

- Master of Arts or Master of Theology with a major in the Religious Roots of Europe
- 2 years, full time, 120 ECTS credits
- Joint programme with the universities of Aarhus, Copenhagen, Helsinki and Oslo
- Centre for Theology and Religious Studies
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2018
- Programme start: August 2018

Programme overview

The Religious Roots of Europe (RRE) is a two-year Nordic Master's programme offered by the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies at Lund University in cooperation with the universities of Aarhus, Copenhagen and Oslo. The programme is focused on the formative periods of Judaism, Islam and Christianity, their common roots, early interaction and contributions to European culture. The programme prepares students for educational and social work in a multi-religious society or research on the role of the three religions in European history and society. Through the programme, students acquire detailed knowledge about the formation of the three religions and their interaction with one another, as well as skills relevant for any occupation or study where the role of the three religions is of importance. The programme is unique in its focus on the formation of all three religions in a comparative perspective.

As a joint Nordic programme it gives students access to the professors and research of five different universities, as well as to the Nordic institutes in Rome, which are associated to the programme. Lund University, as well as its partners, is internationally recognised for its research in this field of study. The use of e-learning, local tutorials, and joint Nordic compact seminars provides a unique combination of campus studies and exchange with students based at other universities.

Programme modules/courses

COMPULSORY COURSES WITH NUMBER OF CREDITS: The Study of Ancient Religion (15), The Emergence of Judaism, Christianity & Islam (15), Interreligious Relations: Defining Moments, Current Encounters (10), Thesis Colloquium (10), Master's thesis (30). **ELECTIVES:** Interaction, Text, or Ancient Language (5x10).

The teaching combines e-learning, compact seminars, course assignments, tutorials and traditional teaching. Student mobility is essential to the programme. As a student you are expected to participate in compact seminars at the other Nordic host institutions and at the Nordic institutes in the Mediterranean Area. Travel and accommodation are financed by the students. These extra expenses will be in the order of EUR 3,500 for the two years of study.

Career prospects

The formation of multi-religious societies in Europe and the increasing role of religion today create a need for individuals with an in-depth knowledge of the formation and history of religions, especially Judaism, Christianity and Islam, as well as a need for future research in the field. A graduate from this programme will be able to enter into specialised occupations in churches, government institutions, organisations dealing with culture, integration or diplomacy, and in private firms that may, for example, be focused on business relations with the Middle East. The programme also provides an excellent basis for PhD studies.

Entry requirements and how to apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Bachelor's degree with a major in theology, the study of religion, classical philology, classical archaeology, history or the equivalent. A minimum of 15 ECTS credits in either one



“Because we come from so many different places, academically and religiously, we have a lot to talk about! And even though we study at different universities, there has been a special bonding between us that is not common in regular university programs. The whole programme actually started out with a joint trip to Rome and we also meet on a regular basis for compact seminars.”

Paula Dubbink, from the Netherlands





or two of the following ancient languages: Greek, Latin, Hebrew or Arabic (an exemption can be applied if someone does not meet these standards fully). English Level 6 (equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 90). See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on English proficiency levels.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Apply online: Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/religious-roots-europe. Click on "Apply" and follow the instructions for the online application at the Swedish national application website www.universityadmissions.se. Rank the chosen programmes in order of preference.

2. Submit your supporting documents:

- **General supporting documents:** Check what documents you need to submit (i.e. official transcripts, degree diploma/proof of expected graduation, translations, proof of English, passport) and *how* you need to submit them at www.universityadmissions.se.
- **Programme-specific supporting documents:** When applying for the Master's in the Religious Roots of Europe, you must also submit a statement of purpose (state in no more than 300 words why you want to attend this programme and what research interests you have) and a CV with your application.

3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO

Selection is based on academic qualifications, a statement of purpose and a CV.

TUITION FEES

There are no tuition fees for EU/EEA citizens. For non-EU/EEA citizens the tuition fee for this programme is SEK 100 000 per year. See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on tuition fees.

About the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies

The study of theology has been part of the curriculum of Lund University since its inauguration in 1668. The Centre for Theology and Religious Studies is the largest department within the field of Humanities and Theology at the university. At the Centre courses are offered in History of Religions, Human Rights, Islamology, Religious Studies and Theology. The courses lead to different degrees such as Bachelor of Theology, Bachelor of Arts, Master of Theology and Master of Arts. The department also offers course programmes for PhD students.

The research activities and PhD programme at the department are pursued in eleven different subjects with internationally recognised and eminent research in several areas, including Early Christian Studies, Judaism and Islam. Research is particularly strong in the areas of New Testament Studies, Early Christian Studies and Church History.

About Lund University

Lund University was founded in 1666 and is repeatedly ranked among the world's top 100 universities. The University has 42 000 students and 7 400 staff based in Lund, Helsingborg and Malmö. We are united in our efforts to understand, explain and improve our world and the human condition.

Lund is the most popular study location in Sweden. The University offers one of the broadest ranges of programmes and courses in Scandinavia, based on cross-disciplinary and cutting-edge research. The compact university campus encourages networking and creates the conditions for scientific breakthroughs and innovations. The University has a distinct international profile, with partner universities in over 70 countries.

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