairs website](#) for available resources.

QUIP

QUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

START DATES
in May, September,
or January

POSITIONS
are paid and
full-time

WORK TERMS
are 12-16 months
long

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Graduate with "Professional Internship" on your degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry
- Explore a career path, earn a salary, and build workplace skills

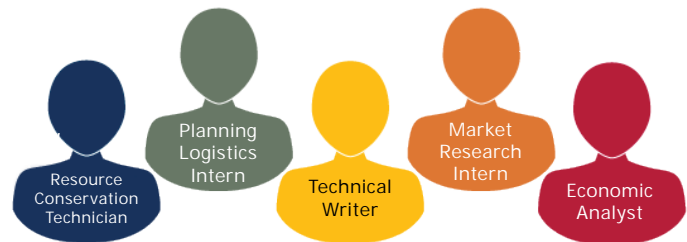
ELIGIBILITY

- Complete 1st year before you register
- Complete 2nd or 3rd year before your internship
- Minimum GPA of 1.9
- Return to Queen's after your internship to finish your degree

WHY QUIP?

- Gain a year of career-related work experience
- Build network connections
- Receive support from Queen's staff in job search and during internship

SAMPLE PAST INTERNSHIPS



For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the [Program Website](#).

Why study in Kingston?

Since 1841, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen's – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

We're closer than you think.



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