

Careers in Religious Education

Knowledge of other cultures and world religious beliefs can be useful in many jobs where you are working with the public or communities. These include counselling and social services, marketing, sales and advertising, catering and hospitality, leisure, sport and tourism, retail sales and customer services, education and training, medicine and nursing, and service sector roles.

Career options in Religious Education:

Some options are more directly associated with a Religious Studies degree than others.

- Administrative Coordinator
- Author
- Charity Coordinator
- Child & Youth Worker
- Clergyman
- Community Centre Director
- Community Developer
- Diplomat
- Entrepreneur
- Foreign Service Worker
- Historian
- Human Rights Advocate
- International Aid Worker
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Legal Aide
- Lobbyist
- Media Correspondent
- Mediator
- Minister
- Missionary
- Museum Curator
- Non-Profit Administrator
- Political Consultant

- Public Policy Advisor
- Religious Rights Advocate
- Researcher
- Social Service Worker
- Social Worker
- Teacher
- Victim's Advocate
- Writer

Apprenticeships

There are some apprenticeships associated with religious studies such as:

- arts, media and publishing, e.g. exhibition guide, visitor services support
- leisure, travel and tourism, e.g. tourist guide, travel adviser
- health, public services and care, e.g. community support worker
- education and training, e.g. learning support assistant

Academic subjects – such as A levels

- **You can study** Religious Studies.
- **Related subjects** include health and social care, geography, law, history, classical civilisation, sociology, philosophy, psychology, government and politics, communication and culture.

Skills and qualities - from studying religious studies

- **Problem solving**

Some jobs particularly require problem solving skills and creative thinking to recognise problems and their causes, to identify a range of possible solutions and then assess and decide the best way forward.

- **Patience**

You'll need to be able to tolerate waiting, delay, or frustration without becoming agitated or upset. Some jobs require lots of patience such as dealing with customers or clients who may be upset or unwell, and job roles where you have to explain or repeat information or instructions.

- **Communication**

If your job requires verbal communication, you may need to write or give speeches and presentations. For jobs which require written communication skills, you will need to write clearly and convincingly – you could be producing or dealing with legal documents or writing articles for a newspaper. You may also require good listening skills, the ability to negotiate, or to be persuasive.

- **Attention to detail**

You'll need to be thorough and focused on details of a task. You'll monitor and check work, information, or plans.

- **Analytics**

You'll be collecting and examining information in detail to arrive at a solution, to answer a key question or make an informed decision.

- **Discipline**

You need to know and do what is expected of you. This ranges from organising yourself, being on time, to being responsible. Some jobs need particular discipline skills such as being able to persevere with the task and plans until you accomplish them, or following strict procedures.

- **Literacy**

You'll need good reading and writing skills. This could include a good standard of spoken and written English, and good knowledge of spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

- **Interpersonal skills**

You'll need listening and speaking skills, as well empathy to build friendships and ensure good working relationships.