

Your Career Opportunities

At the intersection between religion, politics, and society, the program enables students to pursue the following professional activities in interreligious and transcultural settings:

- Youth and adult education
- Cultural mediation
- Foundations, associations, civil society organizations
- Religious communities, church institutions, pastoral care
- Fields of Caritas/Diakonie, social work
- Media, journalism
- Political consulting, political or governmental institutions
- Diplomatic service
- Peace and conflict studies, academia

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Admission Requirements: Successful completion of a Bachelor's degree in Humanities and Social Sciences (no numerus clausus required). A religious or denominational affiliation is not necessary.

Enrollment: Until Sept 15 (or March 15) of each year via Trier University's online application portal system.

Beginning of Studies: Winter (or summer) semester of each year.

Length of Studies: 4 semesters (full time), in part-time is also possible.

Program Structure: 10 modules, 120 ECTS credits.

Language Requirements: The program is taught in German. To be admitted to the program, international applicants must prove a sufficient knowledge of German at the C1 level. Those who have completed the B2 level may want to take the DSH ("Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang ausländischer Studienbewerber") examination at Trier University upon arrival to meet the language requirements of the program.

We are

- an ecclesiastical Faculty of Theology, officially recognized by the state, with a unique Chair for the Study of the Abrahamic Religions that focuses on Islam and Inter-religious Dialogue.
- a close cooperation partner of the University of Trier with which we share the campus and jointly offer this degree program.

Get in touch
with us!




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No
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Master of Interreligious Studies

Judaism, Christianity, Islam

A Master of Arts degree that provides you with the transcultural skills to reflect on your own and others' perspectives in order to build bridges.

Program
taught in
German!





Do you want to ...

... understand commonalities and differences between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam and find out more about their interreligious dynamics regarding peace and conflict?

... shape a space of cross-cultural understanding in view of anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and religious extremism?

... overcome the lack of communication between people of different religions and cultures, and contribute to a dialogue grounded on facts?

... pursue a meaningful professional activity in the promising transcultural field, be it in the public or private sector, in religious, Church-related or other institutions of civil society?

We offer ...

... an interreligious context: You study three religions together and comparatively in one program.

... an interdisciplinary approach: You combine historical, comparative religious, and theological methods in a research-based and practice-related way.

... an international setting: You learn other languages, can go abroad, and become part of a worldwide interfaith network.

... an individually tailored program: You set priorities in course selection, gain practical experience, and benefit from career-oriented coaching offers.

Program Structure

Thematic Learning Modules

- Sacred Scriptures of Jews, Christians, and Muslims and their Exegetical Traditions
- History of the Abrahamic Religions and their Intertwined Worlds
- Areas of Interreligious Practices
- Theology of Interreligious Relations: Judaism, Christianity, Islam
- Views of God, Man, and the World in the Abrahamic Religions

A Career-Oriented Internship in the Field of Interreligious or Transcultural Encounter

Language training (one elective)

- Biblical Hebrew
- Biblical Greek
- Arabic

Two elective modules from the following areas

- Literature and Language
- History and Culture
- The Human Person and Society
- Interdisciplinary Skills

Master's thesis



Insights into the Program

Module: History of the Abrahamic Religions and their Intertwined Worlds

The module provides fundamental knowledge about religious, cultural, and socio-historical developments in the formative periods of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam and beyond. Due to the geographical proximity of their origins in the Middle East, the history of these religions is very closely intertwined. The classes explore central themes of the history of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim relations, but also reflect on the social dynamics of inclusion and exclusion.

Module: Theology of Interreligious Relations: Judaism, Christianity, Islam

The coexistence of Jews, Christians, and Muslims poses new challenges for our society today. Based on structural commonalities as well as differences between the three major monotheistic religions, this module explores the perspectives and limits of an intercultural theology. How can the Abrahamic religions contribute in practice to peacebuilding or de-escalation of conflicts?

A Career-Oriented Internship in the Field of Interreligious or Transcultural Encounter

The professionally supervised internship in a self-selected interreligious or transcultural field with reference to at least two of the three religions conveys important methodological and social competencies for intercultural encounter and communication. The practical experiences are subject to further academic analysis of the challenges of engaging in dialogue. The internship provides deep insights into potential fields of professional activity.