



bachelor of Arts in the study of religions

OBJECTIVES

The teaching of Religious Studies includes various disciplines related to the scientific study of religions and religious activity, particularly the comparative history of religions, the social sciences of religions, the historical sciences, anthropology, the textual approach, etc.

To cover all these diverse approaches, the Institute of Social Sciences and Contemporary Religions (ISSRC) and the Institute of Religions, Cultures and Modernity (IRCM) work in close collaboration with the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences. Coordination is assured by the Interfaculty Department of Religious Studies. The teaching takes the form of courses and seminars.

POSSIBLE STUDY OPTIONS AT THE UNIL AFTER THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE (WITHOUT ANY FURTHER STUDY)

> Master of Arts in the Study of Religions

ORGANISER

Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies
www.unil.ch/fts

DEGREE AWARDED

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in the Study of Religions

ECTS CREDITS

180

DURATION

6 semesters

TEACHING LANGUAGE

French

ADMISSIONS

www.unil.ch/immat
Deadline: 30 April. Candidates needing a visa to study in Switzerland must apply for enrolment at least two months prior to this deadline.

START OF COURSES

Mid-September

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE DEGREE COURSE AND REGULATIONS

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educational content

Description

The first year lays the methodological and theoretical bases necessary for work in Religious Studies, notably through practical work. The students acquire a basic knowledge of 3 religions of their own choice (including at least one monotheist and one polytheist religion) as well as their languages. They may follow the teaching of a subject in a related field or relevant to their professional objectives.

The second year introduces an interdisciplinary approach, with sociology and psychology of religion. Epistemology provides the tools for a critical view of theories and methods, while the knowledge of religions and languages is deepened.

In the third year, parallel to the development of the knowledge acquired previously, the students write a dissertation on religion 1. The learning of the languages is replaced by the study of the fundamental texts of their main religions.

BACHELOR EXAMINATION			
6 th semester	Methods and Theories Sociology and Psychology of Religion, Epistemology, Complementary Discipline in Human and Social Sciences (continuation) 25%	Religions Bachelor's Dissertation on Religion 1, In-depth study of religions 2 and 3 45%	Religions 1 and 2 in the Texts Interpretation of texts 30%
5 th semester			
4 th semester	Methods and Theories Sociology and Psychology of Religion, Epistemology, Complementary Discipline in Human and Social Sciences (Anthropology, History, Art History, Philosophy or Theology) 30%	Religions In-depth study of the 3 chosen religions 30%	Languages and Support Courses Study of the Languages of religions 1 and 2 40%
3 rd semester			
FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION			
2 nd semester	Methods and Theories Methodology and Practical Work, Introduction to problems and themes of the Study of Religions. 30%	Religions Introduction to the study of three religions, free choice: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Greco-Roman Religions of Antiquity, Marginalised Religious Traditions 30%	Languages and Support Courses Study of the Languages of religions 1 and 2 40%
1 st semester			

INFORMATION

Examinations

Examinations are held at the end of the first and third years. The second year is validated by obtaining the 60 credits assigned to the courses. The end of the degree course requires, in addition to the final assessments, the writing of a dissertation of about thirty pages.

Mobility

The Interfaculty Department of Religious Studies has concluded exchange agreements with various universities in Europe and worldwide. Information on mobility: www.unil.ch/ri

Academic calendar

www.unil.ch/central/page4804.html

Timetables

www.unil.ch/programmes

General information on studies, career prospects and guidance

Guidance and advisory service: www.unil.ch/soc

Accommodation and financial assistance

Office for socio-cultural affairs: www.unil.ch/sasc

International students

International relations office: www.unil.ch/ri