

Graduate Perspectives

The programme's combination of interdisciplinary expertise, language instruction and practical orientation is in great demand in many professional fields. These include:

- Political consulting
- Interreligious organisations
- Ecclesiastical and public institutions
- Continuing education
- Diplomatic service
- Scholarship and research
- Cultural education

These are just some of the opportunities open to you, especially if you have acquired additional qualifications through internships and studies abroad.



Admission Requirements

Applicants are required to have already completed a degree in a field of the humanities or social sciences, or a degree that included a minor in such a field. The final mark in your first degree must be equivalent to a German 3,0 (satisfactory) or higher. Furthermore, you should be inquisitive and open to interreligious topics, and you should be enthusiastic about advanced language studies.

Additionally, you must provide verification of English language proficiency at at least the B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference.

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Master's Programme

*Interreligiöse Studien/
Interreligious Studies*



Judaism, Christianity and Islam in the Past and Present

Religion's role in politics and society is a controversial topic worldwide.

The master's degree programme in Interreligious Studies: Judaism – Christianity – Islam is centred on the three monotheistic religious traditions and their political, social and cultural relationships to one another.

Programme graduates are uniquely qualified to

- critically examine the three religious traditions' sacred writings from a comparative perspective,
- understand the forms and relevance of symbolisation and the development of tradition,
- competently analyse and illustrate the socially formative effects of religions and their relationships to politics,
- make a constructive contribution to interreligious dialogue,
- perform academic work independently.

The Programme

Curricular Structure

This interdisciplinary programme, based on a wide-ranging curricular structure, provides you with the unique opportunity to draw on the great variety of topics in the fields of Catholic and Protestant theology, Islamic studies, Jewish studies and political science to design your own individual area of focus within the programme.

Final oral examination					5 ECTS
Master's thesis					30 ECTS
A	B	C	D	E	
Religious Traditions	Interreligious Relations	Political Theory	Academic Project	Practical Language Training	
20 ECTS	20 ECTS	15 ECTS	10 ECTS	20 ECTS	

The programme is structured on a four-semester duration of study in which you must complete 120 ECTS points.

Course modules focus on the following topics:

- A:** The sacred writings and worship practices of the three monotheistic religions
- B:** Interreligious relations in the past and present (dialogues, conflicts, encounters)
- C:** The relationships between authority, society and religion with regard to matters of legitimation, liberty and justice
- D:** Practical relevance: you participate in either an academic, cultural or religious event, in a practical project (e.g. "Jewish-Franconian History") or complete an internship
- E:** Practical language training in Arabic, Hebrew or ancient Greek

Unique Qualities

Flexibility and Personal Responsibility

Content flexibility: You may attend courses from all cooperating fields according to your own interests.

Scheduling flexibility: You may decide for yourself which courses you will attend in which semester.

Language Skills

The diligent acquisition of language skills in Arabic, Hebrew or ancient Greek, and the analysis of primary sources are among the central pillars of the programme.

An Outstanding Academic Environment

The University of Bamberg's small study groups, excellent departmental libraries and short distances between university facilities are distinguishing features of academic life in the World Heritage city. Our subject advisors will gladly provide assistance in all phases of your studies – from choosing a degree programme to thesis topics and on through graduation.

