

Admission Requirements

Entry requirements include a German Abitur (or a degree that is recognized as equivalent) and very good German language proficiency. Details can be found on the following pages:

www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/application-enrollment/before-application-enrollment/hzb

Application and Enrollment

Courses start in the winter semester only. If you are interested in applying for the undergraduate program, you can find more information at:

www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/application-enrollment

Further Information

For more information on the Department of Jewish Studies and Religious Studies, see:

www.uni-potsdam.de/en/js-rw

The study regulations are available here:

www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/studying/legal-foundations/studyregulations

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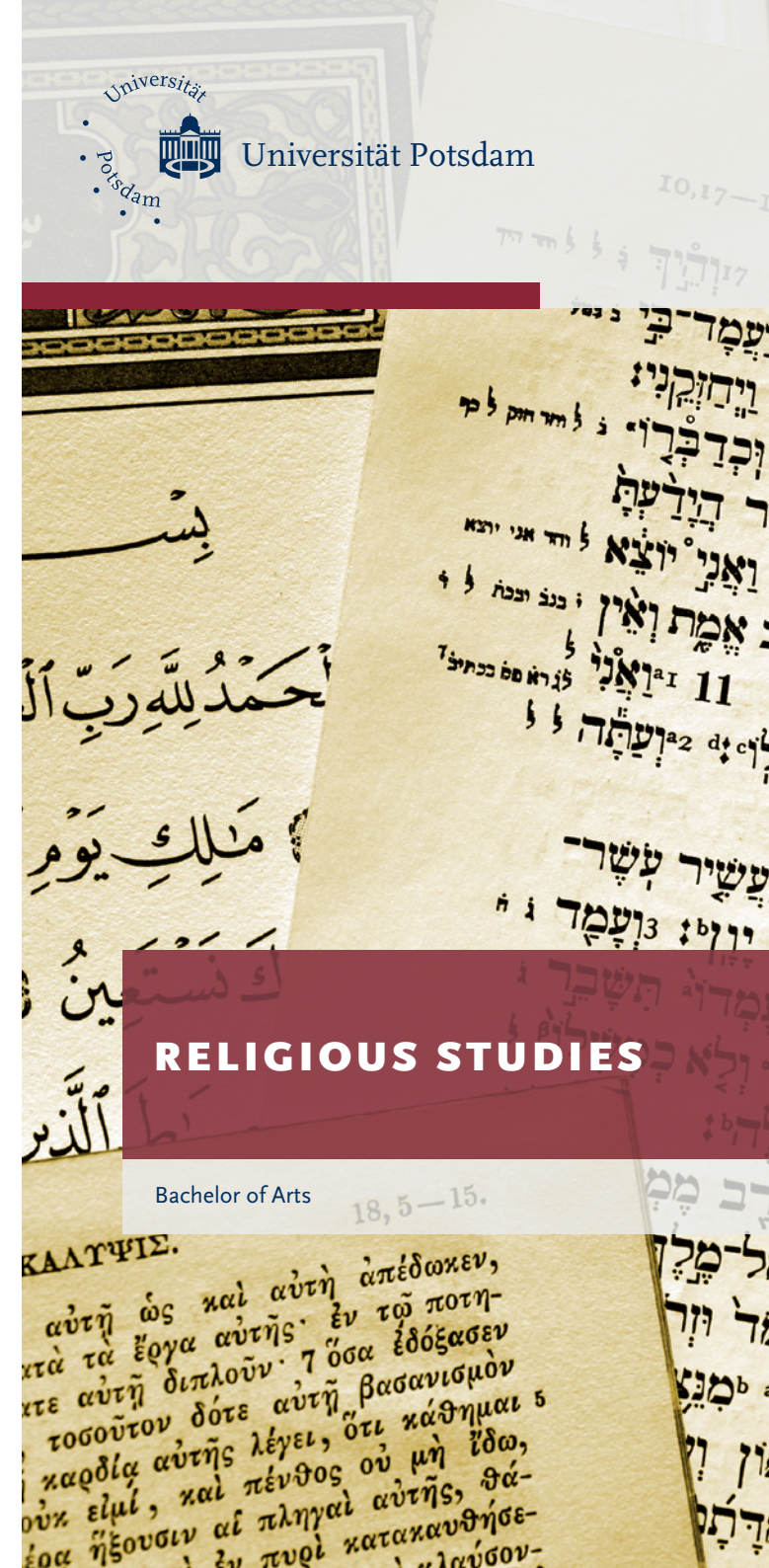
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Universität Potsdam

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts

18, 5—15.

ΚΑΛΥΨΙΣ.
αὐτῇ ὡς καὶ αὐτὴ ἀπέδωκεν,
κατὰ τὰ ἔργα αὐτῆς· ἐν τῷ ποτη-
ρι αὐτῆ διπλοῦν· ἃ ὅσα ἐδόξασεν
τοσοῦτον δότε αὐτῇ βασανισμὸν
καρδία αὐτῆς λέγει, ὅτι κάθημαι
οὐκ εἰμί, καὶ πένθος οὐ μὴ ἴδω,
ἔορα ἤξουσιν αἱ πληγαὶ αὐτῆς, θά-
λασσα ἐν πύρρι κατακαυθήσε-
ται ἐν πύρρι κατακαυθήσου-

Program Content

At the University of Potsdam you will find a diverse curriculum in the field of Religious Studies. We offer a range of courses that cover the periods from antiquity to the modern age from a number of perspectives on religion: the interrelation of religion with politics, history, philosophy, art and literature. Our faculty offers courses dealing with religious traditions (doctrines and way of life) in their historical context (history of Ashkenazic and Sephardic Judaism, emergence of Christianity, church history and dissident history, history of Islam, colloquy in the Middle Ages and in modernity, historical forms of tolerance). Courses also address religious-philosophical issues (proof for the existence of God, images of God, religion and reason, plurality of worlds, the function of evil) and ethical challenges (ecological justice, gender differences, consumerism and asceticism).

Modern religious studies attempts to chart an objective path between the study of religion from its own perspective as well as from a critical angle. To this end, our program establishes four paths of approach: historical contextualization, phenomenological comparisons, sociological observations and interpretative understanding. The Department of Religious Studies at the University of Potsdam distinguishes itself by structuring its research and teaching around the three religions Judaism, Christianity and Islam and their various currents. Our research and teaching activities are interwoven, and we work closely with the departments of the respective theologies.

Program Objective

Religious Studies give an overview of the history and diversity of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. At the same time, students learn how religions function in societies, whether through power or resistance against it, through otherness



or through assimilation. This knowledge is relevant to any field in which it is important to understand religions, both past and present, and where it is necessary to face religious challenges.

Study and Research Environment

Our department works closely with the School of Jewish Theology at the University of Potsdam, the Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg, the Moses Mendelssohn Center, the Institute Espaces, and the Canonical Institute. Students are supported by our dedicated faculty staff, which has an interdisciplinary training. We have cooperation and exchange programs with the Universities of Graz, Krakow, Leiden, Leuven, Vienna, Riga, Helsinki, Zurich, Qom, Tehran and Oslo. We frequently offer field trips to Rome, India, Israel, Iraq and Iran.

Future Career Options

- Educational sector: adult education, libraries, universities, museums
- Society: political consulting, foreign departments, NGO's, development aid, cultural institutes, tourism

- Media: publishing houses and newspapers, television and radio, PR agencies

Program Structure and Curriculum

The undergraduate program in Religious Studies at the University of Potsdam is a dual-subject bachelor program. Accordingly, you can major in Religious Studies with 90 ECTS or minor with 60 ECTS. The standard period of study, including the bachelor thesis, is six semesters.

Modules for Major with 90 ECTS

Mandatory Modules

Basic Academic Skills (Introduction to Religious Studies)

Judaism

Christianity

Islam and Other Religions

Hebrew

Comparative Analysis

Internship

Colloquium

Bachelor Thesis

Mandatory Elective Modules

General and Systematic Religious Studies: Theory of Religion, Philosophy of Religion

Material Religious Studies with an Historical Perspective: Myth – Rite – Ethos or Doctrines or Spaces

Languages: Hebrew (advanced) or Latin or Ancient Greek