

Next Steps

Freshman Highlights



- Classes to take: ENG 101, REL 101
- Schedule time to meet with an academic advisor in the Students First Office to develop a 4-year plan
- Apply to participate in special interest housing
- Sign up early for tutoring and Supplemental Instruction through Student Success Center
- Log into SpartanCareers to view jobs and start your career
- Check out undergraduate research opportunities
- Review the ExploreIt! Shadow Program

Sophomore Highlights



- Classes to take: REL 298
- Meet with your faculty advisor to ensure you are on track in completing your GEC requirements
- Visit Students First Office to estimate your GPA and re-view your degree evaluation
- Visit Career Services Center to talk with a Peer Career Ambassador. Time to get your major confirmed and resume started
- Attend Career Services Theme Weeks
- Begin to develop your professional network

Junior Highlights



- Discover leadership opportunities through clubs and organizations
- Check out opportunities—Office of Leadership & Service Learning
- Visit Career Services Center to complete your resume, practice interviewing, learn about graduate school, and/or prepare your internship search action plan
- Attend Career Fairs and Employer Information Sessions
- Continue to build your professional network by speaking with faculty, employers, and alumni
- Complete a Course Overload Form in Student First Office if you need to register for more than 18 hours

Senior Year Highlights



- Meet with your faculty advisor to finalize your plans
- Apply for graduation via University Registrar - watch out for **deadlines**
- Take the "Senior Check Up" to see what skills or experiences you should make use of at Career Services
- Start applying to jobs and graduate programs
- Attend Career Fairs
- Network, network, network

B.A. in Religious Studies



MAP IT!

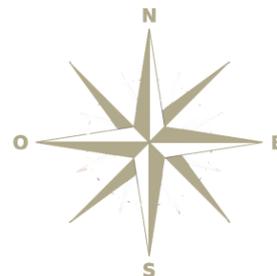
Chart your course

Department of Religious Studies

<http://www.uncg.edu/rel>

Career Services Center

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Religious Studies

WHERE IT CAN TAKE YOU

Sample Work Functions

Those who study this major generally direct their skills, experience, and knowledge towards the following career functional areas:

- Business
- Ministry
- Editor
- Lawyer
- Lobbyist
- Librarian
- Teacher
- International Relations
- Chaplain
- Public Relations
- Art

Sample Work Settings

Here is a sample of work settings (or work environments) that might interest someone with this educational background.

- Archives
- Correctional Institutions
- Camps
- Universities & Colleges
- Think Tanks
- Consulting
- Magazines/News
- Libraries
- Healthcare
- Peace Corps
- Religious Organizations
- K-12 Education
- Non-Profits
- City/State Government

Sample Salary Information

Salary information below represents median trends for sample job functions below and may not account for variables including geography, candidate background, or other factors involved in salary negotiation. For more complete information, check out the O*Net and the Occupational Outlook Handbook in addition to conducting informational interviews with professionals in the field.

- Journalist: \$36,000
- Paralegal: \$46,990
- Clergy: \$44,060*
- Professor: \$62,050*
- Philosophy and Religion Instructor: \$64,990*
- Religious Director: \$37,280
- Librarian: \$55,370*
- Counselor: \$40,080*
- Teacher: \$64,990*

*additional education may be required

Organizations Where Our Alumni Have Gone

- Moses Cone Hospital
- Forensic Consulting Firm
- Catholic Dioceses of Charlotte
- Leadership Institute at Community & Justice
- Department of Religious Studies at Berea College
- Pro Behavioral Health
- ResourceNet International
- Carilion Health Systems
- Bank of America

HOW TO GET THERE

Try on this major

There are several courses within the Religious Studies department that any UNCG student can take as a way to “try on” the major and determine if it is a good fit for you. Talk with your advisor if you are interested in “trying on” this major:

- REL 101: Introduction to Religious Studies (GEC: GPR; GE Marker: GL)
- REL 111: Non-Western Religion (GEC: GPR; GE Marker: GN)
- REL 202: Hebrew Bible (GEC: GHP; CAR: GPM)
- REL 209: Elements of Christian Thought (GEC: GPR; GE Marker: GL)
- REL 231: Religion in America (GEC: GHP; CAR: GMO)

When to take coursework

Students pursuing a Religious Studies degree are required to take several different General Education Core (GEC) and College Additional Requirements (CAR) courses during their freshman and sophomore years. To ensure that you stay on track to graduate, talk with your advisor about registering for the following courses:

- ENG 101: College Writing I —first semester freshman year
- REL 101: Introduction to Religious Studies —either semester freshman year
- REL 298: Thinking about Religion —either semester sophomore year

Campus Organizations & Clubs and Professional Associations

- Religious Studies Club
- American Academy of Religion
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- AHIMSA

Special Interest Housing

Special interest housing communities are residential-based programs designed to enhance the overall undergraduate student experience by fostering one-on-one relationships between faculty, staff, and students in a close knit residence hall environment. Students are encouraged to explore intellectual, cultural, and social interests through experiential activities often linked to the academic curriculum. Students learn with friends, while gaining real-world experience all where they live. Special interest housing options include:

- Lloyd International Honors College
- Living-Learning Communities
- Residential Colleges
- Themed Communities

Sample Graduate Programs

Students graduating from this undergraduate program also look at continuing their education in these sample programs:

- Public Affairs
- Law School
- Divinity Programs
- Counseling Programs
- Theology Programs
- Medical Programs

GPA & Other Requirements

Once you declare this major and select your academic concentration, you want to be sure you are aware of the various GPA and program requirements. Knowing these in advance will help you stay on track each semester and in planning out your long-term goals.

Concentration	GPA & Program Requirements	Application Procedures
Religious Studies (BA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A grade of C or higher must be earned for all major requirements courses. 	None

Sample Minors/Double-Majors

Often, UNCG students may be interested in pursuing a second major or a minor to compliment their major. If this is of interest to you, be sure to discuss it with your advisor early on. Some possible majors or minors to consider include:

- Political Science
- English
- History
- Communication Studies