General information

Start: Winter and Summer semester
Duration: 4 semesters
Degree: Master of Arts

Application and enrolment

Admission requirements
The admission requirement for a Master’s degree programme is usually an undergraduate degree or equivalent qualification in the same or a closely related field of study and proof of professional and personal suitability.

For more information about conditions of enrolment and the application for admission please read the admission regulations.

Application
With German university entrance qualification:
Please apply online at the University of Oldenburg.

EU - or international applicants:
Please apply via uni-assist e.V.

For more detailed information and deadlines refer to:
www.uni-oldenburg.de/studium/bewerben-und-einschreiben

Further Information

• Theology Homepage
www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/theologie/institute

• Courses of Study
www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/students/degree-programmes

• Funding
www.uni-oldenburg.de/studium/finanzierung

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One would probably notice it faster being abroad or in a foreign cultural environment; Religions and religious reality perspectives are playing an explicit, at least an implicit role in a social and cultural context. Between past and present, they often characterize and shape the ways of peoples thinking patterns of reactions and systems of values, without being aware of them. Knowledge about inner-Christian ecumenical pluralism and non-Christian diversity of religions is becoming more and more important in a world, where different experience realms are suddenly found close together. Here, Ecumenical Studies and Religions (M.A.) impart special skills in perception and dialogue. Through co-operation with regional and international participating universities, graduates are enabled to develop a unique sensibility for the complexity and liveliness of Christian and non-Christian religious perspectives.

The course of study combines the field of Protestant Theology (Oldenburg) with the Catholic Theology (Vechta), Ecumenical Studies (Oldenburg), the Science of Religion (Bremen) as well as the study of Judaism (Potsdam) and also integrates gender-oriented theological research (Oldenburg).

Programme structure and content

During the course of a four semester Master programme you will acquire a total of 120 (ECTS) credit points, which are divided among five compulsory modules (30 ECTS), elective modules totalling (48 ECTS), modules in the area of specialisation (12 ECTS) and the master degree module (30 ECTS). In the first semester, students concentrate on the basics of Protestant-theological disciplines with a strong emphasis on Ecumenism and parts of religious research. The second semester is designed for practical orientation (project or excursion) and formation of priorities through external studies in (Vechta, Bremen or Potsdam) or a year abroad. In the third semester, students deepen their profile with topic related modules customised in Ecumenism and Religions with a focus on Jewish Studies as well as in corresponding practice related modules in the area of specialisation.

The fourth semester completes studies with a master thesis and a colloquium (master completion module).

Studies of Ecumenism and Religions consist of the following modules:

**Compulsory modules**
- History of Christian Conduct of Life and its Relevance for the Present 6 ECTS
- Intention, Impact and Biblical Hermeneutics 6 ECTS
- Christian Concepts and Conduct of Life in Ecumenical Discourses 6 ECTS
- Religions in Plural 6 ECTS
- Religious Development Education in Church and Society 6 ECTS

**Optional compulsory modules I**
- Year abroad 30 ECTS
- or Practice oriented project 15 ECTS
- and External semester at the University of Vechta: Catholic Theology 15 ECTS
- or External semester at the University of Bremen: Science of Religion 15 ECTS
- or External semester at the University of Potsdam: Judaism 15 ECTS
- or Emphasis on Ecumenical Studies in Oldenburg 15 ECTS

**Optional compulsory modules II**
- Issues of identity in church and religion 6 ECTS
- Religion in church and society 6 ECTS
- History, theory and practice of ecumenism 6 ECTS
- World Religions’ in context 6 ECTS
- Judaism in History and Present 6 ECTS
- Reading of English Research literature 6 ECTS

**Total** 120 ECTS

**Master completion module**
- 30 ECTS

There is the possibility of a double degree in the studies of “Ecumenism and Religions” M.A. and “Protestant Religion” M.Ed.

Language requirements

Knowledge of a modern foreign language, if possible English, is compulsory. Furthermore, the historical, theological disciplines require the practicing of reflective abilities and skills; a basic competence in the biblical languages and in the Latin language. Subject-specific knowledge of Latin or the intermediate Graecum or subject-specific knowledge of Greek or the Graecum or subject-specific of Hebrew or the Graecum are required for certain compulsory modules. Appropriate language courses are also offered by the Institute of Theology and Religious Education. One of these old languages can be replaced in terms of focus formation by studying a basic competence (amounting to 12 ECTS) in another language.

Careers and areas of employment

Master degree holders in Ecumenical Studies and Religions will be able to make use of their religion related cognition and analysis competences in human science orientated professional fields in the social educational work. This offers a spectrum of journalism, publishing, academies for municipal and non-governmental cultural institutions, scientific management, business training up to governmental diplomatic or clerical social services. Students of these Master courses will receive individual occupational counselling.