

- 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 2025
- Programme start: August 2025

## 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 multireligious 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), Holy Scriptures (10), 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 equivalent. A minimum of 15 ECTS credits in either one or two of the following ancient languages: Greek, Latin, Hebrew or Arabic (an exemption



“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



can be applied if someone does not meet these standards fully). English Level 6.

### How to apply

- 1. Apply online:** Go to [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/religious-roots-europe](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/religious-roots-europe). Click on "Apply" and follow the instructions for the online application at [www.universityadmissions.se](http://www.universityadmissions.se), the Swedish national application website. Rank the chosen programmes in order of preference.
- 2. Submit your 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](http://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

Tuition fee SEK 125 000 per year for non-EU/EEA citizens. No fee for EU/EEA citizens See [www.lunduniversity.lu.se](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se) for details on tuition fees.

### ABOUT HUMANITIES AND THEOLOGY

Subjects in the humanities and theology focus on human beings and culture. Studies with us open up opportunities for lifelong learning in the art of communicating at different levels, in different cultures and in different ways. Our studies pose questions such as "which is the best of all possible worlds?", "are all people of equal value?" or "what does it mean to master a language?"

By studying subjects in the humanities and theology, we learn more about contemporary humans and their challenges; we understand better how we function and interact with our surroundings. There is a number of subjects for international Master's students to study within humanities and theology, such as major and minor languages, literature studies, cultural studies, area studies, archaeology, religion, film and media studies, and human rights studies.

The humanities and theology disciplines do more than merely enabling you to see the individual in a larger context. Studies in these faculties also contribute to the highest degree to increased understanding of the international environments which you are most likely to encounter in your future professional life.

### CONTACT

Programme webpage:

[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/religious-roots-europe](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/religious-roots-europe)

Also see:

<https://religious-studies.net>

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