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
- 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 review 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

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http://www.uncg.edu/rel

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Sample Work Functions
Those who study this major generally direct their skills, experience, and knowledge towards the following career 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
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Sample Salary Information
Salary information below represents median trends for sample job titles. For more complete information, check out the O’Net and Occupational Outlook Handbook in addition to conducting informational interviews with professionals in the field.

- Journalist: $36,000*
- Paralegal: $48,950*
- Clergy: $44,060*
- Professor: $62,050*
- Philosophy and Religion Instructor: $64,990*

*additional education may be required

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: GM)
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: GM)
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

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

Sample Minors/Double-Majors
Oftentimes, UNCG students may be interested in pursuing a second major or a minor to complement 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

Campus Organizations & Clubs and Professional Associations

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

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.

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