



What Can I Do with a Major in...

Religion

Possible Career Options

(some career areas require advanced education)

Campus Religious Coordinator
Church Administrator
Church Camp Director
Clergy
Collection Agent
Community Service Agency Worker
Day-Care Center Worker
Director of Religious Activities
Evangelist
Family/Marriage Counselor
Fund Raiser
Hospice Director
Hospital/Military/Prison Chaplain
House Parent
Labor Relations Specialist
Lawyer
Legal Assistant
Librarian
Missionary
Newspaper/Magazine Journalist
Nursing Home Director
Peace Corps/VISTA Worker
Personnel Interviewer
Public Relations Specialist
Rehabilitation Counselor
Religious Education Director
Religious Bookstore Manager
Researcher/Archivist
Residence Hall Director
Retail Store Manager
School Guidance Counselor
Social Worker
Student Activities Director
Theological Professor
University/Seminary Administrator
Urban Regional Planner
Writer/Author/Editor
Youth/Music Minister

Leadership/Management Skills

- Builds and defends views in competing positions
- Develops strong apologetics and appropriate illustrations
- Convinces others of truth by personal example Views humanity in light of the Scriptures
- Applies spiritual truths to current life issues
- Senses how to meet the spiritual and social needs of others

Communication/Writing Skills

- Listens and responds to others objectively
- Interacts with people of varying ages and backgrounds
- Presents ideas through well-constructed, concise arguments
- Expresses a distinctive view with authority and confidence
- Incorporates theory and practical application
- Writes interpretively, descriptively, and persuasively
- Develops structure and technique while utilizing relevant examples

Research/Analytical Skills

- Elicits hidden assumptions
- Distinguishes the genre and literacy devices of a text
- Examines material in its historical, grammatical, and cultural context
- Analyzes and applies biblical, theological, and doctrinal principles
- Distinguishes differing views and discovers ultimate truth
- Analyzes complex spiritual issues and establishes a standard
- Generates and implements ways to meet human, spiritual, and social needs

Artistic/Creative Skills

- Develop ways to interact religion with life

Other Skills

- Willingness to interact with people

Print and Web Resources

OCS Books

Opportunities in Religious Service Careers

Missions in the Third Millennium

Careers for Good Samaritans and Other Humanitarian Types

A Guide to Religious Ministries for Catholic Men and Women

Online Career Resources

US Church Directory

www.worshipquest.org

Internship Electronic Resources

After College

www.aftercollege.com

Idealist and Action Without Borders

www.idealist.org

Local Internships

www.hope.edu/knowhope/internships/index.cgi

Employment Opportunity Electronic Resources

Catholic Network of Volunteer Services

www.cnvs.org

Intercristo

<http://intercristo.searchease.com>

Ministry Careers

www.ministrycareers.com

Ministry Jobs

www.ministryjobs.com

Ministry Search

www.ministrysearch.com

Spotlight on Careers

www.spotlightoncareers.org

Youth Specialties

www.youthspecialties.com

More resource links are available at the Office of Career Services website:

www.hope.edu/student/career

Professional Associations

American Academy of Religion

www.aarweb.org

American Association of Christian Counselors

www.aacc.net

American Association of Pastoral Counselors

www.aapc.org

Association of Professional Chaplains

www.professionalchaplains.org

Association of Theological Schools

www.ats.edu

Christian Educators Association International

www.ceai.org

Society of Biblical Literature

www.sbl-site.org

Society of Christian Ethics

www.scethics.org

World Council of Churches

www.wcc-coe.org

Hope Graduates in the Religion World

Area Director	Young Life
Campus Ministry Development Officer	Johns Hopkins University
Communications Director.....	Middle East Council of Churches
Director of Women's Ministry	Kalamazoo Gospel Mission
Director of Minority Language Ministries	World Home Bible League
Editor	Radio Bible Class
Investment Officer.....	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Linguist/Bible Translator.....	Wycliffe Bible Translators
Mission Advancement Director	Regional Synod of the Heartland
President	Next! Leadership Development, Inc.
President/CEO/Director	United Methodist Native American Ministry
Prison Chaplain.....	Federal Bureau of Prisons
Project Coordinator/Grants Writer.....	Caritas Jerusalem
Radio Assistant.....	Focus on the Family
Spiritual Formation Director	Fair Haven Ministries
Teacher/Missionary	Mercy Ships Ministry
Therapist	Tri-Cities Ministries Counseling
Urban Missionary	Center for Student Missions
Event Planner.....	Willow Creek Community Church Association
Founding Pastor and CEO Dr. Robert Schuller.....	Crystal Cathedral Ministries
Worship Producer	Church of the Resurrection
Pastor of Evangelism	Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church
Professor of Religion	Whitworth College
Director of Social Services	Trinity Church of Wall Street, NY
Theological Professor	New Brunswick Theological Seminary