Religious Studies
Critically Exploring Religion in Our World

What is Religious Studies?
Religious communities and perspectives continue to play an important role in our world today. Religious Studies is the multi-faceted field that explores the beliefs, practices, and histories of diverse religious traditions, as well as the questions and challenges posed by religion and spirituality in contemporary society.

What can you do with a Religious Studies degree?

Teaching: Many of our alumni are teachers and administrators in Ontario and across Canada.

Graduate school: Alumni have gone on to study at Oxford University, University of Toronto, McMaster University, Boston College.

Social work, service to immigrant communities, marginalized groups.

Business and community leadership.

Government.

Law.

Journalism.

Examples of places where our graduates have gone after graduation:

GRAD SCHOOL
- MA, McMaster University.
- MA, Oxford University.
- MA, Regis College, Toronto.
- MA, University of St Michael’s College.
- MA, Environment and Sustainability, Western University.
- MA, Religion, Culture, and Global Justice, Wilfrid Laurier University.
- MDiv, Huron University College.
- MDiv, St Peter’s Seminary.
- MEd, Ontario Institute of Education.
- PhD, Boston College.
- PhD, McMaster University.
- PhD, University of St Michael’s College.

Employment
- Teacher/Professor.
- Outreach Worker.
- Writer/Journalist.
- Charity Officer.
- Curator.
- Refugee Officer.
- Nonprofit Consulting.
- Lawyer.

Internships
- UNICEF Internship Programme in Programme and Policy, External Relations and Operations.
- AKFC’s International Youth Fellowship Program – an extraordinary opportunity to become a leader in global development.

Learn more about the Religious Studies Program:

kings.uwo.ca/religious-studies

Wellness Resources

kings.uwo.ca/wellness

Student Affairs

kings.uwo.ca/studentaffairs

Online Resources

- Kings’ University College Career Connect: kings.uwo.ca/career-connect
- Kings’ University College Job Board: kingsjobboard.ca/jobs
- Kings’ University College Alumni Services: kings.uwo.ca/alumni/benefits-and-services
- Western University Student Success: Find Work: success.uwo.ca/careers

Program Highlights:
- Faculty who are experts in their field, dedicated to supporting and mentoring students during and after their degree.
- Flexible and diverse programs and courses.
- Global Learning Opportunities.
- Travel to Rome and Assisi to study Christian history and art.
THE RELIGIOUS STUDIES IS FOR STUDENTS WHO:

• Want to understand diverse religious and cultural traditions
• Want to explore how religion and spirituality have shaped contemporary culture and politics
• Want to integrate the study of religion with other fields—like Political Science, Sociology, History, or Social Work
• Are looking for an engaging academic program with experiential learning, and travel opportunities

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Our programs in World Religions & Cultures and Religion & Society are for students of any background who are interested in religious traditions and religion in the contemporary world. We examine religious understandings from various angles—historical, sociological, literary, and political. Students learn how diverse religious traditions, and especially inter-religious and inter-cultural differences, shape and are shaped by, and how religious identities influence the global community today.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Our graduates are able to:

KNOWLEDGE:

• Recognize and analyze how religion is embedded in and informed by dimensions of human experience such as race, gender, and politics
• Analyze similarities and differences across religious traditions

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES:

• Develop excellent communication skills
• Research effectively
• Analyze critically
• Express ideas in their own voice, clearly and confidently

EXPERIENCE:

• Demonstrate sensitivity to religious and cultural differences
• Conduct responsible and constructive interreligious and intercultural dialogue and exchange

THINK

Imagine, Place to Be

FIRST YEAR

• Meet with Faculty during office hours
• Pursue IARP to meet upper year student mentors
• Review your program progression requirements and plan for a focused second year

MIDDLE YEARS

• Check out the wealth of undergraduate research opportunities on campus
• Be a note-taker through the Kings’ Accessibility Services
• Attend the Learning Skills Services Drop In Sessions
• Make sure you do your Interest To Register (IToR)
• Stay in touch with your Academic Advisor to keep your course selections

GRADUATING YEAR

• Attend Graduate School Education Sessions
• Sign up for the Life After Kings’ Mentoring Program
• Attend the employee information and career fairs
• Submit your research paper to the Undergraduate Awards and have the chance to travel to Ireland
• Become a peer tutor with the White Place

DISCOVER

Possibilities

• Attend summer academic orientations
• Consider one of our global learning opportunities: ‘Multicultural and Spirituality’ (Rather Canada), and ‘Rome and the Christian Tradition’ (Rome, Italy)
• Check out the Life after Kings’ Series
• Become a Soph or Off-Campus Don to support fellow students at King’s
• Explore your interests by volunteering on campus
• Go on Exchange for a summer or a whole year to learn in another country
• Consider volunteering with the Western Mustangs’ games

ENGAGE

In Local and Global Community

• Attend Kings’ International inter-cultural events
• Consider volunteering with the Western Mustangs’ games
• Participate in the King’s University College Student Union’s Chamber Choir
• Consider volunteering with the Western Mustangs’ games
• Check out opportunities to volunteer, e.g. St Joseph’s Hospitality Centre, Campus Ministry Refugee Project
• Attend events hosted by Centre for Jewish, Catholic, Muslim Learning

• Explore opportunities such as research assistantships and scholarships
• Consider different ways to build engaged and international experiences into your degree
• Consider volunteering with the Inter-faith Peace Camp
• Work on campus through Kings’ Work Study program
• Attend events hosted by Centre for Advanced Research in Catholic Thought

• Contribute to the King’s Undergraduate Research Journal
• Meet with alumni for informational interviews
• Conduct informational interviews with organizations you would like to work for
• Become a peer guide for an international student or join the program

THE KING’S ANNUAL CHECKLIST

☐ Meet regularly with the Academic Dean’s Office to ensure you are on track towards your degree requirements
☐ Check our programs offered by Student Affairs
☐ Continuously review your financial aid
☐ Check out opportunities to work on campus or off-campus throughout your degree
☐ Volunteer and support your community at King’s
☐ Use the library resources offered by the Cardinal Carter Library
☐ Check out Career Connect on a regular basis.
☐ Meet with Faculty during office hours

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RELIGIOUS STUDIES PROGRAM

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ALUMNI PROFILE

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(Career Overview)

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CURRENT CAREER

Archivist, Assistant, Disease of London

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(volunteering) gave me real world experience in what this career path was going to look like.