

- 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 Copenhagen and Oslo
- Centre for Theology and Religious Studies
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2021
- Programme start: August 2021

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 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 is unique in its focus on the formation of all three religions in a comparative perspective. 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.

As a joint Nordic programme, it gives students access to the professors and research of three 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 courses (10), e.g. Space, Art, and Identity in Synagogue, Church and Mosque, Text courses (10), e.g. Rabbinic Literature, and Ancient Language courses (10), e.g. Hebrew & Arabic.

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 1 500 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 RRE courses focus on how Rabbinic Judaism, Christianity and Islam developed in close contact with one another, a perspective which gave me a whole new understanding of the religious landscape in antiquity as well as today. Being a student within the RRE programme has helped me develop valuable skills. While the distance studies taught me the importance of taking responsibility for my own learning process, the compact seminars provided me with valuable experiences of academic discussion and collegiality. These skills are much needed within my current position as a PhD student at the University of Bergen.”
Moa Airijoki, Sweden





the equivalent. A minimum of 15 ECTS credits in either one 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 110 000 per year. See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on tuition fees.

About Lund University

Lund University was founded in 1666 and is repeatedly ranked among the world’s top 100 universities. The University has 40 000 students and more than 8 000 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 degree programmes and courses in Scandinavia, based on cross-disciplinary and cutting-edge research. Because of its wide disciplinary range, interdisciplinary collaborations and engagement with wider society, Lund University is particularly well equipped to meet complex societal challenges. With partner universities in around 70 countries, the University’s profile is distinctly international.

Lund University has an annual turnover of more than EUR 830 million, of which two-thirds go to research in our nine faculties, enabling us to offer one of the strongest and broadest ranges of research in Scandinavia.

The establishment of the world-leading facilities MAX IV and ESS will have a major impact on future scientific and industrial development in both materials science and life science. MAX IV is the leading synchrotron radiation facility in the world, while the European research facility ESS will be the world’s most powerful neutron source when it opens for research in 2023. Adjacent to these facilities, Science Village Scandinavia is also being developed into a meeting place and testing environment for research, education and entrepreneurship.

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