# What you can do with your RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR



# **Religious Studies Major Skills:**

**Global & Multicultural** 



#### Competence

You appreciate art, literature, and social and political discourses that shape and inform religious institutions, worldviews, and value systems; you evaluate and interpret interrelationships and impact of religious worldviews and communities locally and globally.



#### **Analytical Thinking**

You analyze, categorize, and compare diverse systems of value and belief in a variety of contexts.



#### **Critical Thinking**

You define and analyze problems, considering a range of alternative points of view and evidence, identify factors that contribute to outcomes, and make connections.



#### **Problem Solving**

You understand complex social, political, and cultural issues and critically evaluate potential solutions.



#### Research

You access, appraise, and utilize a variety of resources across disciplinary lines, research and filter information to determine legitimate sources, use evidence to support arguments, and translate complex information clearly and concisely.



#### Written & Oral Communication

You articulate thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively in written and oral communications to different audiences.

## Supplement Your Skills With:



Global & Intercultural Experience



Internships & Part-Time Work



Opportunities to Foster Equity & Inclusion



Career & Self Development

# Chart Your Path Forward

#### Activate Your Handshake Account

for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

#### Explore Career Communities

to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your major into success.

#### Get Career & Internship Advising

from SuccessWorks to make a plan, whether you're a first-year student or about to graduate.

Get Started: successworks.wisc.edu

# Put your Religious Studies major to WORK

# Job Titles of Alumni:

- Account Manager
- Accounts Receivable Specialist/Biller
- Annual Giving Manager
- Architectural Designer •
- Attorney
- Audiologist
- Badgercare Enrollment Coordinator
- Benefits Specialist
- Business Owner
- Content Director

- Data Scientist
- Director of Development
- Evaluator
- Healthcare Administrator
- Operations Manager
  - Medical Resident
- Physician
- Professor •
- Teacher
- Technical Recruiter

## Sample Employers of Alumni:

- 1517 Media
- 2nd Mile Ministries
- Albion College
- Amazon
- American Family Children's Hospital
- Arizona State University
- CNN
- Educational Credential Evaluators
- Facebook
- Grace Cathedral

- Holm Design
- Ingerman Smith LLP
- Kaiser Permanente
- Macalester College
- Mayo Clinic
- Radiant Health .
- Summit Public Schools
- Target
- Vanguard
- Whole Life Health

Where Alumni

Live & Work:

Wisconsin

Minnesota

California

Illinois

## **Post-Graduation** Plans 2016-2021:

- 63% Employment
- 32% Continuing Education, Graduate School
- **5%** Volunteering or Service Programs

# **Industry** of **Employment** 2016-2021:

- 1. Arts & Entertainment
- 4. Legal
- 5 Media
- 6. Non-Profit 7. Research
- New York 8% Other 38%



"Agile development philosophy, which is centered around defining and maximizing value for your users, is essentially 'high-tech anthropology.' Religious Studies challenges me to help my teams better understand the people they're working with, down to the rituals, meaning-making, and identifying what is 'sacred.'"

> Daniel Bliss, 2015 Senior Agile Coach, Target, Inc. Minneapolis, MN



29%

9%

8%

8%

"The Religious Studies major gave me the ability to solve abstract problems by thinking critically, asking relevant, probing questions, and articulately and respectfully communicating my point of view. My education demonstrated the immense diversity in the world and encouraged my approach in business to be kind, compassionate, and inclusive."

> Sarah Haley, 2005 Vice President, Synchrony Dayton, Ohio

#### **Career Communities for Religious Studies Majors**

SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Religious Studies majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.

- Healthcare & Human Services
- Non-Profit Management & Education
- **Consulting, Finance, Management & Client Relations**
- Communications, Entertainment & the Arts

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- (incl. Museums) 2. Government
- 3. Information Technology