

CAREERS FOR

Religious Studies

MAJORS

Religious Studies is the study of religion including beliefs, behaviors, and institutions. [UNM's Religious Studies Program](#) helps students learn major world traditions and how these particular traditions have influenced human culture over time. Students will gain an in-depth understanding of basic beliefs, practices, history, and sacred texts of at least two major traditions. Students will also study and analyze how narratives and symbols have portrayed meaning in human life within communities and individuals.

The program also focuses on teaching critical reading and thinking skills that are important to a liberal arts education.

Graduate School

This degree is often utilized as a steppingstone for future graduate work in a variety of areas such as:

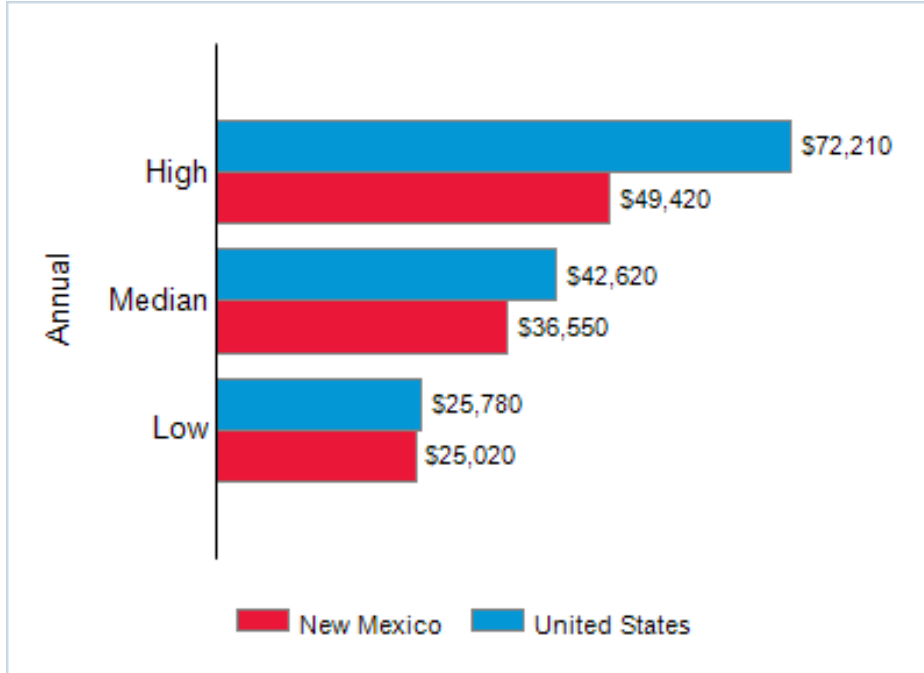
- Ministry
- Secondary Education
- Counseling/Social Work
- Law School

Industries & Target Employers

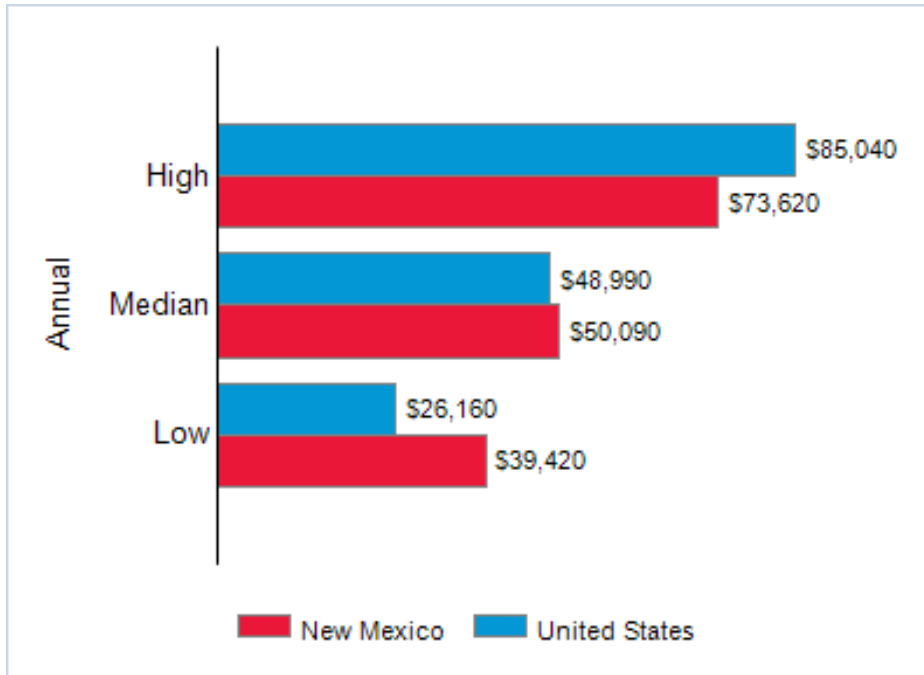
- Government: Public affairs, cultural affairs, Foreign Service officer, community development, AmeriCorps or Peace Corps volunteer
- Education: K-12 teaching/administration, college preparation, counseling/advising, adult/GED education, missionary, research, advising/counseling, multicultural affairs, residence life, Greek affairs, religious life programming, student activities, campus ministry, librarian, archivist, curator
- Human Services/Non-Profit: Human resources, case worker, social worker, counselor, mental health services, medicine, ministry, fundraising, grant writing, crisis services, community development, community organizing
- Religious Affiliated Areas: Clergy, chaplaincy, mission work, ministry, religious administration
- Law/Politics: Law, lobbying, government relations, public policy, research, immigration services, Campaign management, elected/appointed civil servants
- Communications: Public relations, public opinion analyst, research/technical advisor, public relations, editor, publishing, writing, journalism, television, film, radio, advertising

Salary Information

Community and Social Service Specialists



Clergy



Tips

- People who major in religious studies may or may not consider themselves religious. Expertise in religious ideas can be a plus for secular work environments as well as more traditional religious ones.
- Teaching will require either obtaining alternative licensure or getting a graduate degree.
- Conduct [informational interviews](#) with professionals who perform jobs that interest you. Or find organizations you are passionate about and do an internship for that company.
- Explore jobs that include those interests and skills and [job shadow](#) to see if it is a fit for you.

Learn More

[American Academy of Religion](#)

[Association for Clinical Pastoral Education](#)

[Society of Scientific Study of Religion](#)

[Religious Research Association](#)

[Religion News writers Association](#)

[Religious Education Association](#)

[Why Study Religion?](#)

[The Religious Studies Project](#)

[North American Association for the Study of Religion](#)

[Register for Handshake: Jobs for Lobos](#)

[O*NET: Clergy](#)

[Occupational Outlook Handbook: Social and Human Service Assistants](#)

[Buzzfile Employers by Major: Religion](#)

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