What can I do with a major in Religion & Philosophy

The information below describes typical occupations and employers associated with this major. Understand that some of the options listed below may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options alone when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Religion & Philosophy

The academic study of religion and philosophy helps you to develop your critical thinking, reading, and writing skills, your ability to communicate effectively with those of different cultures, and your understanding of the importance of compassion in engaging an increasingly diverse and complex world in a responsible and meaningful way. There is a clear interdisciplinary character to the academic study of religion and philosophy, as it draws upon the various resources and distinctive approaches of, for example, archaeology, the visual and performing arts, economics, history, literature, and the behavioral, natural, political, and social sciences. Thus, as a Religion and Philosophy major at CBU, you are encouraged and equipped to understand and appreciate the worldviews and faith commitments of others, and to examine your own.

Possible Job Titles of Religion & Philosophy Graduates (Includes Full-Time, Internships & Co-Ops)
(*Jobs secured as reported by CBU Career Services post-graduate survey)

Account Executive
Advertising Agent
AIDS Educator*
Animal Care Technician*
Archivist
Assistant to Publisher*
Behavior Specialist*
Biographer
Camp Director
Campus Minister
Case Manager*
Chaplain
Church Planner
Coach*
College Professor of Religious Studies
Community Developer
Community Service Coordinator
Community Service Coordinator
Coordinator, Language Center*
Counselor*
Critic
Customer Service Associate*
Day Care Worker
Director of Religious Education
Director of Student Ministries*
Director of Youth Services*
Editor*
ESL Instructor*
Evangelist
Foreign Correspondent
Foreign Services Officer
High School Religion/Theology/Philosophy Teacher
Human Resource Specialist
Journalist
Judge
Lawyer*
Lead Case Manager*
Library Assistant*
Lobbyist
Mediator
Minister
Minister of Music
Missionary
Narcotics Officer*
Nonprofit Manager*
Outreach Program Coordinator*
Parish/Church Director, Liturgy/Worship Pastor
Political Scientist
Priest
Program Coordinator*
Project Manager
Psychologist
Public Relations Officer
Rabbi
Real Estate Title Examiner*
Receptionist*
Religious Writer
Research Assistant*
Researcher
Social Worker
Teacher*
Technical Support*
Training/Development Coordinator
TV Director
Volunteer
Writer
Youth Director*
Youth Minister

Possible Employers and Employment Settings for Religion & Philosophy Graduates
(*Jobs secured as reported by CBU Career Services post-graduate survey)

ADT Security Systems*
Advertising Agencies
Archives
Armstrong and Dobbs
AutoZone*
Banks*
Born Capital Markets*
Churches*
Colleges and Universities*
Comcare*
Correctional Facilities
Chambers of Commerce
Civil Service Commission
Colleges and Schools*
Community Development Agencies
Consulting Services
Consumer Affairs Office
Denominational Boards
**Skill Sets and Interests Associated with Religion & Philosophy Majors**

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<td>Able to critically analyze religious texts</td>
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<td>Proficient at evaluating historical data</td>
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<td>Knowledgeable of classical and modern languages</td>
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<td>Ability to interact with diverse people</td>
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<td>Ability to win, persuade or influence others</td>
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<td>Skilled in reading, writing, and communicating</td>
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<td>Considerate and sensitive to the needs of others</td>
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<td>Understanding of practice and doctrine of personal faith</td>
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<td>Sympathetic to people’s spiritual and emotional needs</td>
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**Propensity to support thinking with facts and reason**

**Proficiency in listening objectively**

**Capacity to effectively analyze and problem solve**

**Open-minded concerning complex life questions**

**Ample command of grammar and vocabulary**

**Ability to formulate and support various positions**

**Skillful at analytical reasoning**

**Capable of integrating large amounts of information**

**Values logical thought and self-expression**

**Inclined to question the meaning of things**

**Propensity to support thinking with facts and reason**

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**Top Career Services Resources for Religion & Philosophy Majors**

- Career Resources Library (Buckman 207)
- CareerLinX: [https://cbu-csm.symplicity.com/students/](https://cbu-csm.symplicity.com/students/)
- Memphis Business Journal, Book Of Lists
- Careers for Good Samaritans & Other Humanitarian Types
  - by Marjorie Eberts and Margaret Gisler
- The Liberal Arts Advantage by Gregory Giangrande
- Good Works edited by Donna Colvin
- Life Keys by Jane Kise, David Stark and Sandra Hirsh
- Making a Living While Making a Difference by Melissa Everett
- Soul Work by Deborah Bloch and Lee Richard
- Guide to America’s Federal Jobs by JIST Publishing
- Liberal Arts Jobs by Burt Nadler
- The Liberal Arts Advantage by Gregory Giangrande
- Opportunities in Law Careers by Gary Munneke

**Sign up for a free account and find out what careers you might be a fit for using:**

TypeFocus: [www.typefocus.com](http://www.typefocus.com) (Access Code: CBU8998)
SIGI 3: [www.tinyurl.com/cbusigi](http://www.tinyurl.com/cbusigi)

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**Additional Resources/Contacts for Religion & Philosophy Majors**

- American Academy of Religion: [www.aar-site.org](http://www.aar-site.org)
- American Academy of Ministry: [www.ministry.org](http://www.ministry.org)
- Society of Biblical Literature: [www.sbl-site.org](http://www.sbl-site.org)
- Association for Religion and Intellectual Life: [www.aril.org](http://www.aril.org)
- Assoc. of North American Missions: [www.anam-usa.org](http://www.anam-usa.org)
- Council of Societies for the Study of Religion: [www.cssr.org](http://www.cssr.org)
- National Council on Churches: [www.nccccusa.org/index.htm](http://www.nccccusa.org/index.htm)
- American Philosophical Association: [www.udel.edu/apa](http://www.udel.edu/apa)
- Tennessee Philosophical Association: [http://ftpweb.org](http://ftpweb.org)
- O-Net: [http://online.onetcenter.org](http://online.onetcenter.org)

- Catholic Theological Society of America [http://www.ctsa-online.org/](http://www.ctsa-online.org/)
- Vocation Office, Catholic Diocese of Memphis [http://www.memphisvocations.com](http://www.memphisvocations.com)
- Vocation Web Page, Southern Dominican Province [http://www.dominicanvocations.com](http://www.dominicanvocations.com)
- Catholic Religious Vocation Network [http://www.vocationnetwork.org](http://www.vocationnetwork.org)
- Ethics Updates: [http://ethics.acusd.edu/](http://ethics.acusd.edu/)
- Vocation Office, Catholic Diocese of Memphis [http://www.memphisvocations.com](http://www.memphisvocations.com)
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