Religious Studies is a disciplined analysis and reflections upon religious dimensions of human life. Utilizing a wide spectrum of methodologies from the Humanities and Social Sciences, Religious Studies explores what makes persons religious, elements of religious being, and what roles religion plays in personal, cultural, and social identities, along with historical analysis.

RS offers an exceptional way to explore cultural diversity, history of cultural and religious traditions, the reading of classical texts, and values in contemporary culture. As such, Religious Studies is much like many other disciplines within the University that offer a critical approach to matters of history, culture, literature, and values. But many Religious Studies majors also find that it offers them a superb vehicle for their own self-exploration and their search for direction in life. After graduation RS majors explore many different career paths (we’ve graduated people who go on to be lawyers, social workers, teachers, professors, counsellors, and vagabonds), but nearly all RS majors find that the study of religion was indispensable in helping them discover their own direction and the values that they hold most dear.

Related Career Fields and Titles
The following list is not meant to be all inclusive; many other job alternatives and titles may exist. Some of the job titles listed require further education.

- Community Relations Worker
- Community Outreach
- Counselors
- Social Worker
- Advocacy
- Pre-Law
- College Faculty
- Foreign Service Officer
- Recreation/Camp Program Leader
- Youth Leader/Worker
- Religious Education
- Community Development
- Clergy
- Peace Corps Representative
- Cultural Resources Manager
- Customs Agent
- Public Relations Specialist
- Journalist
- Editor/Writer
- Crises Services
- Policy Analyst
- Ministry/Missions
- Campaign Worker
- Consultant
- Research Specialist/Assistant
- Market Researcher
- Advertising Executive
- Non-Profit Manager
- Social Services/Case Manager
- Lobbyist

Possible Employers

Private:
Community Based Non-profits
Religious Organizations
Activists & Advocacy Organizations
Cultural Resource Centers

NGO’s
Public Relations/Marketing Firms
Research & Policy Institutes
Media/Publishers

Youth Intervention Programs
Historical Societies and Sites
Private Schools
Historical/Cultural Sites

Federal Agencies:
Diplomatic Services and Embassies
Peace Corps
Immigration & Customs Departments
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

AmeriCorps
Dept. of Health & Human Services
Department of Education
Internal Revenue Service

U.S. Armed Forces
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Central Intelligence Agency
Department of Homeland Security

State, County & Local Agencies:
Immigration Offices
Cultural Education Programs
Social Service Agencies
Tribal Programs
State Parks, Parks & Recreation Depts.

Community Outreach Programs
Conservation Departments
Youth Programs
Law Enforcement/Probation Depts.
Crisis Centers

Historic Preservation Offices
State Executive & Legislative Offices
Museums, Zoos and Libraries
Universities and Colleges
City/Regional Planning Departments
A 4-year College Degree is designed to give you the Top Skills employers are looking for, According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, those skills and abilities are:

- Effective Communication
- Working in a team structure
- Making decisions/solving problems
- Planning/organizing and prioritizing work
- Obtaining and processing information

- Analyzing quantitative data
- Proficiency with computers and software
- Creating and editing written reports
- Selling and influencing others

Marketable Skills In Your Major

- Understanding of Institutional, Personal, and Interpersonal Dimensions of Religion and Diversity
- Analyzing Relevant Historical & Social Issues
- Background in a wide range of religions
- Strong Critical Reasoning & Liberal Arts Background
- Leading/participating with groups
- Perception of different ways of life
- Researching and Gathering Information

- Sensitivity to Problems/Assessing Needs
- Ability to Communicate Across Differences
- Ability to craft arguments and materials to diverse audiences.
- Engage Ethically with Differences and Commonalities
- Understand Human Relationships/Social Processes
- Ability to Represent Others

Academic and Career Advising Center Services

Drop-In hours: Monday – Friday, 10 am – 1 pm: Quick academic and career advice and drop-in resume/cover letter review. Drop-ins are handy for the following types of services:

- Job Search Basics
- Basic DARS Review
- Quick Resume Review
- Declaring a Major/Major Change
- Adding a Minor
- Navigating HSU Handshake
- How to Use DARS Degree Planner
- Cover Letter Review

Academic and Career Advisors (Please call 707-826-3341 or visit Gist Hall 114 to make an appointment)

Our helpful team of academic and career advisors can help you get the most out of your college experience with the following and much more during an individual appointment:

- Academic Planning
- Full-time Job Search
- DARS Questions
- 4-Year Plans
- Major Change Advising
- GE Information
- Internship Search
- Federal Work Study
- Mock Interview
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Career Assessment
- Adding a Second Major
- Graduate School Application
- How to use DARS Degree Planner
- Withdrawal or Transfer Advice
- Personal Statement

HSU Handshake (online job database and more!): Search for campus jobs, internships, summer jobs, community service, work-study, etc. Register for workshops and special events. Go to www.humboldt.edu/acac to register on HSU Handshake or call 707-826-3341 for assistance.

Events and Workshops (Contact us for more information!)

- Part-time Job Fair - August
- Graduate and Professional School Fair - September
- Internship Week - February
- Career & Volunteer Expo - February
- Ready, Set, Register! Semester Bulletin - Fall/Spring
- Educator Fair - March
- How to Find Part-Time Jobs Workshop - March
- How to Find an Internship Workshop - On-Going
- Getting the Most out of Career Expo Workshop - On-going
- Research Graduate Schools Workshop - February
- Federal Resume & Application Open Labs - Fall
- How to Find Internships in Your Home Town Workshop - Spring

Looking for professional development opportunities for your on-campus club or organization?

- Request a Career Advisor to give a group presentation on subjects like resume development or job search.