

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 Examine how religion impacts a wide variety of cultural expressions.
- 2 Analyze the impact of the world's religious forces on culture and identity.
- 3 Evaluate the role of religion in current affairs in the global context.
- 4 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 '05

AT A GLANCE

THEMATIC COURSES

- Race and Ethnicity
- Social Movements
- Environment; Social Ethics
- Mythology and Heroes
- Magic and Witchcraft
- Sex; Sport; Violence

TRADITIONS COURSES

- Buddhism; Christianity
- Hinduism; Islam; Judaism
- Indigenous Knowledges and Practices
- Black Religions; Secularity
- New Religious Movements

add a **CERTIFICATE** to your degree

Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Employment Relations

Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity

French for Professionals

Geographic Information Science

Global Action and Engagement

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

International Studies

Media Studies

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning

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FIRST YEAR COURSES AVAILABLE

- World Religions
- Religion and Science
- Religion and Popular Culture
- Religion, News, and Media
- Religion and Film

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): MAJOR, MEDIAL, MINOR

The coronavirus pandemic may impact how some activities are delivered in 2021-2022. Please check directly with the host of any activity on the map for the latest information.



What will I learn?
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

Where can I go?
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.

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MAJOR MAP



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.

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.



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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.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

ELIGIBILITY

- 2nd or 3rd Year Students
- Minimum GPA of 1.9

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?

For 175 years, 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

