

At Louvain-la-Neuve - 120 credits - 2 years - Day schedule - In FrenchDissertation/Graduation Project : **YES** - Internship : **NO**Activities in English: **NO** - Activities in other languages : **NO**Activities on other sites : **NO**Main study domain : **Philosophie**Organized by: **Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies (THER)**Programme acronym: **SREL2M** - Francophone Certification Framework: 7**Table of contents**

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SREL2M - Introduction

Introduction

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Whether you are religious or agnostic, you are interested in religions and the critical approach to them offered by the human sciences. Thanks to integrated courses and seminars, our programme prepares you for multidisciplinary tasks, particularly in the field of intercultural mediation and multi-religious intervention.

Your profile

You

- Wonder about the impact of religions and religiosities in our contemporary societies?
- Would you like to gain a better understanding of the forces behind religion?
- Would you like to tackle the complexity of these issues in a calm and dialogical way
- Want to think, contribute and act in this field

SREL2M - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

The graduate in religious sciences prepares for the challenge posed by understanding and analysing complex problems linked to religious phenomena, in accordance with a multidisciplinary approach, in order to devise and contextualize innovative social interactions.

This master programme aims to train specialists in religion, who have threefold, multi-religious, multidisciplinary and multi-contextual, abilities.

The future graduate in religious sciences will acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to become:

- an expert capable of understanding a variety of religious phenomena as carriers of meaning, and to comprehend both the internal and external contemporaneous conditions surrounding a variety of beliefs and their transformations, in an in-depth way and in respect of at least two types of belief;
- a scientist capable of carrying out a reflective analysis having recourse to a documented, multidisciplinary approach, based in science, which is cross-disciplinary and critical, in an in-depth way and in respect of at least two religious science disciplines;
- an innovator asked to call upon his knowledge in an innovative manner in order to make relevant interventions in intercultural and interreligious issues and to propose new methods of interaction which are considerate to the different socio-religious and socio-cultural fields, in an in-depth way and in at least two different contexts.

On successful completion of this programme, each student is able to :

Demonstrate in-depth and critical mastery of foundational knowledge relating to the main contemporary religious phenomena, on the one hand, and to the different disciplinary approaches to religion, on the other.

1. Demonstrate in-depth and critical mastery of foundational knowledge relating to critical interpretation of the main contemporary religious phenomena (Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism).

- Demonstrate a critical reading and knowledgeable interpretation of the main religious texts.
- Demonstrate critical comprehension of the historical sources.
- Provide evidence of a critical and contextualised comprehension of the main religious traditions.

2. Demonstrate a critical mastery of foundational knowledge (theories, concepts and methods of analysis) relating to different disciplinary approaches to religion from the core curriculum (anthropology, law, history, philosophy, psychology, sociology and theology).

3. Show evidence of a mastery of highly specialised knowledge concerning two religious traditions or in one of the basic disciplines in religious science, on the basis of the chosen stream (a) focus on religions (b) social anthropology in religions (c) psychology of religion (d) law and religions.

Carry out a cross-disciplinary, reflective and critical analysis of a religion/religious theme in all its complexity.

1. Demonstrate a critical understanding of the different methodological, qualitative and quantitative approaches used to analyse religions by means of the main religious science disciplines.

2. Understand the contributions provided by various disciplines and paradigms in the concrete analysis of a religion, the specific features and characteristics of each disciplinary approach and their synergies.

3. Call upon at least one disciplinary approach (specialised methodology) to religious sciences as well as the foundations of other methodologies in humanities in a relevant, in-depth and critical way in order to approach and analyse a religion.

4. Realize a comparative process, aiming to locate a religion/a theme in at least two religious traditions and two disciplines.

5. Integrate the complexity of religious phenomena into a cross-disciplinary analysis.

Create and realize original, personal research implementing a rigorously scientific, methodological and critical process in order to go deeper into a research issue in the field of religious sciences.

1. Set down and define a research issue in religious sciences, in the context of a specific discipline or involving a cross-disciplinary process.

2. Consolidate the documentary sources in religious sciences (identify, collect and select), by making active, critical and relevant use of the information tools and by questioning the validity and relevance of the sources as regards the research problem being studied.

3. Realize a critical summary of the scientific literature (in French and in English) which is relevant to this problem, making sure to contextualize the problem in relation to current knowledge.

4. Define working hypotheses and argue them.

5. Construct and implement a relevant and rigorous methodological analysis process considering the problem being studied, justifying his choices and methodologies.

- Where appropriate, construct a theoretical development, calling upon the theoretical frameworks and relevant methods of analysis, in the context of a specific discipline in the field of religious science or involving a cross-disciplinary process.
- Create and realize, where appropriate, an empirical, quantitative and/or qualitative study, calling upon the appropriate analytical tools.

6. Analyse and interpret results (data) including the criticism being argued.

7. Integrate research results into a conclusive argument in order to present a reflective and prospective process.

The individual programme of each student depends on her former curriculum and her optional choice as regards with religion thematics and/or disciplinary approaches; A large number of varied optional courses is offered to meet the interests of each student. The Master programme requires completing a minimum of 120 credits distributed over two years, corresponding to 60 credits each one.

SREL2M Programme

Detailed programme by subject

CORE COURSES [90.0]

- Mandatory
- ✘ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
- ⊖ Not offered in 2024-2025 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2024-2025 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 or the following year
- Activity with requisites
- 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
- 🚫 Not open to incoming exchange students
- [FR] Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

Click on the course title to see detailed informations (objectives, methods, evaluation...)

Year

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○ Core courses (62 credits)

○ Disciplinary Approach (16 credits)

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| ○ LFILO2132 | Philosophy of Religion (Special Questions) | Jean Leclercq Marc Maesschalck | FR [q1] [30h+0h] [4 Credits] 🌐 | X |
| ○ LSREL2230 | Religions, law and societies in Europe | Louis-Léon Christians | FR | |

RESEARCH FOCUS [30.0]

Finalité approfondie (30 crédits en 2 ans)

- Mandatory
 - ⊗ Optional
 - △ Not offered in 2024-2025
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⌘ LSREL2012

History of the Jewish Religion

Joachim Yeshaya

⌘ [q2] [30h] [4 Credits] ⊕

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| | - introduction to religion - historical criticism |
| Autres bacheliers de la Communauté française s'ils ont suivi une mineure en sciences des religions (30 crédits). | Access based on application |

Bachelors of the Dutch speaking Community of Belgium

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Foreign Bachelors

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Non university Bachelors

> Find out more about [links](#) to the university

| Diploma | Access | Remarks |
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| Tout bachelier délivré dans un cursus de type court - crédits supplémentaires entre 45 et 60 | Les enseignements supplémentaires éventuels peuvent être consultés dans le module complémentaire . | Type court |

Holders of a 2nd cycle University degree

| Diploma | Special Requirements | Access | Remarks |
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| "Licenciés" | | | |
| Licenciés en sciences religieuses | | Direct access Access based on application | Max. 15 credits in the following subjects (unless they have been studied as part of a previous programme): - philosophy -epistemology - sociology - psychology - introduction to religion - historical criticism |

Masters

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| Master in Theology [120.0] | | Direct access Access based on application | Max. 15 credits in the following subjects (unless they have been studied as part of a previous programme): - philosophy -epistemology - sociology - psychology - introduction to religion - historical criticism |
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Holders of a non-University 2nd cycle degree

Access based on validation of professional experience

> It is possible, under certain conditions, to use one's personal and professional experience to enter a university course without having the required qualifications. However, validation of prior experience does not automatically apply to all courses. Find out more about [Validation of priori experience](#).

Access based on application

Access based on application : access may be granted either directly or on the condition of completing additional courses of a maximum of 60 ECTS credits, or refused.

Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration

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Teaching method

Interdisciplinarity is at the very heart of the programme, where religions are always thought of in direct association with philosophy, socio-anthropology, psychology, law and theology.

The core course activities provide an introduction to methodology in each of the main disciplines covered by the term 'sciences des religions', the chance to learn a pluridisciplinary method of analysis of religious facts in seminars led by a team of teachers, which are themselves pluridisciplinary. By anchoring religious questions in highly contemporary problems, the course allows students to conduct case studies, and approach issues on a problem-by-problem basis, which involves combining varied types of knowledge and skills, etc.

In the part of the programme dedicated to free choice courses, the student can focus on some disciplines and religions, in order to gain strong expertise in the field as well as the standard of knowledge and skills required to consider embarking on doctoral research.

This Master's programme is unique in French-speaking Belgium in its capacity to bring together the various strands of human sciences in its approach to the religious phenomenon, less in its historical dimension (which, of course, is not excluded) than in the crucial questions that it currently puts to western society. The legal part of the programme in particular provides an approach which is as fundamental as it is innovative.

Evaluation

The evaluation methods comply with the [regulations concerning studies and exams](#). More detailed explanation of the modalities specific to each learning unit are available on their description sheets under the heading "Learning outcomes evaluation method".

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The modes of evaluation are laid out in the syllabus for each activity. Roughly speaking, students are evaluated by written work with formative evaluation or oral exams.

Mobility and/or internationalisation

At the Master's stage, Erasmus exchanges will be encouraged. At regional level, it is possible to select activities in the programmes of the Facultés universitaires Saint- Louis - FUSL, the Académie Louvain, the Université Libre de Bruxelles - ULB (Inty.vtt ies oeligions aetd lailai3517cté)

Entity

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| Structure entity | SSH/TECO/CISR |
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| Faculty | Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies (TECO) |
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