

RELIGIOUS STUDIES COUGAR MAP



BACHELOR OF ARTS: RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR AND MINOR (Two Tracks: Theological Studies and Religion, Politics and Civil Society)

The Cougar Map is intended to guide you with suggestions for potential activities and career paths that can help you along your educational journey. Although everyone has different abilities, experiences and obstacles, this Cougar Map can be used with the help of your advisors to prepare for the future you want with a clear vision of your college-to-career pathway.

Please refer to the SXU Academic Catalog and academic planning resources for detailed degree requirements.

FIRST YEAR

SECOND YEAR

THIRD YEAR

FOURTH YEAR

<p>Competence (major/minor, summer suggestions, academic research)</p>	<p>Explore scholarship opportunities. Bring writing assignments to the Learning Center/Writing Studio for help in fine-tuning papers. Don't get discouraged in your first year! For stress relief ideas, visit the Counseling Center.</p>	<p>Become familiar with the HUB for all your technical needs. Consider pursuing a minor. Consider summer courses to catch up or get ahead with your studies.</p>	<p>Begin thinking about your senior seminar project. Be mindful of important dates, i.e. semester ends and begins, deadline to withdraw from a course, petition for graduation.</p>	<p>Meet with the Philosophy, Religious Studies and Theology Department faculty to make sure you're on track to graduate. Begin work on your topic for your Senior Seminar independent research project.</p>
<p>Character (Service, global perspective, study abroad, clubs/RSOs, volunteering)</p>	<p>Consider joining a student club or intramural sports team. Enroll in Cougars LEAD that supports leadership development and begin working on your leadership certificate.</p>	<p>Explore opportunities to work on campus or get involved with service opportunities through Campus Ministry. Volunteer for part-time positions at a non-profit. Look at NPO.net for opportunities.</p>	<p>Take on a leadership role within a student club or organization. Consider participating in a spring break service trip or study abroad. Volunteer at a local hospital, treatment facility, organization, or nonprofit organization.</p>	<p>Complete the Cougars LEAD Leadership Certificate program. Apply to become a summer FOCUS orientation leader.</p>
<p>Career Success (career or grad school prep, internships, jobs)</p>	<p>Complete your SXU Handshake profile for student employment with the help of Center for SUCCESS. Meet with Center for SUCCESS to research occupations of interest related to religious studies. Attend SXU's career-related events throughout your time at SXU and network with professionals.</p>	<p>Create a LinkedIn profile and establish meaningful connections within your academic and personal circles. Apply for summer internships or part-time jobs at organizations such as, Catholic Charities, the Night Ministry, and the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews.</p>	<p>Consider a second internship that offers advanced experiences to give you opportunities to work for important causes, such as CAIR-Chicago, the Pluralism Project or the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. Research graduate schools and prepare for post-graduate academic/professional exam(s), if applicable.</p>	<p>Ensure that your LinkedIn or other professional social media accounts reflect all your recent academic, professional and volunteer experiences. Visit Center for SUCCESS to create a job search plan, sharpen your resume and practice interviewing. Apply to graduate schools.</p>