

Religious Studies | Bachelor's Degree

	FIRST YEAR	MIDDLE YEARS	LAST YEARS
ADVANCE your academic journey	Meet with a First Year Advisor to develop your academic planning. Explore majors with a MyMajors assessment. Take advantage of the Student Learning Assistance Center (Tutoring).	Visit the College of Liberal Arts Advising Center for guidance with successful degree completion, identifying resources, and help achieving academic, personal, and professional goals. Explore external scholarship opportunities such as the Fulbright Scholarship to take your expertise to unique locations abroad. Explore Campus Resources for academic and personal support. Share your knowledge as a Peer Mentor or Tutor at SLAC. Meet with a faculty mentor to select an undergraduate research opportunity.	Check your Degree Audit & meet with your academic advisor. Explore next steps including potential graduate programs. Complement your degree with a micro credential. Meet with a faculty mentor or peer advisor. Complete a capstone project related to major.
EXPAND your personal and social development	Review your degree plan for course options that include the Service-Learning Excellence program. Build social networks by joining events and organizations through the Bobcat Organization Club. Attend the College of Liberal Arts Undergraduate Research Expo to explore innovative student research. Attend Education Abroad and Study in America information sessions to plan a future opportunity to have a global or intercultural experience.	Consider study abroad options including faculty-led, exchange, virtual, and short-term affiliated programs which are available through Education Abroad. Join a philosophy affiliated organization to expand your experience, network with peers, and gain invaluable career skills. Discover Global Online Learning Experiences for courses with culturally dynamic perspectives. Participate in The Big Event to give back to the regional community. Expand your leadership skills through Student Involvement's Leadership & Service programming and workshops.	Seek out a leadership role with the Leadership & Service. Consider joining Peace Corps Prep to learn how to gain valuable international experience, make a global impact, and engage in meaningful cultural exchange. Attend a Student Government Senate meeting to contribute to your fellow students and your own student experience.
ENRICH your practical competence	Explore the TXST One Stop for more information about the scholarships provided to new and continuing students. Attend an IDEA Center workshop to learn more about undergraduate research. Visit BOSS for scholarship opportunities.	Review the philosophy portfolio guidelines to learn how to compile your work, annotate your progress in key areas, and write an essay reflecting on your development as a philosophy major before your exit interview. Join the TXST chapter of Phi Sigma Tau Honor Society to connect with philosophy professionals, attend conferences, and enhance your academic journey. Create an internship plan with Career Services. Become a mentee through the COLA mentoring program which connects students with alumni for career advice, networking, and professional development.	Learn about Global Career Accelerator options that give you experience with global companies and in-demand tech skills. Join a professional organization in your major or passion. Deliver a presentation in a student conference, workshop, seminar or community organization.
ELEVATE your career and professional life	Complete your Career Assessments, such as Focus2. Create your Handshake profile. Create your LinkedIn profile and connect with colleagues and leaders. Develop and review your resume with Career Services.	Build Career & Graduate School Fairs into your schedule to ensure your connection maximum opportunities. Join Employer Information Sessions at Career Services or your department. Prepare to ace your job interviews with Career Services.	Develop a full-time employment or graduate school plan with Career Services. Complete your First Destination Survey to share your post-graduation plans. Identify and establish faculty and professional references.

OUTCOMES

Marketable Skills

Think critically

Analyze and solve problems

Communicate clearly and effectively

Ability to think critically about how religions are discussed in the public sphere

Communicate competently, with respect and accuracy, in religiously diverse workplaces

Cultivate the intellectual and emotional skills to distinguish between academic religious studies and intramural religious discourse and behavior

[See more marketable skills for this major](#)

Career Opportunities

Archivist

Outreach specialist

Curator

Historian

Journalist

Missionary

Pastor

Experiences in Religious Studies

The religious studies major emphasizes the study of religion using the methods of the humanities and social sciences. The curriculum guides students through foundational concepts of world religions, proficiency in religious literacy across diverse environments, and the use of appropriate methodologies for assessing religious phenomena and their contexts. Students establish skills in analysis and criticism, familiarity with concepts and representations of religion and gain the ability to express knowledgeably on religions in writing and orally. The student experience includes opportunities for membership in student organizations, honor societies, study abroad and more.