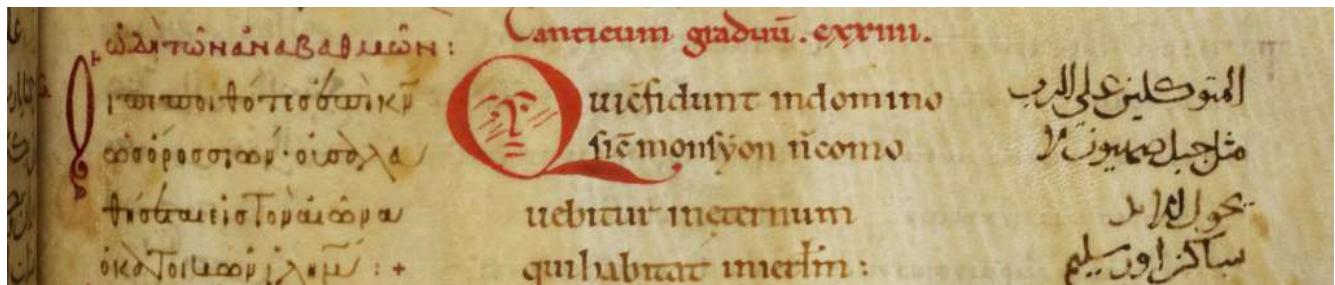


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FACULTY OF THEOLOGY CENTRE FOR THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGIONS - TheiRs

ONLINE MASTER'S IN PHILOSOPHY, THEOLOGY AND RELIGIONS

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A consistent, global education demand: our vision

"The assumption that we live in a secularized world is false. The world today, with some exceptions, is as furiously religious as it ever was, and in some places more so than ever." (Peter Berger).

In our present-day society a strong interest for religion has returned: according to the data of the Pew Research Center, the percentage of non-believers is set to fall from 16.4% to 13.2% in 2050.

Philosophy study programmes are often designed in an agnostic way – as if God didn't exist – and do not consider the growing interest in religion, both globally and among philosophy students in particular. Furthermore, in most philosophy study programmes philosophy is studied only through issues and problems while a study of the history of philosophy is neglected.

Last but not least, the study of the millennium-long history of dialogue between philosophy and religions (in ancient Greek philosophy, Jewish philosophy, Christian philosophy, Islamic philosophy, Reformed philosophy, etc.), does not appear to be offered in any university programme, despite the study being fundamental for creating and sustaining dialogue between cultures and faiths in the future.

The Master's in Philosophy, Theology and Religions fills all these gaps. This unique programme takes heed of the mutual relationship between religions and philosophy both from a historical and theoretical point of view.

Prof. **Giovanni Ventimiglia**, Master's Programme Director

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Curriculum: chronological and thematic modules

The Online Master's in Philosophy, Theology and Religions' curriculum is divided into 6 modules in chronological and thematic order. This system not only grants learners the rare opportunity to situate philosophical topics within a broader historical timeline, but also encourages more frequent feedback and dialogue amongst peers and with their tutors. The following is a broad outline of the curriculum students will study during the program

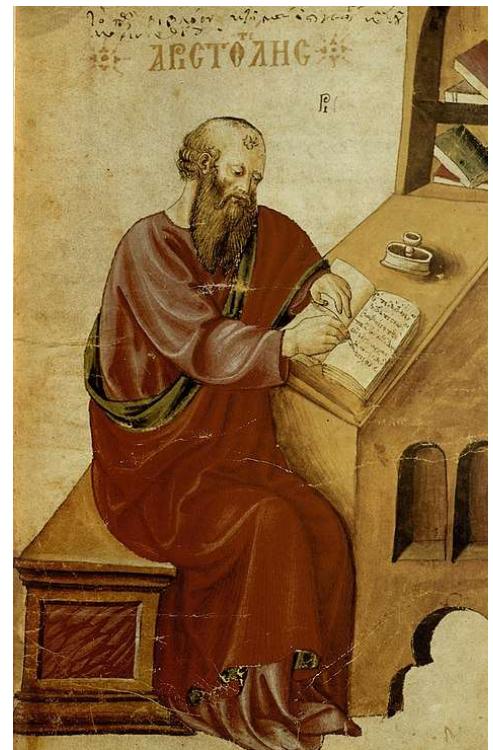
TERM 1: History of Philosophy and Religions, Basic Concepts

Module 1: Basic Concepts I

1. History of Philosophy across Religions: An Introduction
2. Foundational Concepts and History of Judaism
3. Foundational Concepts and History of Christianity
4. Foundational Concepts and History of Islam
5. Philosophy and Non-Abrahamic Religions

Module 2: Basic Concepts II

6. Philosophy and Religion in the Greek-Roman World
7. God das Being according to Plato and Aristotle
8. The Reception of Greek Philosophy in the Jewish, Islamic and Christian Philosophy
9. Philosophical Lexicons across Traditions: Coming from Greek, Latin, Jewish and Arabic/Persian Philosophical Texts
10. Religious Sense across Religions
11. Summer School (end of August/mid September): Philosophical Issues across Religions



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TERM 2: History of Medieval/Modern Philosophy and Religions

Module 3: God in the History of Philosophy (“Middle Ages”)

1. Judaism
2. Christianity
3. Islam
4. Philosophical Books across Religions: The Liber de Causis and its Different Traditions

Module 4: God in the History of Philosophy (“Modernity”)

5. Judaism
6. Christianity
7. Islam
8. Philosophical Proofs of the Existence of God across Religions

TERM 3: Contemporary Philosophy and Religions: Topics and Problems

Module 5: Topics and Problems I

1. Philosophy of Religion I: Epistemology of Religion
2. Philosophy of Religion II: God's existence and Attributes
3. Philosophy of Religion III: God, Freedom and Evil
4. Divine attributes across religions
5. Interreligious relationships I

Module 6: Topics and Problems II

6. Jewish Contemporary Philosophy
7. Christian Contemporary Philosophy
8. Islamic Contemporary Philosophy
9. The Reception of Western Philosophy in the Islamic World
10. Interreligious relationships II
11. The unknown God: Agnosticism and Mysticism

TERM 4: Master's Thesis



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Teaching Professors

An international team of leading professors, each of whom are world-renowned specialists in their fields, bestows the programme with unicity and innovation

Peter Adamson (LMU Munich / King's College London), **Jehoschua Ahrens** (Lucerne), **Maria Rosa Antognazza** (King's College, London), **David Giuseppe Arie Anzalone** (Lucerne), **Marienza Benedetto** (Bari), **Paul Richard Blum** (Loyola University, Maryland), **Emanuele Colombo** (Chicago), **Richard Cross** (Notre Dame, Indiana), **Simon Erlanger** (Lucerne), **Davide Falessi** (Lucerne), **Tyron Goldschmidt** (Rochester, New York), **Warren Zev Harvey** (Jerusalem), **Christoph Helmig** (Cologne), **Maarten J.F.M. Hoenen** (Basel), **Anthony Kenny** (Oxford), **Gyula Klima** (Fordham University, New York), **Marco Lamanna** (Lucerne), **Gary Carl** (Muhammad) **Legenhausen** (Qom), **Olga Lizzini** (Aix-Marseille), **Winfried Löffler** (Innsbruck), **Maria Evelina Malgieri** (Turin), **Ryan Mullins** (Helsinki), **Mostafa Najafi** (Lucerne), **Pasquale Porro** (Turin), **Santiago Ramos** (Rockhurst, Kansas), **Ulrich Rudolph** (Zurich), **Ferenc Ruzsa** (Budapest), **Ursula Schumacher** (Lucerne), **Roman Seidel** (FU Berlin), **Erdal Toprakyaran** (Tübingen/Lucerne), **Giovanni Ventimiglia** (Lucerne)



Application and scholarships: target Applicants and administrative fees

All applications must be submitted online until:

- 30 April (or late registration until 31 August) for the autumn semester
- 30 November (or late registration until 31 January) for the spring semester

The tuition fee per semester (including exams and use of the Moodle learning platform) is CHF 810 for student's resident in Switzerland and CHF 1110 for student's resident abroad. For online registration, a one-time registration fee will be added.

The University is proud to offer up to 100.000,00 CHF in scholarship funding to qualified applicants seeking financial support for the Master's.

More information and details for candidacy are available on the website
www.unilu.ch/masterphilter.

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Professional perspectives

Our programme provides fundamental logical, philosophical, theological and historical knowledge, as well as essential methodological skills that allow for the enhancement of academic and professional study. The broad range of topics and cultures studied in the programme ensures students a global vision enriched by

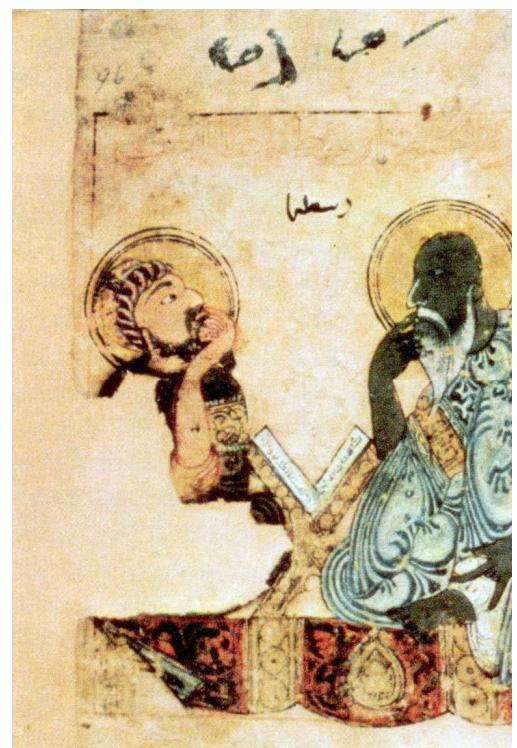
Skills in Philosophy: In a society that is evolving faster and faster, where companies and institutions are forced to change their strategies on short notice, the demand for versatile, open-minded professionals capable of challenging established paradigms and inventing new ones is growing. Philosophy graduates are therefore increasingly sought after in the professional world.

Skills in Inter-Religious Dialogue: In a multicultural society challenged by global migratory phenomena, the demand for professionals who are knowledgeable about history, as well as the history of philosophy and the intellectual history of cultures other than their own, continues to grow. A strong command of the mentality and intellectual history of different cultures is an indispensable tool for interreligious dialogue. The specific training offered by this Master's course meets these needs.

Skills in Academia: Our Master's in *Philosophy, Theology and Religions* grants a solid training over a wide set of areas of knowledge, including philosophy, history of philosophy, theology, history of theology, philosophy of religion,

This Master's degree broadens the fields in which to do a doctorate, making it possible for applications to be made not only in philosophy departments but also in theology departments all over the world. The Faculty of Theology of Lucerne has recently created a PhD (Dr. Phil. in Theological Studies) for which students holding this master's degree would be ideal.

Career: Programme graduates will be a perfect fit for international careers in culture, education, media, politics, public administration, consulting, church and religious services and NGO work, such as journalism, public relations & marketing, personnel services, political consulting, political and cultural foundations, management consulting, high school philosophy and humanities teaching, archives / museums / libraries, church non-profit and international organizations, social employment and asylum systems



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