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master of theology (MTh) classroom and distance learning

GENERAL OUTLINE

Objectives

The Master of Theology (MTh) course deepens basic knowledge acquired during the Bachelor degree. They provide extensive skills in several branches of theology. Students organise their programmes to reflect the orientation they intend to follow in their training. Courses and the dissertation provide a good grasp of methodological tools. As well as knowledge specifically related to theology, students develop cross-disciplinary skills that will facilitate their integration in the professional and academic world.

Students benefit from first-class teaching on advanced research subjects. The diversity of study areas and the possibility of personalised accompaniment allow students to acquire a solid knowledge of theology. This programme is offered jointly by the Faculties of Theology of the Universities of Lausanne and Geneva.

Study via classroom and distance learning

The Master of Theology (MTh) course gives you the unique option of fitting your studies around your personal and professional needs. You can decide whether to follow each module in the classroom or on our interactive web platform.

Classroom-based courses are run at our campuses in Lausanne and Geneva.

Thanks to our extensive experience in e-learning, our distance-learning courses use a wide range of pedagogical tools specific to this type of teaching. Staff specialising in e-learning will support you throughout your course.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organiser

College of protestant theology:
www.unige.ch/collegetheologie

Degree awarded

Master of Theology (MTh)

ECTS credits

120

Duration

4 semesters, maximum 6

Teaching language

French. Recommended level: C1.

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EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

Teaching

You will study at least six of the seven branches offered. You will also have 18 optional credits allowing you to specialise or strengthen your profile as a generalist. Teaching is delivered through graded classes and seminars (also available via distance learning) and optional courses and seminars.

Examinations

You will take a prepared examination in at least three branches, preparing a topic and bibliography from a wide range defined by your lecturer, on which your examination will be based. The examination consists in either a four-hour written examination or a 45-minute oral.

Career prospects

In addition to advanced skills in very varied fields, the Master of Theology develops independence of thought and the ability to organise work independently. These intellectual and human qualities offer interesting career prospects in many areas (depending on specialisation, further training may be required):

- Ecclesiastical professions (pastor, specialised ministries: hospital, prison or youth chaplaincy, military chaplain, etc)
- Academic research
- Teaching
- Social services (marriage guidance counsellor, support or welfare officer)
- Human resources
- Media (journalism, communication)
- Book-related professions (publishing, bookselling)
- Governmental and non-governmental organisations

Alumni testimonials and other positions:
www.unil.ch/perspectives/ftsr

SYLLABUS

You must select six branches, totalling 12 ECTS credits. This will leave you with 18 optional ECTS credits either to specialise or strengthen your profile as a generalist. In addition, there is a Master's dissertation worth 30 ECTS.

Old Testament/Hebrew Bible

Gain a detailed understanding of historical-critical methodology and develop new knowledge and skills in the literature of the Hebrew Bible and its historical production contexts.

New Testament

Engage in detailed study of the founding Christian texts in their historical, literary and theological dimensions.

History of Christianity

Establish facts, interpret thinking and engage with the issue of two thousand years of history linked to Christianity.

Systematic Theology

The problem of giving critical and engaged guidance on the meaning of Christian faith today, in conjunction with the human sciences and other fields of study.

Ethics

An explanation of the personal, community and social consequences of knowledge of God and Jesus Christ in conjunction with philosophy and the human sciences.

Practical Theology

Observing, interpreting and analysing contemporary ecclesiastical and evangelical practices and belief from a theological perspective.

Study of Religions

Develop a critical awareness of religious plurality through the study of various aspects of religion and the use of psychological and sociological methods and approaches.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Admission requirements

The candidate must be a holder of a Bachelor of Theology (BTh) or a university degree judged to be equivalent by the Council of the College of protestant theology, subject to the candidate's formal admissibility to the Master's degree course.

Enrolment and final dates

Regardless of the branches chosen, candidates enrol with one of the partner universities:

- University of Geneva: www.unige.ch
- University of Lausanne: www.unil.ch

Students choose the university they enrol with.

It is possible for students to begin the Master of Theology degree course in either the autumn or the spring semester.

Applications to be submitted before 30 April (autumn semester) and 30 November (spring semester) to the Admissions Office: www.unil.ch/immatt

Candidates needing a visa to study in Switzerland: 2 months before these deadlines (enrolment at the UNIL only).

Start of courses

Autumn semester: mid-September
Spring semester: mid-February
Academic calendar:
www.unil.ch/central/calendar

Part-time Master's degree

Under certain conditions, a Master programme can be followed part-time. See www.unil.ch/formations/master-temps-partiel.

Timetables

www.unil.ch/ftsr

General information on studies, guidance

www.unil.ch/soc

Career prospects

unil.ch/perspectives/unil-et-apres

Accommodation and financial assistance

www.unil.ch/sasme

International

www.unil.ch/international

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