



Facts and figures

Start: Winter and summer semesters

Duration: 4 semesters

Degree: Master of Arts

Language: German

Admission not restricted

Application and enrolment



Admission requirements

General admission requirements:

www.uol.de/stud/329en

Language skills:

German native speaker or DSH 2

Application

Application deadline: 30 September or 31 March

German university degree:

Online application

www.uol.de/studium/bewerben/master

EU or international applicants:

www.uol.de/en/application/international-students/master

Contact

For questions about the subject/degree programme

Academic counselling for Ecumenism and Religions

www.uol.de/en/subject-specific-student-advice

Student representatives for Ecumenism and Religions

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For questions about your studies

Study and Career Counselling Service

www.uol.de/en/zskb

Basic questions about application and enrolment

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www.uol.de/en/students/service-advice

Further information

Ecumenism and Religions website

www.uol.de/en/theology/studies-teaching/degree-programmes/master-ecumenical-studies-and-religions

Degree programmes at the University of Oldenburg

www.uol.de/en/students/degree-programmes

Financing your studies

www.uol.de/en/students/fees/financing-your-studies

Optional period abroad

www.uol.de/en/going-abroad

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Ecumenism and Religions

Master's degree



Ecumenism and Religions (M. A.)

A fact that is probably easier to notice in a foreign cultural environment is that religions and religious views play an explicit or at least implicit role in social and cultural life. In the past and the present, they have shaped and still shape people's ways of thinking, reactions and values, often without them realising it.

Knowledge about Christian ecumenical pluralism and non-Christian diversity of religions is becoming increasingly important in a world where different cultures suddenly live in close proximity to each other. The Master's programme Ecumenism and Religions conveys special abilities of perception and dialogue in this area. Through cooperation with regional and foreign participating universities, graduates gain a unique sensitivity for the complexity and vibrancy of Christian and non-Christian religious views.

The degree programme combines the fields of Protestant Theology (Oldenburg), Catholic Theology (Vechta), Ecumenical Studies (Oldenburg), Religious Studies (Bremen) and the Study of Judaism (Potsdam) and also includes in these disciplines gender-oriented theological research (Oldenburg).

Career opportunities

Graduates can apply their religious understanding and analytical skills in humanities-oriented career fields in social education. For example:

- Journalism and publishing
- Academies and company training courses
- Scientific management
- Municipal and non-government cultural work
- State and church development
- Diplomatic service

Students receive individual careers advice.

Structure and contents

BASIC MODULES 30 CP

Compulsory modules

History of Christian Conduct of Life and its Relevance for the Present / 6 CP
Intention, Impact and Hermeneutics of Biblical Texts / 6 CP
Christian Concepts and Conduct of Life in Ecumenical Discourses / 6 CP
Religious Development and Education in Church and Society / 6 CP
Religions in Plural / 6 CP

SPECIALISATION MODULES AND INTERNSHIP / STUDY ABROAD 30 CP

Elective modules

Study abroad / 30 CP
Practice-oriented project and specialisation / 15 CP each

Possible specialisations

Catholic Theology (external semester at the University of Vechta) / 15 CP
Science of Religion (external semester at the University of Bremen) / 15 CP
Judaism (external semester at the University of Potsdam) / 15 CP
Ecumenical Studies in Oldenburg / 15 CP
Theological specialisation (external semester) / 15 CP

ADVANCED MODULES AND SPECIALISATION 30 CP

Elective modules / 18 CP

Issues of Identity in Church and Religion / 6 CP
Religion in Church and Society / 6 CP
History, Theory and Practice of Ecumenism / 6 CP
(World) Religions in Context / 6 CP
Judaism in History and the Present / 6 CP
Reading English-Language Research Literature / 6 CP

SEMESTER 1

SEMESTER 2

SEMESTER 3

Elective modules / 12 CP

Ethics / 3/6 CP
Career-oriented specialisation / 3/6 CP
Free specialisation / 6 CP
Inter-Religious Dialogue and Conflict Management / 3/6 CP
Old-Testament or Modern Hebrew / 3/6 CP
Subject-Related English / 3/6 CP

COMPULSORY 30 CP

Master's thesis module

MASTER OF ARTS 120 CP

Students also have the option of jointly studying Ecumenism and Religions (Master of Arts) and Protestant Theology (Master of Education).

Language skills

Proficiency in a modern foreign language – ideally English – is compulsory. To be able to apply the necessary reflective abilities and skills, students of historical theological disciplines require basic competence in the biblical languages and Latin. The following language skills are required for certain compulsory modules:

- Subject-specific Latin or the Kleine Latinum certificate
- Subject-specific Greek or the Graecum certificate or
- Subject-specific Hebrew or the Hebraicum certificate

When choosing a specialisation area, students can replace one of these languages with basic competence (amounting to 12 CP) in a different language. Appropriate language courses are offered by the Institute of Theology and Religious Education.

SEMESTER 3

SEM. 4