

Christianity in Global Transformations

Master

Master of Arts

International master's programme

120

CP

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Programme at a glance

Faculty of Theology

Programme type: Master's programme with 120 CP

Degree: Master of Arts (M.A.)

Standard period of study: 4 semesters

Start: Winter semester only

Language of instruction and examinations: English

Subject-specific requirements: yes

Programme objectives

The four-semester master's programme Christianity in Global Transformations (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. Particular attention is given to global and local challenges such as climate change, social injustice, religiously motivated violence, migration, and intercultural or interreligious encounters.

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“ & „Systematics 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.

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.

Career opportunities

The degree programme prepares students for careers that engage with diverse forms of Christianity in processes of social transformation. It provides subject-specific knowledge and methodological-analytical skills relevant to these professional fields and can also serve as a foundation for doctoral studies. Graduates are well equipped for positions in ecclesiastical, cultural, or political institutions, interreligious dialogue, NGOs, journalism, media, academia, and education.

For those pursuing a church-related career, Halle offers close connections to regional and ecumenical church organizations as well as practical training opportunities.

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, Unicert II, German Abitur or an equivalent (inter)nationally recognised language certificate attesting B2 level according to the Com-

mon 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* 120 CP is currently **not restricted**.

Applicants with a **German** bachelor's degree (or equivalent) please apply via www.uni-halle.de/bewerben by **31 August** for winter semester.

Applicants with international bachelor's degrees (or equivalent) please apply via www.uni-assist.de by **15 June**.

For information on the documents to be submitted, please visit www.uni-halle.de/+cgtma



Modules

The programme covers all aspects relevant to the study and critical analysis of Christianity and its role in global transformation processes. The curriculum is organised in a way that students are able to graduate from the programme within the regular period of study of 4 semesters.

Modules	CP
<i>Compulsory modules (70 CP)</i>	
Biblical Studies in Global Entanglements	5
Religious Studies and Global Christianities	5
Systematics and Practical Studies	5
Colloquium module 1	5
Colloquium module 2	5
Internship module 1	15
Thesis Module “Master Christianity in Global Transformations”	30
<i>Electives (A total of 50 CP)</i>	
<i>Major Specialisation (one module must be selected, 25 CP)</i>	
Biblical Studies in Global Entanglements	25
Religious Studies and Global Christianities	25
Systematics and Practical Studies	25
<i>Interdisciplinary specialisation (20 CP)</i>	
Interdisciplinary specialization 1	10
Interdisciplinary specialization 2	10
<i>Minor Specialisation (one must be selected, 5 CP)</i>	
Biblical Studies in Global Entanglements	5
Religious Studies and Global Christianities	5
Systematics and Practical Studies	5

Note: The minor Specialisation should not correspond to the chosen specialisation area.

The content, learning objectives, workload, requirements and prerequisites of specific modules are published in the module catalogue and the study and examination regulations.



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About Halle

About Halle and the University

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.

Additional information

Tuition fee: none

Semester fee: about 315 Euro

The scholarship *Deutschlandstipendium* offered by Halle University is available for national and international students. Please check its conditions and application at: www.uni-halle.de/deutschland-stipendium.

Furthermore, the German Academic Exchange Service DAAD (www.daad.de) offers scholarships especially for master students. Make sure to apply for a scholarship before entering Germany.

Language courses: We deeply recommend to attend an intensive German language course before you start the master's programme. So it will be easier to manage your daily life in Germany.

Please contact Goethe Institute in your home country or the Institute for German Language and Culture at our University (www.sprache.uni-halle.de). During your studies we organize further language classes which have to be paid by yourselves.

Further information about accommodation, health insurance or cost of living are available at www.uni-halle.de/first-steps.

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