



UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

Research Master's in Religious Studies

Religious Studies (Research)

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'There is an urgent need for highly qualified critical expertise on religion. It is very stimulating to work with our students at the UvA, sharing our joined research interests, while striving to offer the very best in international scholarship in our field.'

This unique programme focuses on the history and presence of religious diversity in Europe in its wider Mediterranean, Eurasian and Transatlantic context. It stresses the processes of religious diversification in different socio-cultural contexts. As such, the programme is concerned with modes of discursive transfer and the exchange of practices and ideas between religious communities, with processes of secularisation and sacralisation, and with the experiences and attitudes of religious and non-religious actors in modern society. This includes the study of group formation, identity construction, polemics, and emerging conflicts in a transnational perspective.

Career prospects

As a graduate, you will be qualified to successfully enter and complete a PhD programme in the Humanities or the Social Sciences at any university. In addition, you will also qualify for high-level research positions at universities, research and development departments of governmental institutes and for research positions in NGOs. You will also be qualified for a wide range of careers, for example in science communication, science publishing, science policy and in public policy and consultancy, or as an independent researcher.



Spotlight on a course

Theories and methods (12 ECTS)

This course is dedicated to the close reading and discussion of seminal contributions to the academic study of religions. The reading material has a special focus on contemporary theory and new approaches in this field of study. It also offers a platform to practice and train your own skills of presentation, performance, and discussion. This will lead to the writing of an academic paper (as preparation for the Master's thesis). Classes are taught in collaboration with various specialists, from both Utrecht University and UvA.



Key data

Degree
Master of Arts
in Theology and
Religious Studies

Duration
2 years / 120 ECTS

Mode
Full-time

Start
1 September

**Language of
instruction**
English

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Entry requirements

The Research Master's programme in Religious Studies is open for application to students with a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university in the humanities, law or social sciences with a minimum of 30 ECTS (equivalent to a full-time semester of academic studies) taken in the field of Religious Studies. You are expected to have an awareness of basic theoretical notions in the field of Religious Studies.

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