



PHILOSOPHY/ RELIGIOUS STUDIES

CAREERS OPTIONS

Chaplain

Useful links

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/chaplain>

Qualifications Required

- Normally you will be expected to hold degree in theology or religious studies. Often chaplains will be ordained as a priest within the Christian faith. There are exceptions and roles are increasingly being opened up to people who have relevant experience.
- A number of postgraduate programmes are available to train as a chaplain including non-Christian based courses.



Details about the job

- Chaplains provide guidance and counselling to those in need.
- Chaplains work in a wide range of settings, including:
 - Hospitals and hospices
 - Universities & schools
 - Prisons
 - Sports organisations
 - Armed Forces



Salary

- Starting salaries = £22,500 to £25,000.
- After five years of experience you can expect to earn around £30,000,
- As a senior chaplain (sometimes known as co-ordinating chaplain), you can expect to be earning between £31,000 and £38,000.
- Chaplains in the Armed Forces earn around £38,000 a year,

Community development worker

Useful links

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/community-development-worker>

Qualifications Required

- To work as a community development worker you should ideally hold a degree or HND. A qualification in a social sciences subject may improve your chances.
- Entry without a degree or HND is possible, although career development is more restricted.



Details about the job

You will help communities to bring about social change and improve the quality of life in their local area. You might work with individuals, families or whole communities.

Activities might include:

- ensuring that local people have their say
- raising and managing funds
- developing and implementing strategies



Salary

- Starting salaries fall between £15,500 and £26,000.
- Salaries for those with two or more years' experience can reach £21,000 to £36,000.

Religious Studies Teacher (Secondary)

Useful links

www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/secondary-school-teacher

Qualifications Required

To qualify to teach Religious Studies in the UK you will need to gain a level 4 or above in Maths and English. You will hold a degree, preferably in Religious Studies or Theology. You will then have to study on a PGCE course. You must also pass a Literacy and Numeracy professional skills test to begin teaching.



Details about the job

As a Religious Studies teacher you will deliver the Locally Agreed Syllabus to 11-16 year olds within the classroom.

You may also be expected to contribute to collective worship but this is variable.

Your subject knowledge will have to be excellent as you will be expected to teach GCSE Level.



Salary

Teachers pay is determined by their experience and responsibilities. The teacher pay scale can be found here:

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Police officer

Useful links

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/police-officer>

Qualifications Required

- You don't need a degree to become a police officer and the role is open to graduates and non-graduates.
- There are three new routes available to become a police officer:
- **Apprenticeship (PCDA)**
- **Degree holder entry**
- **Pre-joining degree**



Details about the job

As a police officer you'll work in partnership with the communities you serve to maintain law and order.

You will protect members of the public and their property.

You will prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime thereby improving the quality of life for all citizens.



Salary

Starting salary for police constables is between £20,880 and £24,177, rising to £40,128 at the top of the scale.

The range of salaries for sergeants is £41,500 to £45,098

Inspectors can earn between £51,414 and £55,768 rising to between £56,909 and £59,249 for chief inspectors

Police officers in London and the south of England receive additional pay allowances of up to £6,735.

Youth Worker

Useful links

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/youth-worker>

Qualifications Required

The minimum qualification required to work as a professional youth worker is a BA Hons validated by the National Youth Agency (NYA).

Professional training is also available at postgraduate level for those with a degree in a subject other than youth work.



Details about the job

You will guide and support young people in their personal, social and educational development to help them reach their full potential in society.

You'll generally work with young people aged between 11 and 25 in a variety of settings, such as:

Colleges

Faith-based groups

Schools

Youth centres.



Salary

- Youth support workers can expect to earn between £15,807 and £26,929.
- Professional youth workers have a recommended range of £23,679 to £39,961.
- Salaries for local authority youth service managers vary according to the size of the authority and responsibility of the post, but are usually in excess of £37,000.

Policy officer

Useful links

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/policy-officer>

Qualifications Required

- An undergraduate degree is usually required
- A degree in one of the following may help:
- public administration and social policy
- economics
- anthropology
- philosophy
- politics and internal relations



Details about the job

- Your responsibilities as a policy officer will include researching and advising on issues, carrying out developmental work and liaising with internal and external contacts.
- Depending on your role, you may also be involved in campaigning for change.



Salary

- Starting salaries for policy assistant or officer roles range from £22,000 to £30,000.
- Senior policy advisors can earn between £32,000 and £40,000.
- Progressing to the role of policy manager, you could earn a salary of £40,000 to £50,000 or more.

Charity fundraiser

Useful links

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/charity-fundraiser>

Qualifications Required

Relevant skills and experience will almost certainly be an essential requirement and many employers consider this to be more important than your subject of study. You can gain experience through volunteering or working as a fundraising assistant. It's crucial to take every available opportunity as charity fundraising is a popular and competitive area to break into.



Details about the job

As a charity fundraiser, you will aim to increase the contributions of individuals and groups by building relationships and exploring new fundraising opportunities from various sources.



Salary

- Starting salaries for a charity fundraiser can be anywhere between £15,000 and £22,000.
- As you rise to a more senior position you could be earning £25,000 to £40,000.
- At director level you could be earning in the region of £60,000, sometimes more.

Newspaper journalist

Useful links

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/newspaper-journalist>

Qualifications Required

- Journalism is open to graduates of any discipline but an undergraduate degree in journalism or English may improve your chances.
- Some editors may be more interested in graduates with a specialist degree subject.
- Experience and personal qualities are also considered extremely important.



Details about the job

- Newspaper journalists research and write stories for national, regional and local press. They report on news and politics, as well as on sports, arts and culture, science and business.
- They also cover national and local events, entertainment and human interest stories.
- There are a number of roles within newspaper journalism.



Salary

- The average income for a newspaper journalist is £27,500.
- As a trainee reporter, your salary could be as low as £12,000 to £15,000
- Journalists with up to five years' experience generally rise to around £25,000, while those with a decade's experience or more can expect around £35,000 to £40,000.

Meet the ambassadors

Click on the link to hear real people talk about the career opportunities Religious Studies has afforded them: <https://youtu.be/U8xSrBKx8J0>

MY FUTURE . MY CAREER . MY RE .

“Through Religious Studies, I learned to build and interrogate arguments and how to question and evaluate narratives”

Shermeen - PPE Student



MY FUTURE . MY CAREER . MY RE .

“RE is the number one subject that helps you understand people”

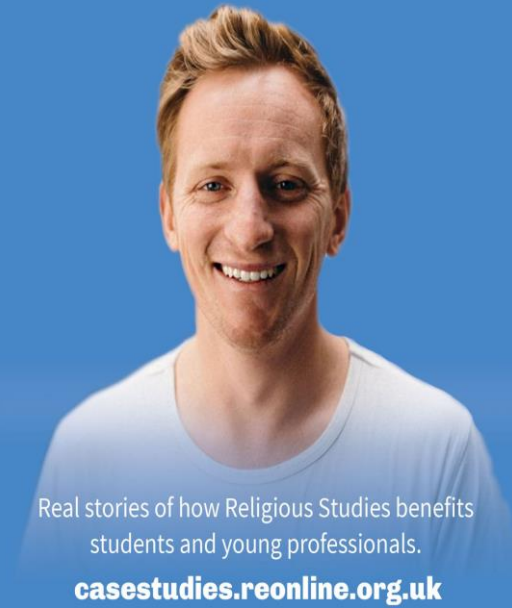
Scully - Radio DJ



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“Studying RE helps me understand how religious beliefs affect different countries”

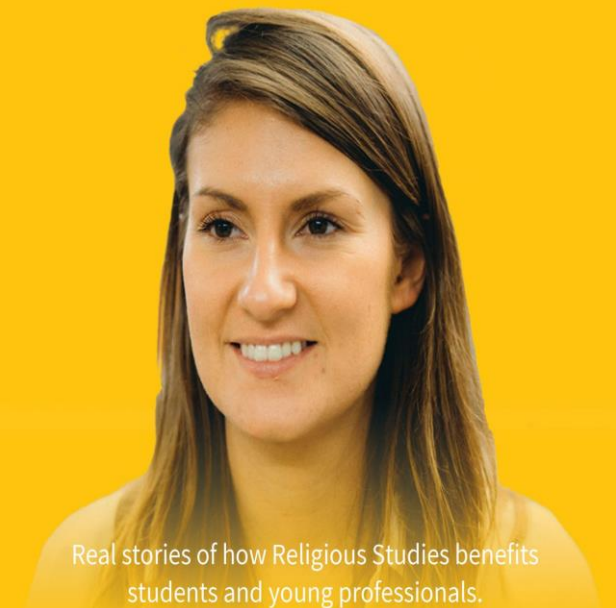
Ollie - Sports reporter



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“RE helped me learn to question things. It makes you think about what's right for you and it helps give you a voice”

Lilie - Recipe Developer & Chef



REwarding Careers

Director of Operations:

“I lead a team of 300 people and RS skills have helped me to set a culture of tolerance and fairness in how we work with one another and the communities we serve. RS has also helped me to present convincing arguments in order to bid for extra funding to help vulnerable people.”

Sales:

“My study of Divinity gives me a competitive edge because I understand people and their customs. In practice, I deal with Sharia Law-compliant finance products for Muslim customers and have a prayer room available for them on the sales premises.”

Police Officer:

“The RS skills I gained include tolerance and respect; important qualities in police work, and the critical thinking skills I learned allow me to consider different or conflicting views in an open minded and fair way.”



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For more information, please contact Mrs Staker 