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.

REASONS to study RELIGION

- Analyze the impact religion has on politics and identity.
- 2 Understand confusing social forces.
- Engage in thoughtful conversations about religious topics.
- Be able to explain and understand Religious Traditions.
- 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

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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

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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Queen's UNIVERSITY

Religious Studies MAJOR MAP

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

	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH OR FINAL YEAR
GET THE COURSES YOU NEED	In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Religious Studies along with some electives. Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options. Interested in getting a head start in learning and working in a digital world? Take ASCX 150 and develop future-ready skills!	Start going deeper into the discipline of Religious Studies, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as International Studies. Learn more about Certificates and Internship options. Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Success Services) for some help.	A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of Religious Studies. Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.	In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).
GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	Join teams or clubs on campus, such as the Queen's International Affairs Association; see the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas.	Look into summer jobs by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study. Consider entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the Queen's Founders and Innovators Initiative (QFII). Consider becoming a Departmental Student Council (DSC) representative.	Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC) by becoming a DSC representative. If interested, apply for an <u>Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship</u> (<u>USSRF</u>). Consider applying to do a 12-16 month <u>OUIP internship</u> between your third and fourth year.	Consider becoming the Departmental Student Council Chair. Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest. Assess what experience you're lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.
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SET ENGAGED WITH THE COMMUNITY	Volunteer on- or off-campus with different community organizations such as <u>Greenpeace</u> , <u>Ecojustice</u> , <u>Elizabeth Fry Society</u> , <u>Syrian Refugee</u> <u>Aid Groups</u> .	Attend public lectures sponsored by the School of Religion. Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as Room to Read.	Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest through LinkedIn. Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the Department Student Council (DSC). If interested, get involved with the Queen's Journal or QIAA.	Consider joining professional associations like the Canadian Society for Studies in Religion and the American Academy of Religion. Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Religion.
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GET ENGAGED GLOBALLY	Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC's Intercultural Awareness Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations. Consider speaking to a QUIC advisor to learn how you can get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.	Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office.	Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.	International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.
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GET CAREER READY	Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.	Explore careers of interest in the Career Services Information Area. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn. Find impactful work that aligns with your values using the Queen's Career Guide to the UN	Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about Grad School from Career Service. Speak to our Graduate Coordinator about graduate studies in	Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes interviews, Grad School applications, or other decisions. Apply in the fall for SSHRC and OGS scholarships if applying to grad school in

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
- 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.

Sustainable Development Goals

Religious Studies



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 <u>Student Affairs</u> website for available resources.



RELIGION

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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

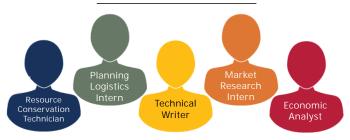
ELIGIBILITY

- 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

th more closer than you think 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 London / 7 hrs the experience of a CANADA Oueen's Beijing / 15 hrs lifetime at Queen's Dubai / 14 hrs - and graduate Calgary / 4 hrs Vancouver / 5 hrs with a degree that is globally Halifax / 2 hrs recognized San Francisco / 5.5 hrs among Denver/3 hrs New York / 1.5 hrs UNITED the best. STATES Dallas / 3.5 hrs Atlanta / 2 hrs Bermuda / 2 hrs