

Degree Overview / Requirements

- Program size: Up to four students are admitted annually with full tuition scholarship and a generous stipend (currently, \$17,000). Please visit the Graduate Admissions Office website at http://grad.georgetown.edu/pages/financial_information.cfm.
- Time required to complete degree: Usually, the degree is completed within five years of full-time study, including two years of course work, six months to one year to prepare for comprehensive exams, and two years for the dissertation. There is no part-time option.
- Credits required : Thirty-six credits, in addition to a dissertation, are required to complete the degree. The courses are distributed as follows: two introductory seminars in religious pluralism, one from the religious studies perspective, the other from the theological perspective; three specific seminars on religious pluralism in three foci: theological reflection, ethical discourse, and religion and culture; three tradition courses in the primary religious tradition (normally the one in which one holds the master's degree) and five tradition courses in another (secondary) tradition.
- Languages required: Students must achieve reading proficiency in at least two foreign languages related to their field of study.
- Comprehensive exams: There are five exams including a general exam for all students in religious pluralism; two exams that explore a topic in the area of focus (theology, ethics, culture) within each of the student's chosen religious traditions; an exam in the tradition of one's primary competency; a specific exam in the topic that is to be the focus of the student's dissertation.

Admission Requirements

- Graduate Record Exam (general test) scores.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts.
- Master's degree in one religious tradition or a field related to religious studies (e.g., anthropology, history, or sociology of religion). Applicants without a master's but with outstanding achievement in undergraduate education in religion/theology will be considered.
- TOEFL or IELTS (for non-native English speakers). Minimum TOEFL score: 550 (paper test) or 213 (electronic test); IELTS score: 7.
- A sample of written work (e.g., a 25-30 page research paper) and a 3-5 page statement of intent which (1) articulates the nature of the student's interest in religious pluralism, (2) outlines how previous education has provided preparation for a study of comparative and pluralist issues, and (3) indicates a general area of future doctoral research.
- Application fee. (Note: For application deadlines, see <http://theology.georgetown.edu>; for full admissions information, see <http://grad.georgetown.edu/pages/admissions.cfm>.)

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Ph.D. in Theological
and Religious Studies

FOCUS:
Religious Pluralism

A Distinctive Program

Georgetown University has established itself as one of the finest American institutions of higher learning. In addition to the Department of Theology, it features such distinguished academic departments and programs as the Departments of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Arabic and Islamic Studies, Foreign Service, Government, History, Philosophy, Public Policy, the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, and the Program for Jewish Civilization. The new doctoral program will draw from the rich and diverse resources of Georgetown, and students in the program are strongly encouraged to take courses offered by these departments and centers and to cultivate a lively intellectual exchange with doctoral students in other programs.

Meeting a Growing Need

Thanks to globalization and immigration, the West, and American society in particular, are becoming increasingly multicultural, multiethnic, and multireligious. As a result, there is an urgent need for intercultural and interreligious dialogue for the sake of religious harmony, world peace, and justice. Today, to be religious is, necessarily, to be interreligious. In light of this new context and to contribute to the mission of Georgetown University, the Department of Theology has created a new Ph.D. program in Theological and Religious Studies with the focus on religious pluralism.

The doctoral program aims at investigating the phenomenon of religious pluralism understood here to refer to the heightened consciousness of the necessarily relational and historically embedded character of all exclusive and absolute claims, including religious ones. Religious pluralism does not necessarily negate the possibility of truth but invites a scholarly and critical investigation into how various religions have dealt with religious diversity.

The program examines how religious pluralism has been dealt with in three areas: theological reflection, ethical discourse, and the relationship of religion with surrounding cultures. The program affords scholars and students opportunities to research the phenomenon of religious pluralism in all its ramifications and implications for the academy, religious communities, and society; produce new knowledge in the areas of theological reflection, ethical discourse, and the relation of religion to culture; provide competence in at least two religious traditions as primary and secondary areas of study; and develop expertise in both religious studies and theology in the field of religious pluralism.

Graduate Program Faculty

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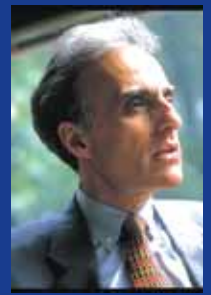
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