

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

ONLINE RESOURCES



- **King's University College Career Connect**
👉 kings.uwo.ca/career-connect
- **King's University College Job Board**
👉 www.kingsjobboard.ca/jobs
- **King's University College Alumni Services**
👉 kings.uwo.ca/alumni/benefits-and-services
- **Western University Student Success: Find Work**
👉 success.uwo.ca/careers

A PLACE TO BECOME

Examples of places where our graduates have gone after graduation:

GRAD SCHOOL

- M.A., McMaster University
- M.A., Oxford University
- M.A., Regis College, Toronto
- M.A., University of St Michael's College
- M.A., Environment and Sustainability, Western University
- M.A., Religion, Culture, and Global Justice, Wilfrid Laurier University
- M.Div., Huron University College
- M.Div., St Peter's Seminary
- M.Ed., Ontario Institute of Education
- Ph.D., Boston College
- Ph.D., McMaster University
- Ph.D., University of St Michael's College

EMPLOYMENT

- Teacher/Professor
- Outreach Worker
- Writer/Journalist
- Charity Officer
- Curator
- Refugee Officer
- Non-profit Consulting
- Lawyer

INTERNSHIPS

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

LEARN MORE ABOUT

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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WELLNESS RESOURCES

STUDENT AFFAIRS

👉 kings.uwo.ca/wellness



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

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.

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EXPERIENCE GUIDE



A Place to Be. A Place to Become.

Learn more:

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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—for example, Political Science, Sociology, History, or Social Work
- Are looking for an engaging academic program with experiential learning and travel opportunities

There are five different programs within Religious Studies:

1. Religion and Society
2. World Religions and Cultures
3. Catholic Studies
4. Jewish Studies
5. Islamic Studies

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

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 your own voice, clearly and confidently

EXPERIENCE:

- Embrace differences
- Demonstrate sensitivity to religious and cultural differences
- Conduct respectful and constructive interreligious and intercultural dialogue and exchange



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 traditions from various angles—historical, sociological, literary, and political. Students learn how diverse religious traditions emerged and interacted historically, and how religious identities influence the global community today.

Sample courses:

- Introduction to World Religions
- Basic Issues in Religion
- Science and Religion
- Modern Moral Dilemmas
- Love, Sex, and Relationships
- Buddhist Meditation
- Biblical Foundations of Crime and Punishment
- Spiritual but Not Religious?
- Globalization, Justice, and Spirituality
- Islam and Justice
- Religion and Conflict Resolution

WHY STUDY RELIGION TODAY?

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A PLACE TO BE

THINK Imagine, Create

FIRST YEAR

- Meet with faculty during office hours
- Join King's Academic Mentoring Program (KAMP) to meet upper year student mentors
- Review your program progression requirements and plan for a successful degree path
- Sign up for the Co-Curricular Record
- Check out our first-year courses, including *Introduction to World Religions*

DISCOVER Possibilities

- Attend summer academic orientation
- Check out programs offered by Campus Ministry Development and Peace Group
- Attend Orientation Week Activities at King's and at Western
- Check out activities sponsored by the Centre for Muslim-Jewish-Christian Learning at King's
- Sign up for intramurals, join a club at King's and check out the Western Mustangs games

ENGAGE In Local and Global Community

- Attend King's International inter-cultural events
- Audition for the King's University College Chamber Choir
- Participate in Christ the King University Parish
- Check out opportunities to volunteer, e.g., St Joseph's Hospitality Centre, Campus Ministry Refugee Project
- Attend events hosted by The Centre for Interreligious Learning and Dialogue (CILD)

MIDDLE YEARS

- Check out the wealth of undergraduate research opportunities on campus
- Be a notetaker through the King's Accessibility Services
- Attend the Learning Skills Services Drop-in Sessions
- Make sure you do your Intent To Register (ITR)
- Stay in touch with faculty and the Academic Program Advisor to keep your course selections

- Consider our global learning opportunity: "Rome and the Christian Tradition" (Rome, Italy)
- Check out the Life after King's 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
- Think about writing for the Regis or the Western Gazette

- Explore opportunities such as research assistants and scholarships
- Consider different ways to build engaged learning and international experience into your degree
- Consider volunteering with the Inter-faith Peace Camp
- Work on campus through King's Work Study program
- Attend events by Centre for Advanced Research in Catholic Thought

GRADUATING YEAR

- Attend Graduate School Education Sessions
- Sign up for the Life After King's Mentoring Program
- Attend the employer information sessions 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 Write Place

- Meet with faculty to talk about graduate school and reference letters
- Meet with career services to review resume and job search tools
- Develop local connections by volunteering through Pillar Non-Profit in London

- 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 out programs offered by Student Affairs
- Continually 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 their office hours

ALUMNI PROFILE



Lizz Birchall
BA Hons '14 History and Religious Studies
Graduation Year: 2014

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

CURRENT CAREER

Archives Assistant, Diocese of London

CAREER OVERVIEW

After graduating from King's with an Honours Specialization in History and a Major in Religious Studies, I attended the University of Toronto's iSchool, graduating from the Masters of Information program in 2016. I specialized in Archives and Records Management, and Knowledge and Information Management. Currently, I work as the Diocese of London's Archives Assistant, the Assistant Archivist with the Ursulines of the Chatham Union and as an Archival Consultant with Majer Historical Solutions.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ALUMNI

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