Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies
Theology Programmes in English

Abridged Bachelor
1 or 2 academic years
120 - 45 ECTS

Bachelor
3 academic years
180 ECTS

Research Master
2 academic years
120 ECTS

Master of Theology and Religious Studies
1 academic year
60 ECTS

Abridged Research Master
1 academic year
60 ECTS

Doctorate/PhD
4 academic years

Sacrae Theologiae Baccalaureus
(STB)

Sacrae Theologiae Licentiatus
(STL1)

Sacrae Theologiae Licentiatus
(STL2)

Sacrae Theologiae Doctor
(STD)
Undergraduate Studies

Bachelor of Theology and Religious Studies
In a three-year programme students are initiated in all areas that together constitute Christian theology; in addition, particular attention is given to the contribution of religious studies, classical and modern languages, and philosophy. This solid basis is laid with the aid of challenging lectures, interactive seminars in small groups, and personal guidance in the writing of papers and essays.

Abridged Bachelor of Theology and Religious Studies
In some cases students can be granted advanced standing and as such, admission to the Abridged Bachelor of Theology and Religious Studies (45 to 120 ECTS). The Faculty’s Admissions Committee will investigate the volume, nature and content of the student’s previous academic formation.

Graduate Studies

Master of Theology and Religious Studies (1 year)
The goal of this Master’s programme is to expand and deepen students’ initial education in Theology and Religious Studies to prepare them for independent research.

Research Master of Advanced Studies in Theology and Religion (2 years)*
The Research Master equips students to function as experts in Church and society and prepares them for further research specifically oriented towards the Doctoral Programme in Theology.

Abridged Research Master of Advanced Studies in Theology and Religion*
Students who finish the Master of Theology and Religious Studies and at that point decide that they want to continue on the research trajectory can apply for admission to the Abridged Research Master. In some cases, new candidates can be granted advanced standing and admission to the Abridged Research Master (120 ECTS or less) based on previous studies. This determination is made by the Faculty’s Admissions Committee.

* New as of 2015-2016.

Doctoral Studies

Doctoral Programme in Theology/PhD
The Doctoral Programme in Theology aims at broadening and deepening doctoral students’ knowledge and ability to produce scholarly research in theology or religious studies. The programme is especially geared toward preparing a doctoral dissertation, within a reasonable timeframe.

Canonical Degrees
The programmes of the Faculty comply with the Normae set by the Congregatio de Institutione Catholica. The Faculty confers upon qualified students the degrees of Sacrae Theologiae Baccalaureus (STB), Licentiatus (STL), and Doctor (STD).

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