



Set Yourself Apart!

Pre-Law & Religious Studies

Our Religious Studies graduates do amazing things! Our alumni (majors and minors) have gone on to become:

- Lawyers specializing in employment law, tax law, & non-profit law
- Lawyers for the Choctaw Nation
- Legislative liaisons for the Oklahoma Secretary of State
- Engagement managers for leading law firms

As a Religious Studies major or minor, you learn skills that translate into a successful career in law:

- Close reading & textual analysis
- A broad, global perspective
- A nuanced understanding of the human condition
- Critical thinking & analytic reasoning
- An ability to interrogate and critique forms of power
- How to work in diverse teams
- Cross-cultural communication
- Culturally-grounded critical judgement and decision making
- How to be an effective oral and written communicator
- How to solve complex problems

The coursework in RELS translated quite perfectly to the work of an attorney. RELS required me to listen, read, analyze, spot issues, ask questions and articulate my analysis and reasoning—whether in a written product or during in-person class discussions and presentations. This is, frankly, the work of a litigation attorney. Most importantly, RELS taught me how to think, develop an inquisitive mind, and continually ask questions even if the answers are unknown, because the questions in themselves are important. These are skills that can take you anywhere in life, regardless of a specific career path.

Paige Hoster Good,
RELS major, Class of 2009
Partner & Trial Attorney at McAfee Taft
Oklahoma City, OK



My religious studies degree has been a key factor in my career success, enabling me to effectively understand and empathize with people from various religious and cultural backgrounds from around the world.

J.C. Fischer,
RELS major, Class of 2014
Engagement Manager at McKinsey & Co.
Dallas, TX



The foremost skills necessary to being successful in law school include reading, writing, attention to detail, and a mind that is willing to analyze competing arguments and perspectives... My time spent pursuing an RELS degree at OU honed in each and every one of those skills at a very high level.

Dawson Brown
RELS major, Class of 2018
Third Year Law Student & Oklahoma Legislative Liaison

We Want to Meet You!



Come join our close-knit community where your personal and career aspirations will be fostered by faculty committed to your success. You can schedule a tour, talk to a professor, or even sit in on a class!

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