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. Buddhism, Islam in the Modern World), themes (i.e. Religion and Sport; Religion, Business and Ethics), and theories.

**TOP 5 REASONS to study RELIGION**

2. Understand the impact of the world’s religious forces on culture and identity.
3. Critically think, analyze cultures, evaluate current affairs, and make decisions in a global context.
4. Examine how religion impacts a wide variety of cultural expressions.
5. Acquire intercultural literacy.

**ALUMNI JOBS**

- 3% of alumni work in **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & COMPUTING**
- 7% of alumni work in **BANKING & INVESTMENT**
- 14% of alumni work in **RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS**
- 51% of alumni work in **EDUCATION**

**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

**2018-19 thresholds**

- 1.9 cGPA AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE
- OPEN PENDING LIST

*Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. For the latest information please visit: [QUartscl.com](http://QUartscl.com)*

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## MAJOR MAP

### 1ST 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. See the back page for specific courses to consider. Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn about Plan options.

### 2ND YEAR
- **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.

- **GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**
  - Volunteer on or off campus with different community organizations such as Greenpeace, Ecojustice, Elizabeth Fry Society, Syrian Refugee Aid Groups.

- **GET THINKING GLOBALLY**
  - Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations. Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

- **GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**
  - Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

### 3RD YEAR
- **GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
  - Start going deeper into the discipline of Religious Studies, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as International Studies. Attend Degree + in the Fall term to learn more about Certificate and Internship options. Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SAAS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR
- **GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**
  - 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 Innovation Connector Summer Initiative (QICS).

  - Consider becoming a Departmental Student Council (DSC) representative.

- **GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**
  - Attend public lectures sponsored by the School of Religion.

  - Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen's Connects. Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the Department Student Council (DSC). If interested, attend the Queen’s Media and Journalism Conference or the CQA Global Passport Online Database and Internship Fair.

- **GET THINKING GLOBALLY**
  - 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.

- **GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**
  - Explore careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as The Ethical Career Guide. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

- **GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
  - 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 Religion.

- **GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**
  - 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 — for some ideas, see the back page.

- **GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**
  - Consider joining professional associations like the Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion and the American Academy of Religion.

- **GET THINKING GLOBALLY**
  - International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student advisor.

- **GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**
  - 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.

### C O N S I D E R A 1 - 2 - 1 6 M O N T H Q U I P I N T E R N S H I P

### What will I learn?
A degree in Religious Studies can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:

- **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
  - 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:

- 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.
Sample Year by Year

1ST YEAR
- 6.0 units from RELS 131/6.0, RELS 161/6.0, (RELS 162/3.0 and RELS 163/3.0)
- 24.0 units of electives

2ND YEAR
- RELS 255/3.0
- 15.0 units from RELS Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

3RD YEAR
- RELS 354/3.0
- 15.0 units from RELS Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

4TH YEAR
- RELS 401/3.0
- 15.0 units from RELS Options
- 12.0 units of electives

PLAN:
60.0 units plus electives (or a combination of a minor and electives) to a total of 120 units.

Note that degree requirements are revised regularly. The most current requirements, including course lists and options, are found in the Academic Calendar at: QUartsci.com/academic-calendar