

### Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies

#### 1ST YEAR

#### 2ND YEAR

#### 3RD YEAR

#### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

#### WHERE COULD I GO AFTER GRADUATION?

#### COURSES TO TAKE

- RG101 and RG102
- PH 100
- WU 101, EN 101, Foreign language, and MA 116 or 112
- 100-level Gen Ed courses
- Build study skills by enrolling in one Success Skillshop per week/month.

- PH 201, 203, or 207
- 100-200 level Gen Ed electives
- Consider options for a minor.  
Suggestions:  
History, Philosophy, Foreign language, Political science, Business, or Legal Studies

- RG331
- PH 301
- Gen Ed electives minor hours.
- Consider visiting the [Writing Center](#).
- Apply for a [SC-WTE](#) for your Senior Thesis.

- RG398 and RG399
- Gen Ed electives and minor hours
- Research, write, and defend your Senior Thesis.  
Use the \$1000 stipend from your SC-WTE.
- [Apply to graduate](#) through MyWashburn.

#### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Use [O\\*NET](#) to research occupations that interest you and find out what specific skills and experiences they require.

- [Apply for internships](#) to extend classroom knowledge into the world of work.
- Consider applying to be a [FYE Peer Educator](#).
- Consider participating in [Apeiron](#).

- Considering graduate school? Begin [studying for relevant exams](#) (GRE, LSAT, GMAT, MCAT).
- Submit a paper to an undergraduate conference in religious studies.

- Register for (and take!) relevant graduate school examinations: [GRE](#), [LSAT](#), [GMAT](#), [MCAT](#).

#### BUILD YOUR NETWORK

- Attend public events sponsored by Religious Studies on campus.

- Volunteer with community organizations.
- Join student organizations in areas of interest.
- Attend a regional [AAR meeting](#).

- Create and maintain a [LinkedIn](#) account.
- Begin identifying professors (including your advisors!) who can serve as strong references for you on post-graduate applications.

- Consider joining the [SBL](#) or the [AAR](#) as a student member.
- Join groups on LinkedIn related to your professions of interest.
- Schedule [informational interviews](#) with people employed in professions that interest you.

#### GLOBAL THINKING

- Take World Religions (RG 102) to develop a sense of your global interests in religious studies.
- Subscribe to the [Washington Post](#) or the [Wall Street Journal](#) at the (very cheap!) student rate. Keep up with international news.
- Attend events hosted by the International House.

- Apply for [study abroad](#). Use your study abroad to fulfill the requirements for an [IE-WTE](#). Try to go someplace where you can get first-hand exposure to religious traditions that you will study in your Senior Thesis.

- Study abroad. Before you leave, consult with your advisor about how to conduct fieldwork research for your senior thesis, if applicable.

- Consider applying for jobs, internships, and post-graduate “gap year” opportunities abroad.

#### POST-GRAD PREPARATION

- Take one or more of the major/career assessment tests offered by [Career Services](#). Discuss your results with your advisor.

- Meet with your advisor about career options. Think about where you imagine yourself in ten years.
- Use [Resumes for America](#) to build your resume.

- Meet with admissions at the WU School of Law. See if Law School might be right for you.
- Attend [career and graduate school fairs](#).

- Apply for jobs, post-grad internships, and/or graduate school. Use WU Career Services to search for [jobs/internships](#), and develop [application materials](#).
- Use [WU's Big Interview](#) tool to help prepare for job interviews.

- Entry-level jobs in a variety of fields
- Internships and gap year programs
- Humanities graduate school programs, including (but not limited to) religious studies
- Seminary or divinity school
- Masters programs in social work, administration, human services, liberal studies, and psychology
- Juris doctorate programs
- Masters of business administration programs
- Local, state, or federal government
- Non-governmental humanitarian organizations
- Marketing
- Media (TV, radio, online)
- Museum curation
- Social work (hospice, migrant services, shelters, correctional institutions, religious organizations)
- Pastorate/chaplaincy
- Secondary or higher education

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