



Christianity in Global Transformations

Master's study programme

General Information

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| Degree | Master of Arts (M.A.) |
| Credit points | 120 CP |
| Standard period of study | 4 semesters |
| Start of studies | Winter semester only |
| Form of study | Classroom teaching, Full-time studies, International study programme |
| Medium of instruction | English |
| Admission | not restricted (no NC) |
| Specific admission requirements | yes (Details) |
| Faculty | Theologische Fakultät |
| Accreditation | not accredited, accreditation in preparation |

Programme Objectives

The four-semester master's programme *Christianity in Global Transformations* (hereinafter referred to as CGT) offers an advanced approach to Christianity and its theological dimensions. The aim of the international master's degree is to enable graduates to critically examine the role of Christianity in global transformations from an interdisciplinary perspective. The focus is on the global diversity of "Christianities" and their social and religious-cultural processes that (de)stabilize and (re)shape the diverse variants of Christianity in their contexts. This is particularly true in view of common global and local challenges such as climate change, social injustice, religiously legitimized violence, emigration and immigration as well as dealing with intercultural and interreligious differences, to name but a few.

The programme combines theoretical studies and practical experiences. After a broad overview of the topics in the first semester, you will have the chance to focus on one of the possible majors: „Biblical Studies in Global Entanglements“, „Global Christianity and Religious Studies“ & „Systematic Theology and Practical Studies“. The third semester is dedicated to an internship (academic exchange or practical work), while the fourth semester is reserved for the composition of a master's thesis in the field of your chosen specialization.

This turns CGT in Halle into a unique study programme providing a broad overview as the essential base for a critical analysis and engagement with the role of today's Christianity and religion in general. At the same time, it allows specialisation that combines practice and theory, always considering current challenges and global transformation processes.



Study in Halle!

As birthplace of the Reformation and worldwide Protestant mission, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (MLU) has played a profound role in shaping global Christianity as we know it today. This complex historical legacy invites critical reflection on the ambivalent role of Christianity — and religion more broadly — in global transformations.

Besides this historical frame, the city of Halle is situated in the midst of Germany - a country between Global East and Global West. It is a lively medium-sized city with an eminent cultural and subcultural scene, rooted in the student life of several academic institutions (art college, college for sacred music, university etc.). There are various choirs, campus sports, project groups or gardening projects and other leisure activities which will help you settle in quickly. The thousand-year-old city also offers a rich cultural programme (e.g. museums, theatres, opera, historical sites, music clubs and art events), beautiful nature and a friendly atmosphere. Halle is also well-connected to nearby cities such as Leipzig and Berlin, so you can explore more of Germany during your study time.

Studying in Halle means being part of a lively, but not stressful place and experiencing historical sites in transformation: art, music & religion on the move.

Career Opportunities

The degree programme qualifies students for a career in work fields that deal with diverse forms of Christianity in social transformation processes by imparting subject-specific knowledge and methodological-analytical skills relevant to the professional field and can furthermore provide a basis for further doctoral studies. It equips students with a focus on current transformation processes which leaves them well-prepared for any occupation in ecclesiastical, cultural or political institutions, interreligious dialogue as well as in the field of NGO's, journalism, media, science or education.

If you are aiming for a career in a church, Halle offers close links to various regional and ecumenical church organisations and practical training opportunities.

Programme Structure

The programme is structured as follows:

1. Compulsory modules (40 CP)
2. Master's thesis (30 CP)
3. Electives - Major: Specialisation (25 CP)
4. Electives - Minor and Interdisciplinary Specialisation (25 CP)



Modules

| Module | CP | rec. sem. |
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| Compulsory modules (70 CP) | | |
| Basic module: Biblical Studies in Global Entanglements | 5 | 1 |
| Basic module: Religious Studies and Global Christianities | 5 | 1 |
| Basic module: Systematics and Practical Studies | 5 | 1 |
| Colloquium module 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Colloquium module 2 | 5 | 3 |
| Internship module 1 | 15 | 3 |
| Thesis Module "Master Christianity in Global Transformations" | 30 | 4 |
| Electives (50 CP) | | |
| Major: Specialisation (25 CP) | | |
| An area of specialisation must be selected. | | |
| <i>Religious Studies and Global Christianities</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialisation module: Religious Studies and Global Christianities 1 (10 CP) • Specialisation module: Religious Studies and Global Christianities 2 (5 CP) • Specialisation module: Religious Studies and Global Christianities 3 (10 CP) | 25 | 2-3 |
| <i>Biblical Studies in Global Entanglements</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialisation module: Biblical Studies in Global Entanglements 1 (10 CP) • Specialisation module: Biblical Studies in Global Entanglements 2 (5 CP) • Specialisation module: Biblical Studies in Global Entanglements 3 (10 CP) | 25 | 2-3 |



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| Systematics and Practical Studies | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialisation module: Systematics and Practical Studies 1 (10 CP) • Specialisation module: Systematics and Practical Studies 2 (5 CP) • Specialisation module: Systematics and Practical Studies 3 (10 CP) | 25 | 2-3 |

Minor and Interdisciplinary Specialisation (25 CP)

Minor: A module of 5 CP must be selected and should not correspond to the chosen specialisation area.

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| Interdisciplinary Specialisation 1+2 | 10+10 | 1+2 |
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Minor:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking module: Biblical Studies in Global Entanglements (5 CP) • Networking module: Religious Studies and Global Christianities (5 CP) • Networking module: Systematics and Practical Studies (5 CP) | 5 | 2 |
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The content, learning objectives, workload, requirements and prerequisites of specific modules are published in the module catalogue and the study and examination regulations (in German only).

Internship

An internship (duration: 360 hours) is integrated into the international master's degree programme as an independent module with 15 credit points. It is possible to split the internship upon application. The faculty appoints an internship coordinator to advise on internship-related questions. This person advises on internship-related questions. The internship is organised independently by the student. It is recommended to seek advice from the internship coordinator before starting the internship.

Admission Requirements

Applicants for the *M.A. Christianity in Global Transformations* must

- hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent in a theological, religious studies or comparable religion-related degree programme with at least 60 ECTS in religious studies modules and
- prove good knowledge of written and spoken English.

Applicants prove their **English language proficiency** by submitting either TOEFL, IELTS, Cambridge Certificate, Uncert II, German Abitur or an equivalent (inter)nationally recognised language certificate attesting **B2 level** according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Proof of language proficiency is not required if the first degree was obtained in a study programme taught in English.



Application

The admission to the *M.A. Christianity in Global Transformations* is currently **not restricted** (no NC).

- Applicants with a German bachelor's degree (or equivalent) please apply via www.uni-halle.de/bewerben by **31 August**.
- Applicants with a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from abroad please apply via www.uni-assist.de by **15 June**. > **Information and Application procedure**

Required documents

The following documents must be submitted with the application for admission:

1. A hard copy of your bachelor's degree or equivalent (i.e., graduation certificate and transcripts). **Important note:** Applicants via uni-assist upload their certificates and transcripts (both in original language and official translations, unless the originals are in English or in German) with their online application. For those applicants it is not necessary to hand in any additional hard documents.
2. Halle University does accept provisional graduation certificates, if your degree is scheduled after the application deadline. Please submit your transcripts indicating minimum 2/3 of your total credits to be passed / your senior student stage, accordingly. The final graduation certificate shall be submitted with enrolment, respectively by no later than 31 January in the year following admission.
3. Suitable proof of religious knowledge acquired with former studies at a university (see admission requirements) (*Please provide additional proof if it is not reflected in your graduation certificate and/or course and grade overview*).
4. Recognised proof of the proficiency in English language (see admission requirements)

Decisions on compliance with the admission requirements are taken by the selection committee.

Fulfilment of the admission requirements does not constitute a claim to a study place for this programme.

This chapter consists of excerpts roughly translated into English. Only the study and examination regulations are legally binding.

Information for international applicants

For any questions regarding application and admission - except eligibility - please see [website](#) or contact the **International Students Section** (Student Registration Office) via international.students@uni-halle.de.



Programme Advisor

For detailed information concerning the contents, objectives and structure of the programme, please contact the programme advisor.

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