

# PHILOSOPHY *or* RELIGION MAJOR

## What Can You Do With A Religious Studies Major/Minor?

- Archaeologist
- Editor/Publisher
- Conflict Resolution Specialist
- Therapist
- Cultural Affairs Officer
- Diplomat
- Foreign Service
- Intelligence Agent (FBI/CIA/NSA)
- International Relations
- International Consulting
- Pastoral Counselor
- Professor
- Social Worker
- Educator
- Community Affairs Specialist
- Chaplain (Military/Social Agencies/Medical)
- Employee Relations Counselor
- Youth Ministry

## What Can You Do With A Philosophy Major/Minor?

- Constitutional Lawyer
- Bioethicist
- Professor
- Historical Preservationist
- Business Consultant/Strategist
- Foreign Correspondent
- News Analyst
- Intelligence Analyst
- Lobbyist
- Judge
- Medical Research Analyst
- Art and Film Critic
- Political Policy Analyst
- Archivist
- Technical Writer
- Foundation Administrator
- CEO
- Author/Editor
- Financial Consultant
- Economist
- Paralegal
- Screenplay writer
- Human Rights Lawyer



### More Information:

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## Average Career Salaries

- CAREER COUNSELOR: \$55,030
- CHAPLAIN: \$46,960
- CLERGY MEMBER (RELIGIOUS LEADER): \$46,960
- COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION WORKER: \$29,880
- COMMUNITY WELFARE WORKER: \$29,880
- FAMILY CASEWORKER: \$48,340
- HISTORY PROFESSOR: \$69,280
- MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS: \$49,020
- MISSIONARY WORKER (FOREIGN COUNTRY): \$46,960
- PEACE CORPS WORKER (VOLUNTEER): \$40,530
- PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION PROFESSOR: \$67,610
- RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION EDUCATION COORDINATOR: \$40,770
- SOCIAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE MANAGERS: \$61,240
- SOCIAL AND HUMAN SERVICE ASSISTANTS: \$29,880
- SOCIAL SERVICE VOLUNTEER (PEACE CORPS, VISTA): \$40,530
- SOCIAL WELFARE ADMINISTRATOR: \$61,240
- SOCIAL WORKER: \$40,770
- EPISCOPAL MINISTER: \$49,496-69,866
- PRESBYTERIAN: \$57,000-86,000
- METHODIST: \$55,000
- LUTHERAN: \$51,728-72,829
- YOUTH MINISTERS: \$42,500



**Ralph W. Hawkins:** BA King Univ. 1996 (Bible and Religion Major), M.Div. Columbia Theological Seminary (1999), D.Min (in progress) Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Ordained PCUSA, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff, New Wilmington Presbyterian Church 2008 to present (New Wilmington, PA).

**Sarah Bird**, May 2010. Majored in Bible and Religion and minored in English. I am now in my second year of seminary at Princeton Theological Seminary, graduating in the spring with my Masters of Divinity degree. I am seeking ordination in the PCUSA church and hope to one day serve a congregation within that denomination. My time in the classroom, learning from faculty and peers, was invaluable to me as I studied at King. Those relationships have been crucial to my formation, and the interactions I was privileged to have with students, faculty, administrators, and staff at King all informed the way I approached my education then and now as I pursue graduate studies.



**Melissa Ferguson**, Major is Religious Studies The Philosophy and Religion Department altered the course I had planned for my life. I went to King expecting to take a couple Bible classes alongside my Psychology major, but things began to change once I stepped inside the classroom. The professors taught with enthusiasm. They introduced fascinating topics I hadn't even known existed, and most importantly, they didn't shy away from discussing the challenging parts of Christianity. They opened up the room for conversation; they did not merely ask you to talk but gave you the tools to research and gain your own perspective. They went above and beyond the requirements of a good instructor — creating specialized classes just for you when you showed interest, inviting you to their homes for meals, sitting in the audience at your wedding. Yes, the Philosophy and Religion Department not only opened my eyes to extremely valuable research and discussions in various topics (i.e. Philosophy of Religion and Suffering, Biblical Interpretation, Greek and Hebrew, Cultural Anthropology) but aptly prepared me for graduate work at seminary.

**Richard E. Burnett:** BA King Univ. 1985 (Relg. Major/Philosophy Minor), M.Div. Princeton Theological Seminary (1988); University of Tübingen (1988-89); S.T.M., Yale University



Divinity School (1993); Ph.D. Princeton Theological Seminary (2001). Presently serving as Professor of Systematic Theology at Erskine Theological Seminary. Ordained PCUSA 1990. Numerous books, articles, translations, presentations and reviews. Allison Award at Erskine for Excellence in Teaching 2006. King professors instilled and strengthened in me many solid evangelical theological commitments, yet challenged me to be open and winsome. We were taught beyond our provincial ways to think more outwardly, more globally about the Church of Jesus Christ. Yet we were taught the Christian faith is not fragile and we need not be afraid to ask any question we want. I was prepared for the rigors of graduate school and provided the tools to thrive in highly competitive academic programs. Had I not had the benefit of such preparation, I know that I would not have flourished at Princeton or Yale as I did and I would not be where I am today.