

Community College of Philadelphia

Liberal Arts: Religious Studies Options

Start a Career in Helping and Understanding Others

Are you interested in exploring world religions and understanding the role of religion in the modern world? Would you like to learn more about your religious beliefs or plan for a career in religion as a teacher, scholar or cleric? The Religious Studies Option of the Liberal Arts Curriculum offers you a path to numerous career opportunities and prepares you for a four-year degree.

“Employment of clergy and religious workers in the Philadelphia area is expected to grow 11 to 14 percent through 2014.”

– Pennsylvania Center for Workforce Information and Analysis

Students from all faith traditions can benefit from the courses in this option, which explores the practices and beliefs of major world religious world doctrines. You will also study some critical issues of contemporary life, including globalization and the relationship between church and state. You will discover how religion, both in the United States and around the world, influences ethnic and race relations, politics and cultural development.

Reading and analyzing religious texts, as well as texts in the humanities and social sciences allows you to see how religion functions in the lives of millions of people. In addition to exploring religious traditions, you also will examine methods and approaches to the study of religion.

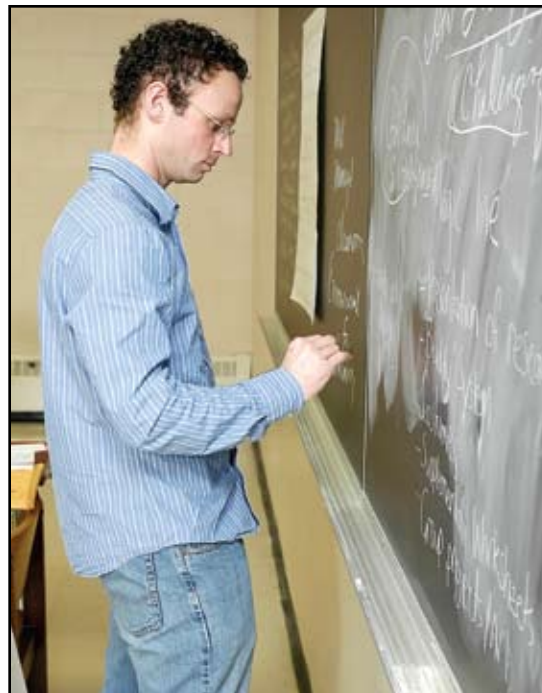
The Religious Studies option will prepare you for a career or completing a four-year degree as you acquire:

- excellent critical thinking skills
- writing, discussion and research skills
- a solid understanding of diverse cultures and traditions

Career Paths

The Religious Studies option prepares you for transfer to a four-year college or university for further study. With an associate’s degree, you may be able to work in a ministry or in the areas of social work and public health.

In today’s world, having an understanding and appreciation of our cultural diversity is gaining importance in many career areas. This program offers skills and knowledge that are essential for many occupations and four-year degree programs. Religious



Religious Studies at Community College of Philadelphia

Studies graduates pursue a variety of fields, including:

- anthropology
- conflict resolution
- education
- history
- journalism
- law
- marketing/management
- ministry
- philosophy
- politics
- public health
- public relations
- social work
- theology

Salaries

Average annual salaries in the Philadelphia area:

Directors, Religious Activities and Education – \$51,680

Clergy – \$34,590

Religious Workers – \$20,550

* Figures from the Pennsylvania Center for Workforce Information and Analysis

Those who obtain a bachelor's or master's degree in Liberal Arts: Religious Studies Option or a related field often choose to become a teacher or scholar of religion or a member of the clergy.

Areas of Study

Key courses in this program include the following:

- Anth 112 – Cultural Anthropology
- RS 101 – Introduction to Religion
- RS 151 / Phil 151 – World Religions
- RS 152 / Phil 152 – Philosophy of Religion

College Information

Visit the College Web site at www.ccp.edu to find out about:

Academic Programs

www.ccp.edu/site/academic/

Admissions Process

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/admissions_process.php

Transfer Agreements

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/transfer_agreements/

Financial Aid

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/financial_aid/

Scholarships and Awards

www.ccp.edu/site/current/scholarships/

College Life

www.ccp.edu/site/current/student_life/

Directions to the College

www.ccp.edu/site/locations/main.php

RS 170 / Hist 170 – Religion in American History

RS 175 – Religions of the Middle East

Phil 101 – Introduction to Philosophy

Psyc 101 – Introduction to Psychology

Soc 101 – Introduction to Sociology

Admission to the College

We accept students on an open enrollment basis, meaning that applications are accepted at all times of the year. For registration information, call **215-751-8010** or e-mail admissions@ccp.edu.

Affirmative Action Statement

Community College of Philadelphia is committed to the principles of equal employment and equal educational opportunity for all persons without regard to race, color, ancestry, creed, national or ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation/preference, religion, sex, disability or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam Era, in the administration of its educational programs, activities, or employment in accordance with applicable Federal statutes and regulations. Any questions regarding this statement should be directed to the Director, Office of Diversity and Equity, located in room M2-36; telephone number 215-751-8039.