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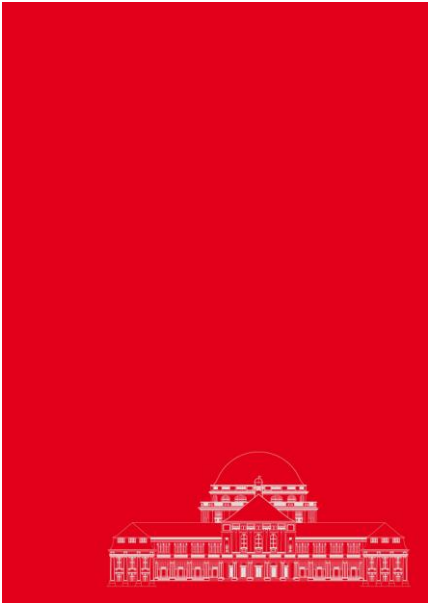
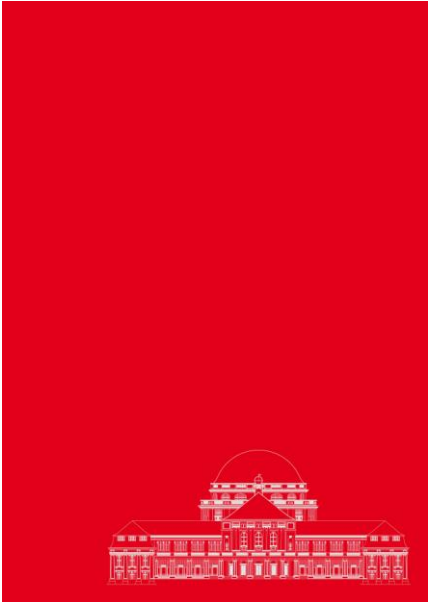
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FACHBEREICH EVANGELISCHE THEOLOGIE

B.A. RELIGIOUS STUDIES

MODULE DESCRIPTIONS FOR MAIN SUBJECT AND SUBSIDIARY SUBJECT



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A Few Words of Welcome

In an increasingly multi-religious and multicultural world, in which all spheres of life have long since been penetrated by this kind of diversity, an intensified study of religions is becoming more and more important. Especially in an urban environment such as the city of Hamburg, which – as a major port – has been and continues to be shaped by a particular religious and cultural heterogeneity, it is urgently necessary to know more about religions and cultures. This shall be accomplished by the **bachelor programme Religious Studies** which offers an introduction into many dimensions of religious life, thoughts and conduct.

The history of religious traditions, their scriptures, rituals and living environments; a comparison of the areas of their origins (i.e. India) and their presence in Germany; an exploration of religious elements in our "secular" environment, in popular culture, in sports etc.; an initial knowledge of a language important to the understanding of a religion (i.e. Arabic) – all these are some of the facets of Religious Studies in Hamburg. However, you will not only become acquainted with the research methods of Religious Studies and with the contents of the history of religions, but you will also have the opportunity to practice interreligious dialogue in the course of your studies in two practical trainings lasting several weeks each. Explore a world which might later become your future professional branch! Fields for which the programme provides competences are religion-related adult education, working with migrants and for integration or a journalistic occupation with cultural and religious themes in any kind of media.

In order to develop a wide basis of competency regarding the religions, the study programme has an interdisciplinary structure: It contains elements of ethnology, cultural anthropology and general history of the languages and cultures of the regions of the Middle East and South Asia. We hope to enable students to acquire a thorough competency which allows you to orientate yourself with regard to the cultural and religious heterogeneity of today's world and to pass on this orientation to others.

General Information

Structure of the BA degree course

Religious Studies as main subject (90 credits) is divided into introductory, intermediate and advanced phase with modules covering areas of religious studies, anthropology, cultural anthropology, intellectual history and present religious phenomena (pop, gender, rites ...). In the advanced phase, you learn a language that is scientifically relevant for religious studies: Arabic or Hindi. Furthermore, you set a focus on Semitic religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) or South and East Asian religions (cultural, literary and religious history).

As a **subsidiary subject (45 credits)** all subjects of the University of Hamburg are selectable, except for those of restricted admission. Information can be found on the pages of the CampusCenter at the University of Hamburg. It is possible to change the minor *once* on registration to the second or third semester.

In the **Elective Area (18 credits)** you have free choice to the whole range of courses offered by the University of Hamburg. For example, you can improve your language skills or deepen your major or minor.

In the **General Professional Skills Courses (27 credits)** practical skills and competencies are taught in view of your future professional career. There are 2 practical trainings in institutions with a religious context, both in the free period between study phases.

Religious Studies as a subsidiary subject (45 credits) is divided into introductory, intermediate and advanced phase with 5 modules. Courses are within the range of religious studies, Semitic religions, religious history of southern and eastern Asia, intellectual history and contemporary religious phenomena.

General Professional Skills Courses: Practical Training

Possible institutions for practical training:

Hamburg:

- Referate für christlich-jüdischen (H. Lehming) und christlich-islamischen Dialog (Dr. Görrig) im NMZ (www.nordkirche-weltweit.de), 040-88181-0 Agathe-Lasch-Weg 16, 22605 Hamburg, Hanna Lehming, Dr. Detlef Görrig, h.lehming@nordkirche-weltweit.de, d.goerrig@nordkirche-weltweit.de

- Ökumenebeauftragte der Nordkirche (Martina Severin-Kaiser), interreligious work, Dorothee-Sölle-Haus, Königstr. 54, 22767 Hamburg.
- Islamisches Wissenschafts- und Bildungsinstitut (www.iwb-hamburg.de), Buxtehuder Str. 7, 21073 Hamburg (Harburg), Dr. Ali Özgür Özdil.
- Big mosques like Centrum Moschee, Böckmannstr. 40 in St. Georg.
- Buddhistisches Zentrum Hamburg, Thadenstrasse 79, St. Pauli, Tel: 040/43 28 38 <http://www.buddhismus-nord.de/zentren/hamburg/index.htm>

Berlin:

- Haus der Kulturen der Welt (www.hkw.de), John-Foster-Dulles-Allee 10, 10557 Berlin,
- Werkstatt der Kulturen (www.werkstatt-der-kulturen.de), Wissmannstr. 32, 12049 Berlin
- Evangelische Zentralstelle für Weltanschauungsfragen (www.ezw-berlin.de), Auguststr. 80, 10117 Berlin

Other cities:

- Religionswissenschaftlicher Medien- und Informationsdienst e.V. (www.remid.de), Universitätsstr. 55, 35037 Marburg
- Begegnungszentrum Brücke – Köprü (www.bruecke-nuernberg.de) Leonhardstr. 13, 90443 Nürnberg
- All kind of offices and authorities for migration and integration issues
- Publishers, Newspaper and magazine editors, advertising agencies- all kind of media, including television and radio, General adult education

Recognition of foreign qualifications

If you would like to apply to study at Universität Hamburg but have not received your university entrance qualification in Germany, please take time to read the information you can find on the site below, which will assist in making your application successful:

http://www.verwaltung.uni-hamburg.de/campuscenter/vor-dem-studium/anererkennung-auslaendischer-schulbildung_e.html

Language Skills

You need to prove that you have sufficient German language skills by the time you start studying at Universität Hamburg. Basic knowledge of English is also helpful in all subjects.

German language skills upon matriculation

In principle, you can apply to study without a proper language certificate but you must prove that you have sufficient German language skills by the time you start studying. Acceptable proofs are the **German as a Foreign Language Test (TestDaF)** with at least 15 points (which includes only one level three placement), the German language exam for university entrance (DSH) and a few other language certificates.

Recommendation: TestDAF

Universität Hamburg recommends the nationally-recognized and standardized TestDaF exam. The TextDaF exam is given six times a year, making it easy to submit the certificate upon application. In this case, if you are an applicant from a non-EU country, you receive bonus points in selection procedures and increase your chances of acceptance.

Language courses and tests

Universität Hamburg does not offer preparatory German courses for prospective students. There are, however, several licensed language schools in Hamburg in which you can take preparatory courses for the TestDaF as well.

If you have already been admitted to study but have not had a chance to take a TestDaF exam, you need to register at Universität Hamburg for a free DSH exam before the semester starts. If you are already matriculated, Universität Hamburg offers a spectrum of language courses during the semester.

<http://www.verwaltung.uni-hamburg.de/campuscenter/vor-dem-studium/sprachkenntnisse.html>

Classes and exams

Classes will be held in German with the possibility to talk in English. Tests and exams are in German or in the language modules in German/English/Arab or Hindi. The Bachelor exam is also in German, but if there are justifiable reasons, it is possible to write in another language (e.g. English or French).

Part-time-study

Students who can prove that there are justifiable reasons for an inability to devote to full-time study but who can devote half of their time to studying can matriculate as part-time students upon application. According to §4 of the FSB it is possible to study B.A. Religious Studies part-time.

Generally, according to university exam regulations, due dates and deadlines are extended such that a normal semester corresponds to two part-time semesters. Details can be found in

the exam regulations. For example: module BRW-1 can be studied in 4 semesters, part-time it is 6-8 semesters.

Further details: <http://www.verwaltung.uni-hamburg.de/campuscenter/waehrend-des-studiums/teilzeitstudium.html>).

Recognition and accreditation of coursework

Generally, accreditation of coursework from other universities is possible in our modules if the coursework and/or examination is equivalent. The process of recognition and accreditation is generally easier the more information you are able to provide about your completed studies and/or qualifications. In addition to a translation of course transcripts, seminar and lecture timetables, essays, references etc. may also be useful.

The preparatory pre-semester in Hamburg

Since summer semester 2005, Universität Hamburg (UHH), Hamburg University of Applied Sciences (HAW) and the Technical University of Hamburg-Harburg (TUHH) have offered a preparatory pre-semester course for all foreign applicants. This course is offered by the Studienkolleg. It provides subject-related preparation and takes place every summer semester. The goal of this pre-semester course is to prepare future students so that they are able pursue their studies successfully and without losing time.

Why do we recommend that international first-semester students attend this pre-semester? Many things at a German university are different from home: academic organization and methods, technical language, academic techniques. A few years ago, the bachelor-master degree system was implemented. Bachelor's programs do not permit much time for orientation and require students to be well prepared for their studies.

The preparatory pre-semester course helps you prepare for both subject-related and linguistic demands (German and English) and introduces you to the German academic system and its academic methods. If you are starting a bachelor's program in winter semester, you can use the summer semester to prepare.

There is a personal advising session. Instructors answer potential questions, take care of problems and assist you. There are special opportunities for participants at each of the universities. We are delighted when prospective students take advantage of these opportunities and invite you to apply. If you have questions about applying, please contact

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Helpfull addresses for students and prospective students

a. Campus Center

Service für Studierende
Alsterterrasse 1, 20354 Hamburg
www.verwaltung.uni-hamburg.de/campuscenter

The CampusCenter is a central service institution of the Department for Studies and Teaching. It bundles all services provided by the sections Service for Students, Central Office of Academic Advising and Psychological Counselling and Quality and Legal Affairs. Students and prospective students can find information about applying, admissions and studying using various service portals at CampusCenter:

Individual office hours: All office hours are held on the third floor at Alsterterrasse 1.
Information by telephone: Service telephone (0049) 40 42838 – 7000
Online information: www.uni-hamburg.de/campuscenter
Email queries: www.uni-hamburg.de/campuscenter/kontakt

b. Central Office of Academic Advising and Psychological Counselling

Zentrale Studienberatung und Psychologische Beratung für Studierende (ZSPB)
Alsterterrasse 1; 3. und 4. OG
20354 Hamburg
studienberatung@uni-hamburg.de

Whether before, during or after completing your studies, the Central Office of Academic Advising and Psychological Counselling at the CampusCenter informs, orients and advises prospective and enrolled students on all questions related to applying and studying.

The service spectrum includes open office hours, central information sessions and comprehensive, subject-specific academic advising in groups. Our school cooperation programs support professional orientation measures at schools with various offers such as information talks.

Students can also attend seminars and workshops to develop their personal skills while they are studying. In cases of personal and/or academic concerns and difficulties, students can also use our psychological services.

c. Studies office at the Department of Protestant Theology (Fachbereich Evangelische Theologie)

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Registration with STiNE

STiNE is a campus-wide, integrated software for coordinating the administration of students, courses, and exams. Following enrollment or a reply, you will receive your access details (ID and password) by mail. Using this information, you can register with STiNE. You will also receive a list with iTAN numbers, which will be sent specially by mail. When you have chosen and decided to book a course, you need to provide your iTAN numbers as confirmation of your booking. Course registration deadlines are at the beginning of each semester.

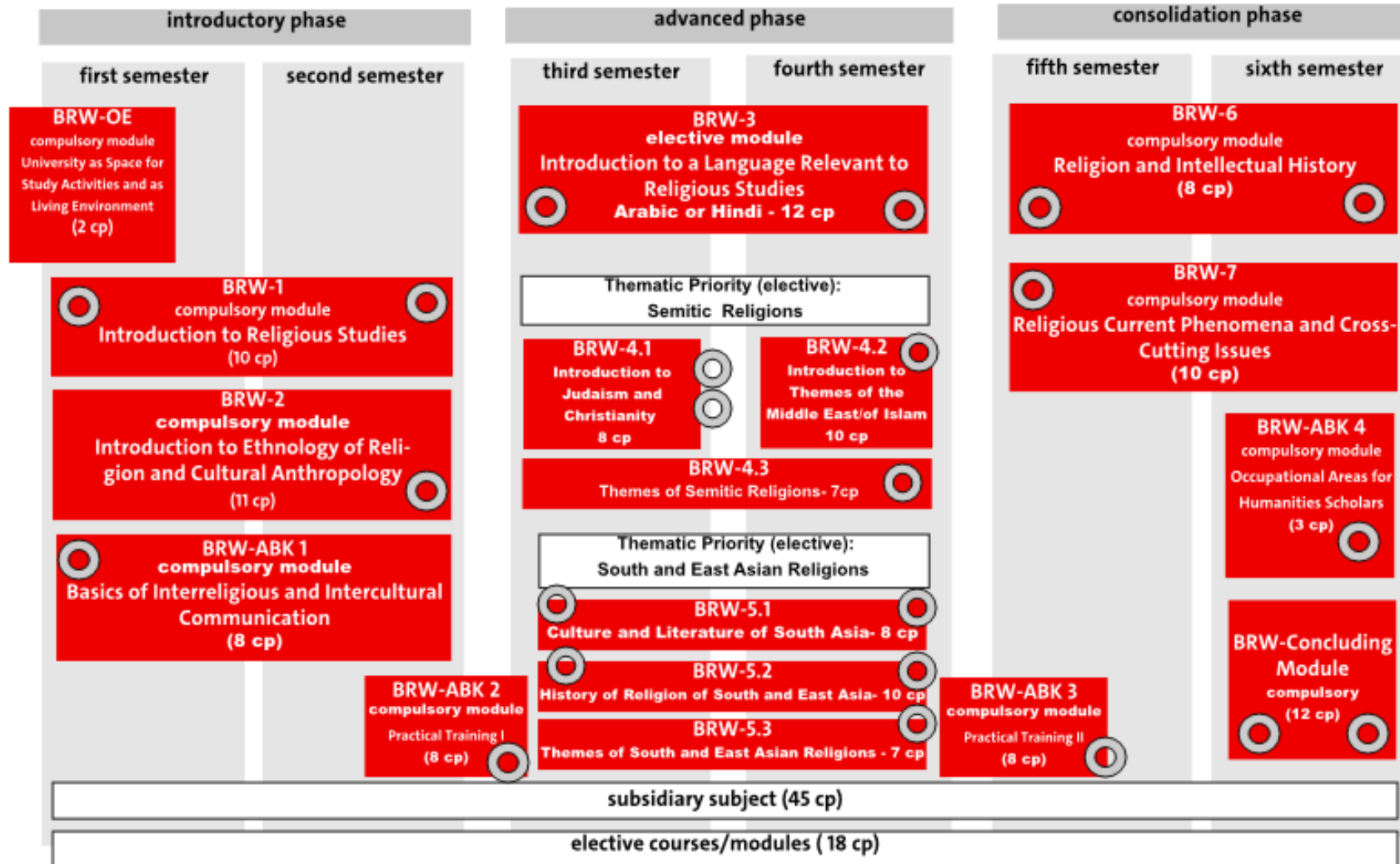
You choose courses in modules offered by the course program and register for these by the registration deadline. You will be informed of successful registration through the portal. Registration can be cancelled anytime during the registration period. You can also cancel a confirmed placement two weeks after the registration deadline.

What happens if I can't attend a course due to illness or other extenuating circumstances? In any of these cases, the appropriate instructor should be informed of the reason for your absence. Course attendance is recorded by instructors.

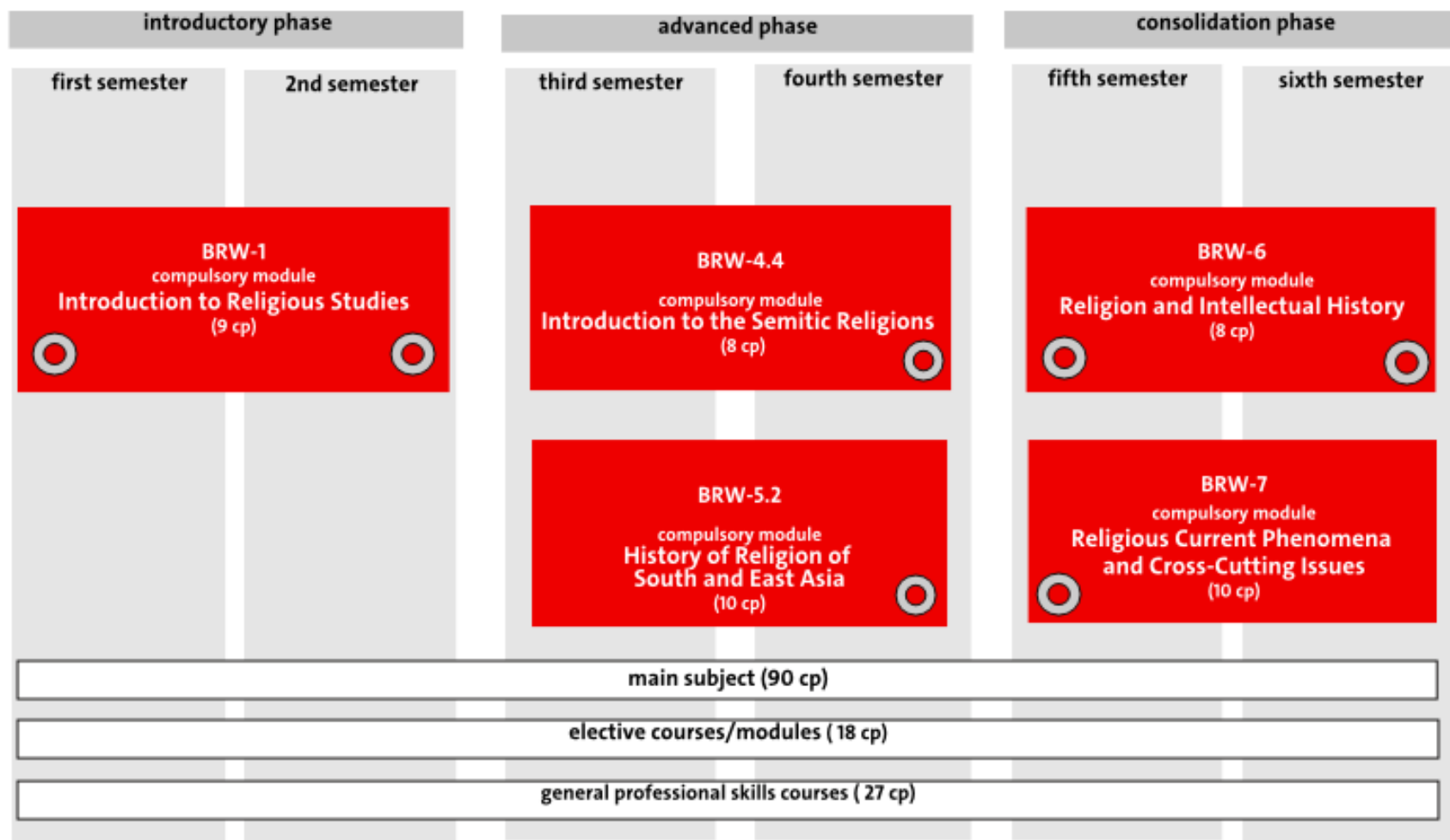
You will find detailed information about STiNE on these pages. Answers to the most important questions about using STiNE can be found at FAQs and Instructions.

http://www.info.stine.uni-hamburg.de/faq_studierende_e.htm#Anmeldung in STiNE

BA Religious Studies (main subject, 90 credit points)



BA Religious Studies (subsidiary subject - 45 credit points)



MODULES

Module Descriptions

Course regulations can be found here:
<http://www.uni-hamburg.de/PO>.

Module Code: BRW-OE Module Title: University as Space for Study Activities and as Living Environment Module Type: Compulsory Module in the Introductory Phase for Religious Studies as Main Subject	
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - introductory knowledge of the university as space for living and working - knowledge of the functions of the university institutions and the competence to use them - competence to understand the university as urban living environment
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - structure of the university - introduction to university institutions such as student cafeteria, libraries, regional computer centre of the university, student centre, structure and faculty of institutions involved in the bachelor degree course
Forms of teaching	Block course (two semester hours per week)
Language of instruction	German. Questions in English possible.
Requirement for participation	none
Applicability of the module	The module is part of the bachelor programme <i>Religious Studies</i> as main subject. It may also be applied to the programmes of studies <i>Protestant Theology</i> and <i>Protestant Religion</i> .
Form, requirement and language of the (part) exam	form of exam: completion of the course requirement: regular participation language of exam: German
Total amount of work required	2 credit points
Frequency of the curriculum	every winter semester
Duration	course in the week prior to the lecture period of the winter semester

Module Code: BRW-1	
Module Title: Introduction to Religious Studies	
Module Type: Compulsory Module in the Introductory Phase for Religious Studies as Main Subject and as Secondary Subject	
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - general overview of religio-historical contexts using the example of one major "world religion" and its connections to history and current developments - ability to use the techniques of scientific research in Religious Studies up to an independent treatment of a topic by using the respective methods (internet search, libraries, empirical survey methods)
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lecture: The students gain an overview of religio-historical contexts, important structural and content-related information up to current phenomena and a first overview of the knowledge of the great religious traditions. - introductory course: The students jointly work on an exemplary introduction to the scholarly research methods of Religious Studies on the basis of a particular subject (i.e. reincarnation, ethics, concept of religion). One introductory course should be concerned with the area of Islam.
Forms of teaching	one lecture, two introductory courses: generally two semester hours per week each
Language of instruction	German. Questions in English possible.
Requirement for participation	successful participation in module BRW-OE
Applicability of the module	<p>The module is part of the bachelor programme <i>Religious Studies</i> as main subject and as secondary subject. Individual courses may also be applied to the programmes of <i>Protestant Theology</i> and <i>Protestant Religion</i>.</p> <p>The lecture (including exam 4 credit points) is open to students of other bachelor programmes in the elective section.</p>
Form, requirement and language of the (part) examination	<p>requirement: regular participation</p> <p>form of exam: two module part exams (written exam on the subject area of the lecture; and essay (10,000 or 7,000 characters respectively) on a topic concerning the subject area of the introductory seminars/exercises)</p> <p>language of exam: German</p>
Amount of work required	<p>lecture: 2 credit points</p> <p>introductory courses: 2 credit points each</p> <p>written exam (60 minutes) concerning the subject area of the lecture: 2 credit points</p> <p>essay on a topic concerning the subject area of the introductory courses:</p> <p>main subject: 10,000 characters: 2 credit points;</p> <p>secondary subject: 7,000 characters: 1 credit point</p>
Total amount of work required in the module	<p>main subject: 10 credit points</p> <p>secondary subject: 9 credit points</p>
Frequency of the curriculum	<p>lecture: every winter semester</p> <p>introductory courses: winter semester and summer semester</p>

Duration	two semesters
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Module Code: BRW-2	
Module Title: Ethnology of Religion and Cultural Anthropology	
Module Type: Compulsory Module in the Introductory Phase for Religious Studies as Main Subject	
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - students acquire the ability to analyse and understand phenomena of explicit religious character as well as everyday phenomena of subliminal religiousness using the methods of ethnological research. - They acquire the ability to deal with cultural-anthropological phenomena on the basis of cultural-anthropological power of judgement and to explore the different cultural-anthropological approaches not only in an abstract way, but also in connection with concrete questions and research projects.
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ethnology of Religion: Students gain an overview of the basic concepts, contents and methods of Ethnology of Religion, of determining and defining the subject within Social and Cultural Anthropology, of the basics, and an overview of the most important approaches and concepts of Ethnology of Religion as well as of basic techniques and problems regarding ethnological collection of data. - Cultural Anthropology: Students gain an overview of the history of the subject and the current positioning of Cultural Anthropology within the field of the disciplines of Social and Cultural Sciences. In addition to an introduction to central terms and concepts fields of research, questions and methods are introduced.
Forms of teaching	lectures: two semester hours per week each
Language of instruction	German. Questions in English possible.
Requirement for participation	<p>successful participation in module BRW-OE</p> <p>Students, who study <i>Social and Cultural Anthropology</i> or <i>Cultural Anthropology</i> as secondary subject, are allowed to attend and to receive the credit points for the respective course in the above-mentioned bachelor courses only once. As compensation for the respective 4 credit points in this module they are required to work in the form of independent study on a topic of Religious Studies from an ethnological or cultural-theoretical perspective as agreed with the lecturer.</p>
Applicability of the module	The module is part of the bachelor degree course <i>Religious Studies</i> as main subject. The courses are also used in the bachelor programmes <i>Social and Cultural Anthropology</i> and <i>Cultural Anthropology</i> .
Form, requirement and language of the (part) examination	<p>requirement: regular participation</p> <p>form of exam: possibly written exam, term paper</p> <p>language of exam: German</p>
Amount of work required	<p>lecture: Ethnology of Religion (summer semester): 4 credit points</p> <p>lecture: Cultural Anthropology (winter semester): 2 credit points, with independent study and supervised reading and essay: 5 credit points</p>
Total amount of	11 credit points

work required in the module	
Frequency of the curriculum	once every year
Duration	two semesters

Module Code: BRW-3.1	
Module Title: Introduction to a Language Relevant to Religious Studies: Hindi	
Module Type: Compulsory Optional Module in the Advanced Phase for Religious Studies as Main Subject	
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - knowledge and reading ability of the script (Devanagari) - knowledge of the basic structures of the Hindi language/grammar - acquisition of a basic vocabulary - ability to use a dictionary
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - progressive working on grammatical themes in linguistic contexts - written and oral exercises concerning lexis and grammar - reading of simple texts
Forms of teaching	<p>language course: "Introduction to Hindi"</p> <p>summer semester: four semester hours per week</p>
Language of instruction	German (or possibly English) and Hindi
Requirement for participation	successful participation in modules BRW-OE, BRW-1, BRW-2 and BRW-ABK 1
Applicability of the module	The module is part of the bachelor programme <i>Religious Studies</i> as main subject.
Form, requirement and language of the (part) examination	<p>requirement for registering for the module exam: regular, active participation in the above-mentioned course; accompanying oral and written exercises of which the form and scale will be announced in detail at the beginning of the course. The admission to the module part exams requires successful course achievement.</p> <p>form of exam: possibly written exam, oral examination</p> <p>language of module exam: German (or possibly English) and Hindi</p>
Amount of work required	language course: summer semester (four semester hours per week): 12 credit points
Total amount of work required in the module	12 credit points
Frequency of the curriculum	every academic year
Duration	one semester

Module Code: BRW-3.2	
Module Title: Introduction to a Language Relevant to Religious Studies: Arabic	
Module Type: Compulsory Optional Module in the Advanced Phase for Religious Studies as Main Subject	
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - knowledge and reading ability of the script - knowledge of the basic structures of the Arabic language/grammar - acquisition of a basic vocabulary - ability to use a dictionary
Contents	- introduction to the Arabic script, to the Arabic phonetics and to the basics of the grammar of modern standard Arabic; reading of simple Arabic texts; pronunciation and writing exercises; exercises in conversation and listening comprehension; introduction to Egyptian Arabic
Forms of teaching	language course: "Introduction to the Arabic language" winter semester: two semester hours per week (A) summer semester: two semester hours per week (B)
Language of instruction	German
Requirement for participation	successful participation in modules BRW-OE, BRW-1, BRW-2 and BRW-ABK 1 Course B can only be attended after having successfully passed the exam of course A.
Applicability of the module	The module is part of the bachelor programme <i>Religious Studies</i> as main subject.
Form, requirement and language of the (part) examination	<p>requirement for registering for the module exam: The students are required to prepare and follow up the course and to actively participate in the lessons (i.e. by contributions to discussions, presentations, written exercises). Form and scale of the required performance will be announced in detail at the beginning of the course. The admission to the module part exams requires successful course achievement.</p> <p>form of exam: winter semester: written exam summer semester: written exam language of module exam: German and Arabic</p>
Amount of work required	language course winter semester: 6 credit points language course summer semester: 6 credit points
Total amount of work required in the module	12 credit points
Frequency of the curriculum	starts every winter semester
Duration	two semesters

Module Code: BRW-4.1 Thematic Priority "Semitic Religions"	
Module Title: Introduction to Judaism and Christianity	
Module Type: Compulsory Optional Module in the Advanced Phase for Religious Studies as Main Subject	
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students become acquainted with the themes of Christian Theology in its many disciplines: introductory knowledge of the study of Christianity: knowledge of the differentiation into Old and New Testament, Church History, Systematic Theology, Practical Theology, Intercultural Theology under historical aspects they become acquainted with important themes, central questions and epistemological interests. - The students acquire basic knowledge of the history of Judaism and the development of rabbinic literature, Talmud, Midrash etc. and become acquainted with important themes of Judaism past and present.
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - introduction to the history of Theology, its disciplines and their representatives, to the development of the unity of Theology on the basis of one exemplary theme as well as to encyclopaedic basic knowledge - introduction to the beginnings and history of Judaism, its early literature and commentaries as well as to first developments of its different trends
Forms of teaching	lecture (winter semester), seminar course (winter semester): two semester hours per week each
Language of instruction	generally German
Requirement for participation	successful participation in modules BRW-OE, BRW-1, BRW-2 and BRW-ABK 1
Applicability of the module	<p>The module is part of the bachelor programme <i>Religious Studies</i> as main subject.</p> <p>The courses may also be applied to the programmes of <i>Protestant Theology</i> and <i>Protestant Religion</i>.</p> <p>The lecture (including exam 4 credit points) is open to students of other bachelor degree courses in the elective section.</p>
Form, requirement and language of the (part) examination	<p>requirement: regular participation</p> <p>form of exam: short essay concerning the subject matter of the course: (7,000 characters); written exam concerning the subject matter of the lecture</p> <p>language of module exam: German</p>
Amount of work required	<p>lecture: 2 credit points</p> <p>seminar course: 2 credit points</p> <p>written exam: 2 credit points</p> <p>short essay: 1 credit point</p>
Total amount of work required in the module	7 credit points
Frequency of the curriculum	lecture and seminar course in winter semester only
Duration	one semester

Module Code: BRW-4.2 Thematic Priority "Semitic Religions"	
Module Title: Introduction to Themes of the Middle East/of Islam	
Module Type: Compulsory Optional Module in the Advanced Phase for Religious Studies as Main Subject	
Qualification objectives	- Students acquire the ability to evaluate current phenomena of Islam in the context of historical basic knowledge.
Contents	- Students acquire knowledge of the basics of the political and cultural history of the Middle East, from ca. 600 to 2000 AC. - They become acquainted with the history of Islam from the time of Mohammed and his biography up to more recent phenomena such as the schools of law, related groups (Ahmadiyya, Alevism and others), gender topic and others.
Forms of teaching	two lectures: two semester hours per week each
Language of instruction	generally German
Requirement for participation	successful participation in modules BRW-OE, BRW-1, BRW-2 and BRW-ABK 1 Students, who study <i>Protestant Theology</i> as secondary subject, must enrol in this module instead of in module BRW-4.1.
Applicability of the module	The module is part of the bachelor degree course <i>Religious Studies</i> as main subject. The courses may also be applied to the courses of studies <i>Protestant Theology</i> and <i>Protestant Religion</i> .
Form, requirement and language of the (part) examination	requirement: regular participation form of exam: one module exam (essay: 10,000 characters) language of exam: German
Amount of work required	lecture "Introduction to the History and Cultures of the Middle East": 3 credit points lecture "Introduction to Islam": 2 credit points exam (essay) concerning the subject area of the lecture "Introduction to Islam": 2 credit points
Total amount of work required in the module	7 credit points
Frequency of the curriculum	both lectures in summer semester only
Duration	two semesters

Module Code: BRW-4.3 Thematic Priority "Semitic Religions"	
Module Title: Self-Study Reading Module: Themes of Semitic Religions	
Module Type: Compulsory Optional Module in the Advanced Phase for Religious Studies as Main Subject	
Qualification objectives	- The students learn to consolidate their knowledge acquired in the modules BRW-4.1 and BRW-4.2 by dealing with literature concerning the subject areas of the above-mentioned modules in the form of self-study.
Contents	- The students acquire basic knowledge of the Semitic religions, their respective histories and their most important characteristics concerning their ritual, dogmatic-philosophical and life-world-orientated aspects through self-study and supervised reading.
Forms of teaching	advisory conversation(s): one semester hour per week
Language of instruction	generally German
Requirement for participation	main subject: successful participation in modules BRW-OE, BRW-1, BRW-2 and BRW-ABK 1
Applicability of the module	The module is part of the bachelor programme <i>Religious Studies</i> as main subject. It has to be attended in the course of the thematic priority "Semitic Religions".
Form, requirement and language of the (part) examination	requirement: participation form of exam: essay: reviewing summary of the self-studied literature (15,000 characters) language of module exam: German
Amount of work required	7 credit points
Total amount of work required in the module	7 credit points
Frequency of the curriculum	one academic year
Duration	two semesters

Module Code: BRW-4.4 Thematic Priority "Semitic Religions" Module Title: Introduction to the Semitic Religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) Module Type: Compulsory Module in the Advanced Phase for Religious Studies as Secondary Subject	
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students become acquainted with the themes of Christian Theology in its many disciplines: introductory knowledge of the study of Christianity: knowledge of the differentiation into Old and New Testament, Church History, Systematic Theology, Practical Theology, Intercultural Theology also under historical perspectives; they become acquainted with important themes, central questions and epistemological interests. - Students acquire basic knowledge of the history of Judaism and of the development of rabbinic literature, Talmud, Midrash etc. and become acquainted with important themes of Judaism in the past and present. - Students acquire the ability to evaluate phenomena of Islamic faith and life against the background of the history and development of Islam.
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - introduction to the history of Theology, its disciplines and their representatives, development of the unity of Theology on the basis of one exemplary theme as well as to encyclopaedic basic knowledge - introduction to the beginnings and history of Judaism, its early literature and commentaries as well as to first developments of its different trends - introduction to the history of Islam from Mohammed up to the 21st century, to basics of the development of the law, philosophy and theology
Forms of teaching	two lectures (winter semester and summer semester), seminar course (winter semester): two semester hours per week each
Language of instruction	generally German
Requirement for participation	successful participation in module BRW-1
Applicability of the module	<p>The module is part of the bachelor programme <i>Religious Studies</i> as secondary subject. The courses may also be applied to the programmes of <i>Protestant Theology</i> and <i>Protestant Religion</i>.</p> <p>The lecture on Islam (including exam 4 credit points) is open to students of other bachelor programmes in the elective section.</p>
Form, requirement and language of the (part) examination	<p>requirement: regular participation</p> <p>written exam concerning the subject area of the lecture</p> <p>language of module exam: German</p>
Amount of work required	<p>two lectures: 2 credit points each</p> <p>seminar course: 2 credit points</p> <p>written exam: 2 credit points</p>
Total amount of work required in the module	8 credit points
Frequency of the curriculum	seminar course in winter semester only
Duration	two semesters

Module Code: BRW-5.1 Thematic Priority "South and East Asian Religions" Module Title: Culture and Literature of South Asia Module Type: Compulsory Optional Module in the Advanced Phase for Religious Studies as Main Subject	
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students acquire basic knowledge of the cultural and historical development of the South Asian region and get to know it as a cradle of many important courses set in the Asian history of religion. - They become acquainted with the culturally and religiously most important literary works of South Asia and learn to relate them to their cultural and historical background and to read them in this context.
Contents	- Students become acquainted with selected themes concerning the connections between religion and culture in South Asia from an interdisciplinary perspective; they learn to recognize and analyse individual examples from different religious and cultural contexts on the basis of literary works.
Forms of teaching	lecture/seminar, advanced seminar: two semester hours per week each
Language of instruction	generally German
Requirement for participation	successful participation in modules BRW-OE, BRW-1, BRW-2 and BRW-ABK 1
Applicability of the module	The module is part of the bachelor degree course <i>Religious Studies</i> as main subject. It has to be attended in the course of the thematic priority "South and East Asian Religions".
Form, requirement and language of the (part) examination	requirement: regular participation form of exam: possibly written exam, term paper language of module exam: German
Amount of work required	winter semester: lecture/seminar "Cultural History of South Asia and Tibet": 4 credit points summer semester: seminar "Main Works of the Philosophy and Literature of South Asia and Tibet": 6 credit points
Total amount of work required in the module	10 credit points
Frequency of the curriculum	once every study year
Duration	two semesters

Module Code: BRW-5.2 Thematic Priority "South and East Asian Religions" Module Title: History of Religion of South and East Asia Module Type: Compulsory Optional Module in the Advanced Phase for Religious Studies as Main Subject and as Secondary Subject	
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - basic knowledge of the religious-geographical centres of gravity India and East Asia - basic knowledge of their respective origins, history and most important literature and spread - judgement ability concerning modern phenomena of Indian religions (trends of Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism etc.), Buddhism, East Asian forms of religions including Shamanism, Shinto and New Religions - initial knowledge of and the ability to use scholarly methods of Indology, Buddhist Studies as well as East Asian Regional Sciences
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - introduction to the religious worlds of belief of India from the Harappa cultural epoch to the classical forms of Hinduism and to Neo-Hinduism as well as to the history of Buddhism from the 5th century BC up to its differentiation in East Asian Mahayana Buddhism - East Asian forms of religions such as Korean Shamanism, Japanese Shinto, Chinese Daoism and Confucianism and folk-religious phenomena
Forms of teaching	lecture, seminar: two semester hours per week each (The attended courses shall cover at least two of the three subject areas India, Buddhism, East Asia.)
Language of instruction	generally German
Requirement for participation	successful participation in modules BRW-OE, BRW-1, BRW-2 and BRW-ABK 1 Students, who study <i>History, Languages and Cultures of the Middle East</i> as secondary subject, must enrol in this module instead of in modules BRW-4.1, BRW-4.2 and BRW-4.3.
Applicability of the module	The module is part of the bachelor programme <i>Religious Studies</i> as main subject and as secondary subject. The courses may also be applied to the programmes of <i>Protestant Theology and History, Languages and Cultures of the Middle East</i> . The lecture (including exam 4 credit points) is open to students of other bachelor programmes in the elective section.
Form, requirement and language of the (part) examination	requirement: regular participation form of exam: module part exam: essay (lecture) and term paper (seminar) language of module exam: German
Amount of work required	lecture: 2 credit points seminar: 3 credit points essay: 2 credit points term paper: 3 credit points
Total amount of work required in the module	10 credit points

Frequency of the curriculum	courses once every academic year each
Duration	two semesters

Module Code: BRW-5.3 Thematic Priority "South and East Asian Religions"	
Module Title: Self-Study Reading Module: "Themes of South and East Asian Religions"	
Module Type: Compulsory Optional Module in the Advanced Phase for Religious Studies as Main Subject	
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students learn to consolidate their knowledge acquired in the modules BRW-5.1 and BRW-5.2 by dealing with literature concerning the subject areas of the above-mentioned modules in the form of self-study. - They demonstrate their initial knowledge of and ability to use scientific methods of Indology and Buddhist Studies und their ability to independently deal with scientific literature.
Contents	- Students acquire basic knowledge of the Asian religions, their respective histories and their most important characteristics concerning their ritual, dogmatic-philosophical and life-world-orientated aspects through self-study and supervised reading.
Forms of teaching	advisory conversation(s): one semester hour per week
Language of instruction	generally German
Requirement for participation	successful participation in modules BRW-OE, BRW-1, BRW-2 and BRW-ABK 1
Applicability of the module	The module is part of the bachelor programme <i>Religious Studies</i> as main subject. It has to be attended in the course of the thematic priority "South and East Asian Religions".
Form, requirement and language of the (part) examination	<p>requirement: participation</p> <p>form of exam: essay: reviewing summary of the self-studied literature (15,000 characters)</p> <p>language of module exam: German</p>
Amount of work required	exam: 7 credit points
Total amount of work required in the module	7 credit points
Frequency of the curriculum	courses once every academic year each
Duration	two semesters

Module Code: BRW-6	
Module Title: Religion and Intellectual History	
Module Type: Compulsory Module in the Advanced Phase for Religious Studies as Main Subject and as Secondary Subject	
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students acquire basic knowledge of the thought structures and the history of Philosophy of Religion as well as of the most important courses set in Sociology of Religion. - By getting to know the central questions Philosophy, Sociology and other fields of current intellectual history are concerned with they acquire the ability to evaluate religious phenomena and traditions in the context of intellectual life and modern contexts.
Contents	- On the basis of an overview of the most important ways of thinking in Philosophy of Religion and Sociology of Religion and the connected historical-scientific developments and orientations students have the opportunity to tackle the discipline Religious Studies within the framework of another categorization.
Forms of teaching	lecture (one semester hour), introductory seminar or seminar (two semester hours per week each)
Language of instruction	generally German
Requirement for participation	successful participation in modules BRW-OE, BRW-1, BRW-2, BRW-4, BRW-5 and BRW-ABK 1, BRW-ABK 2 and BRW-ABK 3
Applicability of the module	<p>The module is part of the bachelor programme <i>Religious Studies</i> as main subject and as secondary subject.</p> <p>The courses may also be applied to the programmes of <i>Protestant Theology</i> and <i>Protestant Religion</i>.</p>
Form, requirement and language of the (part) examination	<p>requirement: regular participation</p> <p>form of exam: two essays</p> <p>language of module exam: German</p>
Amount of work required	<p>lecture: 2 credit points</p> <p>(introductory) seminar: 3 credit points</p> <p>exam: one essay (12,000 characters), 3 credit points</p>
Total amount of work required in the module	8 credit points
Frequency of the curriculum	courses once every academic year
Duration	two semesters

Module Code: BRW-7	
Module Title: Religious Current Phenomena and Cross-Cutting Issues	
Module Type: Compulsory Module in the Advanced Phase for Religious Studies as Main Subject and as Secondary Subject	
Qualification objectives	<p>- insight into Religious Studies in their entirety on the basis of cross-cutting issues and methodological questions that is meant to lead to enhanced judgement ability and to a qualified overall understanding of the subject which is able to comprehend the unity of the discipline Religious Studies, but also its interdisciplinary differentiation</p> <p>Optional subject areas are as follows:</p> <p>- ability to understand and to work independently on the gender question on the basis of a gender-related topic from the theological sphere with regard to its socio-economical and cultural dimensions as well as to its relevancy concerning Religious Studies</p> <p>or:</p> <p>- On the basis of an analysis of holy sites of religions an understanding of religious treatment of special spaces, religious architecture and the phenomenon of pilgrimage shall be conveyed.</p> <p>or:</p> <p>- ability to analyse the use, the status and the type of hermeneutics of holy scriptures in the respective traditions and to fruitfully use this ability in one's perception of the respective religious traditions</p> <p>or:</p> <p>- On the basis of an analysis of religious rites the students are to learn to understand religiously shaped behaviour in the form of the rite as central execution of the religious life.</p> <p>- ability to recognize, to analyse and to understand the religious aspects of current culture and the phenomenon of the "return of religion" in Germany and Europe as well as their relevancy for Religious Studies</p>
Contents	<p>- The holy scriptures of religions are to be dealt with and analysed on the basis of selected examples with regard to their structure and their respective function within their religious tradition.</p> <p>- working out of analytical instruments for the discernment of the religious culture of the present including the media, meditation and popular culture</p>
Forms of teaching	two seminars or introductory seminar and seminar: two semester hours per week each
Language of instruction	generally German
Requirement for participation	successful participation in modules BRW-OE, BRW-1, BRW-2, BRW-3, BRW-4, BRW-5 and BRW-ABK 1, BRW-ABK 2 and BRW-ABK 3
Applicability of the module	The module is part of the bachelor programme <i>Religious Studies</i> as main subject and as secondary subject. The courses may also be applied to the programmes of <i>Protestant Theology</i> and <i>Protestant Religion</i> .
Form, requirement and language of	<p>requirement: regular participation</p> <p>form of exam: essay (12,000 characters) concerning the subject area of one of</p>

the (part) examination	the courses language of module exam: German
Amount of work required	per (introductory) seminar: 3 credit points exam: 4 credit points
Total amount of work required in the module	10 credit points
Frequency of the curriculum	courses once every academic year
Duration	two semesters

Module Code: BRW-Conclusion	
Module Title: Final Module	
Module Type: Compulsory Module in the Consolidation Phase for Religious Studies as Main Subject	
Qualification objectives	- ability to work independently on scientific subject areas and problems and to a systematic explanation in specialist discussions (oral exam) as well as to a longer scientific paper (bachelor thesis) in the subject area of the discipline <i>Religious Studies</i>
Contents	- preparation and writing of the bachelor thesis - preparation and passing of the oral final exam
Forms of teaching	-
Language of instruction	-
Requirement for participation	successful participation in modules BRW-OE, BRW-1, BRW-2, BRW-3, BRW-4, BRW-5, BRW-6, BRW-7 and BRW-ABK 1, BRW-ABK 2 and BRW-ABK 3
Applicability of the module	The module is part of the bachelor programme <i>Religious Studies</i> as main subject.
Form, requirement and language of the (part) examination	successful participation in modules BRW-OE, BRW-1, BRW-2, BRW-3, BRW-4, BRW-5, BRW-6, BRW-7 and BRW-ABK 1, BRW-ABK 2 and BRW-ABK 3 form of exam: two module part exams: 30-minute oral exam concerning two themes of systematic and of material Religious Studies and bachelor thesis (30-35 pages or 75,000-87,500 characters respectively) language of module exam: German
Amount of work required	oral exam: 4 credit points bachelor final thesis: 8 credit points
Total amount of work required in the module	12 credit points
Frequency of the curriculum	every summer semester
Duration	one semester

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General Professional Skills Courses

Module Code: Introductory Module BRW-ABK 1	
Module Title: The Basics of Interreligious and Intercultural Communication	
Module Type: Compulsory Module in the Introductory Phase for Religious Studies as Main Subject	
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The students acquire the ability to recognize and analyse the plural cultural and religious environment. - They acquire the ability to move within this plural context dialogically and capable of beneficial coexistence.
Contents	- Within the context of the module concepts of plurality are introduced and worked on theoretically, but also direct encounters and dialogical situations between cultures and religions are used as learning fields. In different modes of working the students are trained to act and communicate inter-culturally and inter-religiously and to reflect on their interactions.
Forms of teaching	lecture, two seminar courses: generally two semester hours per week each
Language of instruction	German. Questions in English possible.
Requirement for participation	successful participation in module BRW-OE
Applicability of the module	The module is part of the bachelor programme <i>Religious Studies</i> as main subject. The courses may also be used in other bachelor programmes.
Form, requirement and language of the (part) examination	requirement: regular participation exams: lecture: written exam; seminar courses: student performance may be term paper language of exams: German
Amount of work required	lecture (lecture series of the Academy of World Religions, winter semester): 2 credit points seminar course: Intercultural Communication: 2 credit points (Faculty 4, Department of Education) seminar course: Dialogue of Religions (Department of Protestant Theology, summer semester): 2 credit points written exam (lecture): 2 credit points
Total amount of work required in the module	8 credit points

Frequency of the curriculum	winter semester and summer semester
Duration	two semesters

Module Code: Introductory Module BRW-ABK 2

Module Title: Practical Training I

Module Type: Compulsory Module in the Introductory Phase for Religious Studies as Main Subject

Qualification objectives	- The practical training aims at qualifying the students to be able to identify and experience the points of intersection between their studies and the occupational fields and their areas of application. On this basis they are meant to work on and plan their own professional future.
Contents	- The contents are adapted to the respective bodies responsible for the practical training and are meant to consider the areas of scientific research concerning themes of Religious Studies, the aspects of public relations work, dialogical occupational fields, the awareness of the culturally and religiously plural society and concrete dissemination work.
Forms of teaching	-
Language of instruction	-
Requirement for participation	successful participation in modules BRW-OE, BRW-1, BRW-2 and BRW-ABK 1
Applicability of the module	The module is part of the bachelor programme <i>Religious Studies</i> as main subject.
Form, requirement and language of the (part) examination	requirement: certificate of the institution responsible for the practical training form of exam: one concluding module exam (report: ten pages, 25.000 characters) language of exam: German
Total amount of work required in the module	8 credit points
Frequency of the curriculum	generally in the semester break of the summer semester of the first academic year
Duration	four weeks practical training, two weeks writing of the report

Module Code: Advanced Module BRW-ABK 3 Module Title: Practical Training II Module Type: Compulsory Module in the Advanced Phase for Religious Studies as Main Subject	
Qualification objectives	- The practical training aims at qualifying the students to be able to identify and experience the points of intersection between their studies and the occupational fields and their areas of application. On this basis they are meant to work on and plan their own professional future.
Contents	- The contents are adapted to the respective bodies responsible for the practical training and are meant to consider the areas of scientific research concerning themes of Religious Studies, the aspects of public relations work, dialogical occupational fields, the awareness of the culturally and religiously plural society and concrete dissemination work.
Forms of teaching	-
Language of instruction	-
Requirement for participation	successful participation in modules BRW-OE, BRW-1, BRW-2 and BRW-ABK 1 and BRW-ABK 2. The practical training is not to be done at the same institution responsible for practical training I.
Applicability of the module	The module is part of the bachelor programme <i>Religious Studies</i> as main subject.
Form, requirement and language of the (part) examination	requirement: certificate of the institution responsible for the practical training form of exam: one concluding module exam (report: ten pages, 25.000 characters) language of exam: German
Total amount of work required in the module	8 credit points
Frequency of the curriculum	generally in the semester break of the summer semester of the second academic year
Duration	four weeks practical training, two weeks writing of the report

Module Code: Consolidation Module BRW-ABK 4	
Module Title: Occupational Areas of Humanities Scholars	
Module Type: Compulsory Module in the Consolidation Phase for Religious Studies as Main Subject	
Qualification objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - vocationally oriented overview aiming at individual further development and definition of one's choice of career and its perspectives - broadening and developing of acquired knowledge concerning individual occupational areas - supplementing practical experience with knowledge of occupational areas of humanities scholars
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lectures concerning occupational areas by persons working in the area of the humanities - insight into typical occupational areas of humanities scholars - labour market policy-orientated examination of the study of linguistic, literary and media-related disciplines
Forms of teaching	lecture: two semester hours per week
Language of instruction	generally German
Requirement for participation	successful participation in modules BRW-OE, BRW-1, BRW-2, BRW-3, BRW-4, BRW-5 and BRW-ABK 1, BRW-ABK 2 and BRW-ABK 3
Applicability of the module	The module is part of the bachelor programmes <i>Religious Studies</i> as main subject. The course is part of other bachelor programmes of the Faculty of Humanities.
Form, requirement and language of the (part) examination	<p>requirement: regular participation</p> <p>form of exam: one concluding module exam (written exam)</p> <p>language of exam: German</p>
Total amount of work required in the module	3 credit points
Frequency of the curriculum	every summer semester
Duration	one semester