



RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Religious Studies at Stonehill is an interdisciplinary major that introduces students, in class and through travel, to religious traditions worldwide and to the ways in which those traditions have been studied. Courses focus on the beliefs and practices of communities and individuals throughout history and embrace virtually all aspects of human experience as expressed in history, art, literature, social organization, politics, scientific exploration and ethics.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Stonehill Undergraduate Research Experience

This is an opportunity for students who have completed their first year at Stonehill to perform significant, publishable, full-time research under the guidance of and in collaboration with an experienced faculty researcher.

Recent projects

Andrew Norkiewicz '14 worked with John Lanci, professor of Religious Studies, on "EcoSpirituality: A Reader," which will approach environmental studies from religious and scientific perspectives.

Sean Scanlon '14 worked with Nathaniel DesRosiers, assistant professor of religious studies, on the book, "Religious Competition in the 3rd Century: Jews and Christians in the Greco-Roman World," a text that examines ancient religious dialogues.

CAREER OUTCOMES

Places where Stonehill graduates have recently been employed include:

- Archdiocese of Boston
- Brigham and Women's Hospital
- Catholic Volunteers Network
- Coyle & Cassidy High School
- Fidelity Investments
- The May Institute
- MEDITECH
- Peace Corps
- Roxbury YMCA
- Various Senate/congressional offices

CAMPUS RESOURCES

With a dedicated faculty, including three Louise F. Hegarty Excellence in Teaching Award recipients, and a low student-to-faculty ratio, students will experience extensive course offerings. Demonstrating the variety of approaches to the academic study of religion, some of these courses include "Religion & How to Create One," "God Doesn't Do Religion," "Buddhist Ethics," and "Jesus & Moral Decisions."

Also, the Religious Studies Society is a student-led group where students gather to discuss all manner of religious topics. The society organizes trips to contemplative places of worship, holds on-campus events for students, and promotes a general discussion of religion and spirituality within the Stonehill community.

HONORS SOCIETY AFFILIATION

Theta Alpha Kappa

The National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology

Lambda Epsilon Sigma

Stonehill's campuswide honor society

GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL STUDIES

Places where Stonehill graduates have recently attended a full- or part-time graduate program include:

- Arizona State University (Ph.D.)
- Boston College (M.A./J.D.)
- Boston University (M.T.S.)
- Fordham University
- Harvard University (M.T.S.)
- Suffolk University (J.D.)
- Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine
- University of Notre Dame
- Villanova University



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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Places where Stonehill students have recently interned include:

- Archbishop Williams High School
- Archdiocese of Boston, Office of Youth Ministry
- Brockton District Court
- Brockton Interfaith Community
- Brockton VA Hospital
- Catholic Relief Services
- Mainspring Homeless Shelter
- My Brother's Keeper

CAREER SERVICES RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

General

- The Office of Career Services offers extensive assistance to students seeking employment, pursuing advanced studies or participating in postgraduate service opportunities. By completing internships and utilizing mentors, students are empowered to build lifelong career management skills.

Religious Studies-specific

- Extensive on-campus recruiting program for internships and entry-level jobs.
- Annual career fairs.
- Externships and internships in New York; Washington, D.C.; and Los Angeles (weeklong and semesterlong programs).

Active mentors

- Berklee College of Music
Assistant Director of the Berklee Fund
- Blessed Sacrament Parish
Youth Minister and Confirmation Director
- Columbia University
Collections Assistant
- South Shore Mental Health
Licensed Mental Health Counselor
- Town of Marshfield
High School Math Teacher

“Instead of looking at what you’re ‘supposed’ to believe, we go back to the text. Psychologically, it’s exactly what students should be doing. We want all our students to feel college is a safe time in which to ask questions.”

– Professor Mary Joan Leith
Chair of the Religious Studies Department

Stonehill at a Glance

Founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross, Stonehill College values integrity, tradition and the rewards that come when you pair rigorous academics with world-class faculty committed to their students’ success. Our nationally recognized experiential learning programs and focus on service shape graduates into compassionate leaders and global thinkers.

- 2,590 full-time students (1,588 women, 1,002 men).
- 93% of students live on campus.
- 167 full-time faculty (100% of classes taught by professors).
- 13:1 student/faculty ratio (average class size: 19 students).
- Tuition: \$36,160. Room and board: \$13,710.
- 86% retention rate.
- 93% of enrolled students receive financial assistance. Average freshman award, including scholarships, grants, federal student loans and work study, is \$25,451.
- \$50.5 million: amount of aid Stonehill students received in 2013-2014 academic year.
- 80% of the Class of 2013 completed an internship-related experience while at Stonehill.
- Ranked in the top 10% nationally for opportunities abroad, Stonehill offers internships, study and service travel programs around the globe.
- 91% of students participate in internships, study abroad, research practicum or fieldwork.
- 50% of the class of 2013 had secured a job by graduation, double the national average of 25%.

98%

OF ALUMNI ARE IN CAREERS, TOP GRADUATE PROGRAMS OR VOLUNTEERING WITHIN ONE YEAR OF GRADUATION