

SREL2M

2013 - 2014

Master [120] in Sciences of Religions

At Louvain-la-Neuve - 120 credits - 2 years - Day schedule - In frenchDissertation/Graduation Project : **YES** - Internship : **NO**Activities in English: **NO** - Activities in other languages : **NO**Activities on other sites : **NO**Main study domain : **Philosophie**Organized by: **Faculté de théologie (TECO)**Programme code: **srel2m** - European Qualifications Framework (EQF): 7**Table of contents**

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SREL2M - Introduction

SREL2M - Admission

For the specific conditions of this program : refer to the French version

General and specific admission requirements for this program must be satisfied at the time of enrolling at the university..

SREL2M - Information

Learning outcomes

The interdisciplinary approach of religions through humanities and social sciences is the main originality of this master program. More than a single historical perspective, a dynamical approach focuses on religions within contemporary western societies, as crucial challenges for these societies. In particular, the legal component of the program ensures an innovative approach of trans-disciplinarity and interculturality as well.

The program is dedicated to students interested in an objective knowledge of religions and a critical approach provided by social sciences. The aim of the program is to enable the student to study at least two important religions (Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Eastern Religions) and to acquire keys of comprehension forged by the social sciences (philosophy, history, law, sociology, psychology, theology). The formation largely requires a personal investment of the student while ensuring the conditions for an autonomous work.

The main priority of the master in sciences of religions is the acquisition of methods of analysis and theorization. It prepares students to personal researches about religions and their scientific approach. It also contributes to build various competences related in particular to the field of intercultural and interreligious mediation. It gives access to doctoral researches.

Teaching method

Interdisciplinarity is at the very heart of the programme, where religions (at least two) are always thought of in direct association with philosophy, socio-anthropology, psychology, law and theology.

The core course activities provide an introduction to methodology in each of the main disciplines covered by the term 'sciences des religions', the chance to learn a pluridisciplinary method of analysis of religious facts in two seminars led by a team of teachers, which is itself pluridisciplinary. By anchoring religious questions in highly contemporary problems, the course allows students to conduct case studies, and approach issues on a problem-by-problem basis, which involves combining varied types of knowledge and skills, etc.

By choosing one of the 4 courses of study in the research focus, the student can focus on one discipline (religious studies, human sciences, law), in order to gain real expertise in the field as well as the standard of knowledge and skills required to consider embarking on doctoral research.

This Master's programme is unique in French-speaking Belgium in its capacity to bring together the various strands of human sciences in its approach to the religious phenomenon, less in its historical dimension (which, of course, is not excluded) than in the crucial questions that it currently puts to western society. The legal part of the programme in particular provides an approach which is as fundamental as it is innovative.

Evaluation

The modes of evaluation are laid out in the syllabus for each activity. Roughly speaking, students are evaluated by written work with formative evaluation or oral exams.

Mobility and/or internationalisation

At the Master's stage, Erasmus exchanges will be encouraged. At regional level, it is possible to select activities in the programmes of the Facultés universitaires Saint- Louis - FUSL, the Académie Louvain, the Université Libre de Bruxelles - ULB (Institut des religions et de la laïcité), the Université de Liège - ULg, the ICHEC Brussels Management School - and the KULeuven.

UCL's faculty of theology is developing a partnership at Master's level with the theology faculties (Protestant and Catholic) from Strasbourg's Université Marc Bloch where the study of religion is granted special attention; it is possible to extend this partnership where religious sciences are concerned. Other partnerships have been developed by the faculties and departments associated with this Master, from which students of religious sciences can benefit.

Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

At a national level master courses may be chosen out the programs of the Free University Brussels (ULB - Institute of religions and secularism), Liège State University (Ulg), ICHEC -Brussels Management School - and the KULeuven (up to 20 credits).

European Erasmus exchanges are promoted within the framework of the master in Religious Sciences. The Faculty of Theology (UCLouvain) has organized a partnership with the Protestant and Catholic Faculties of Theology of the University of Strasbourg, where the study of religions is of special interest. An extension of this partnership is possible with regard to Religious Studies. Other partnerships are organized by the associated faculties. Student in Religious Studies may take benefit of all of them.

Certificates

Some modules proposed as part of the Master en sciences des religions can be grouped together to make up a total of credits which are enough to constitute a university certificate.

Until the committee responsible for the Master en sciences des religions puts possible scenarios in place, the current Certificat universitaire en sciences des religions (SREL 9CE), made up of activities taken from this programme, is an open possibility.

SREL2M - Contacts

Curriculum Managment

Entite de la structure CISR

Acronyme	CISR
Dénomination	Commission interfacultaire d'enseignement en sciences des religions
Adresse	Grand Place, 45 bte L3.01.01 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve
Secteur	Secteur des sciences humaines (SSH)
Faculté	Faculté de théologie (TECO)
Commission de programme	Commission interfacultaire d'enseignement en sciences des religions (CISR)

Academic Supervisor : [Louis-Léon Christians](#)

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Président : **Louis-Léon Christians**

Secrétaire : **Jean Leclercq**

Usefull Contacts

Secrétariat : **Pascale Hoffmann**

SREL2M - Detailed programme

Programme structure

The common core program is composed of required substantial introductions to social sciences approaches of the religious phenomenon as well as a seminar of heuristics and two interdisciplinary seminars (methodology and cross-thematic question). The remaining part of the curriculum is dedicated to the study of at least two religious traditions. The program requires the submission of a master thesis.

A specialized option has to be chosen out of four provided by the program : - study of religious traditions - socio-anthropology of religion - psychology of religion - law and religion. Some pre-requisites may be mandatory for students with no previous curricula about the chosen field or discipline.

Important Notice:

The individual program of each student depends on her former curriculum and her optional choice as regards with religion thematics and/or disciplinary approaches; A large number of varied optional courses is offered to meet the interests of each student. The Master program requires completing a minimum of 120 credits distributed over two years, corresponding to 60 credits each one.

Whatever the focus or the options chosen, the programme of this master shall totalize 120 credits, spread over two years of studies each of 60 credits.

Core study

[> Core courses of the Master in Sciences of Religions](#) [en-prog-2013-srel2m-srel200t.html]

[> Research focus](#) [en-prog-2013-srel2m-srel201a]

Programme by subject

Core courses [90.0]

○ Mandatory

△ Courses not taught during 2013-2014

⊕ Periodic courses taught during 2013-2014

⊗ Optional

⊖ Periodic courses not taught during 2013-2014

⊞ Two years course

Click on the course title to see detailed informations (objectives, methods, evaluation...)

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○ Core courses (60 credits)

○ Approches disciplinaires (30 credits)

Course Code	Course Title	Instructor(s)	Hours	Credits	Year 1	Year 2	Other
○ LSREL2100	Heuristic of the sciences of religions	Raoul Baziomo (compensates Jean-Pierre Delville), Geneviève Bricoult, Louis-Léon Christians (coord.), Jean-Pierre Delville, Jean Leclercq, Vassilis Saroglou, Olivier Servais	30h	4 Credits	1+2q	X	
○ LTHEO2170	Comparative approach of religions	Robert Deliège	30h	4 Credits	1q	X	
○ LSREL2230	Religions, law and societies in Europe	Louis-Léon Christians	30h	4 Credits	2q	X	
○ LSREL2110	Religions and interculturality	Henri Derroite, Olivier Servais	30h	4 Credits	1q	X	
○ LPSY1402	Psychology of religion	Vassilis Saroglou	30h	5 Credits	1q	X	
○ LPOLS1329	Sociology of Religion	Brigitte Maréchal	30h	5 Credits	1q	X	

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o Philosophie de la religion (4 credits)*Inscrire un des cours ci-dessous au programme de la première année*

☒ LFILO2130	Philosophy of Religion A	Jean Leclercq, Marc Maesschalck	30h	4 Credits	1q ⊕	x	
☒ LFILO2131	Philosophy of Religion B	N.	30h	4 Credits	2q ⊕	x	

o Séminaires interdisciplinaires (16 credits)

o LSREL2911	Seminar : Methodology of the analysis of religious facts	Louis-Léon Christians, Jean Leclercq, Vassilis Saroglou, Olivier Servais (coord.)	30h	6 Credits	1q ⊕	x	x
o LSREL2912	Seminar : Advanced questions in sciences of religions	Louis-Léon Christians, Jean Leclercq (coord.), Vassilis Saroglou, Olivier Servais	30h	6 Credits	⊖	x	x
o LSREL2920	Seminar : Christianity and other religions	Henri Derroite, Brigitte Maréchal (coord.), Olivier Servais	30h	4 Credits	1+2q	x	x

o Etude des religions (14 credits)**o Inde et Extrême-Orient***Choisir minimum 3 crédits*

☒ LTHEO1341	Hinduism	Philippe Cornu	30h	3 Credits	2q ⊕	x	x
☒ LTHEO1342	Buddhism	Philippe Cornu	30h	3 Credits	2q ⊖	x	x

o Christianisme*Choisir au minimum 3 crédits*

☒ LTHEO1130A	Introduction to History : panorama of the history of Christianity	N.	30h	3 Credits	1q	x	x
☒ LTHEO1222	New Testament: the Synoptic Gospels	Geert Van Oyen	60h	4 Credits	1+2q ⊖	x	x
☒ LTHEO1251	Questions of Christian Anthropology	Olivier Riaudel	30h	3 Credits	1q ⊕	x	x
☒ LTHEO1261	Christology and Salvation	Benoît Bourguine	45h	4 Credits	2q ⊕	x	x
☒ LTHEO1262	God: Monotheism and Trinity	Benoît Bourguine	30h	3 Credits	2q ⊖	x	x

o Islam

o LSREL2250	Epistemology of Muslim religious sources and the construction of (normative) religious thought in Islam (Fiqh)	Michel Younès	30h	4 Credits		x	x
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o Judaïsme

o LTHEO1310	Judaism	Didier Luciani	30h	4 Credits	1q	x	x
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o Filière au choix*L'étudiant choisira une des 4 filières décrites ci-dessous pour un minimum de 18 crédits; il la complètera si nécessaire avec des cours au choix pour atteindre 30 crédits.***☒ Filière en approfondissement de l'étude des religions***L'étudiant choisira 18 crédits supplémentaires au minimum en vue d'approfondir l'étude de deux des quatre religions proposées, en choisissant 8 crédits au moins dans chaque religion choisie.***☒ Inde et Extrême Orient**

☒ LTHEO1341	Hinduism	Philippe Cornu	30h	3 Credits	2q ⊕	x	x
☒ LTHEO1342	Buddhism	Philippe Cornu	30h	3 Credits	2q ⊖	x	x
☒ LGLOR1671A	Indian languages I (Sanskrit) A- (partim)	N.	30h	6 Credits	1+2q ⊖	x	x
☒ LGLOR1672A	Indian languages I (Sanskrit) B - (partim)	N.	30h	6 Credits	⊕	x	x

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✂ LGLOR2543	Culture and Civilization of India and the Far East II	Robert Deliège	30h	5 Credits	1q ⊕	x	x
✂ LGLOR2849	Satsuma Chair	N.	15h	5 Credits	2q ⊕	x	x
✂ LGLOR2942	Questions of Indian and Far Eastern Philosophy and Spirituality	Philippe Cornu	30h	5 Credits	1q ⊗	x	x

✂ **Christianisme**

✂ LTHEO1110C	Introduction to the Bible : New testament	Geert Van Oyen	30h	3 Credits	2q	x	x
✂ LTHEO1222	New Testament: the Synoptic Gospels	Geert Van Oyen	60h	4 Credits	1+2q ⊗	x	x
✂ LTHEO1251	Questions of Christian Anthropology	Olivier Riaudel	30h	3 Credits	1q ⊕	x	x
✂ LTHEO1261	Christology and Salvation	Benoît Bourguine	45h	4 Credits	2q ⊕	x	x
✂ LTHEO1262	God: Monotheism and Trinity	Benoît Bourguine	30h	3 Credits	2q ⊗	x	x
✂ LTHEO1150	Initiation to biblical Greek	Geert Van Oyen	30h+15h	6 Credits	1+2q	x	x
✂ LTHEO1362	Art and Religion	Ralph Dekoninck	30h	3 Credits	2q ⊗	x	x
✂ LTHEO2331	Eastern theologies	Joseph Famerée	30h	4 Credits	1q ⊕	x	x
✂ LTHEO2332	Théologies protestantes	N.	30h	4 Credits	1q ⊗	x	x
✂ LTHEO2871	Christian theologies outside Europe I	Marie Palmyre	30h	4 Credits	2q ⊕	x	x
✂ LTHEO2872	Christian theologies outside Europe II	N.	30h	4 Credits	2q ⊗	x	x

✂ **Islam**

✂ LSREL2251	Principiology and spirituality: the ethics and religious thought of Islam	Abdessamad Belhaj	30h	4 Credits	⊕	x	x
✂ LSREL2252	Quranic hermeneutics: classical and contemporary exegeses	Abdessamad Belhaj	30h	4 Credits	⊗	x	x
✂ LHART2390	Byzantine and Islamic Arts	Philippe Bragard, Marco Cavaliere	30h	5 Credits	2q ⊕	x	x
✂ LFILO1282	History of philosophy 3: History of arabic Philosophy	Cécile Bonmariage	30h	3 Credits	1q ⊕	x	x
✂ LFILO2300	Interpretation of Arabic Philosophical Texts	N.	30h	5 Credits	2q ⊗	x	x
✂ LGLOR1531	History and Society of Islam and the Arab World I	N.	30h	3 Credits	1q ⊗	x	x
✂ LGLOR1532	Culture and Civilization of Islam and the Arab World I	Godefroid De Callatay	30h	3 Credits	1q ⊕	x	x
✂ LGLOR1661A	Classical Arabic I A (partim)	N.	30h	6 Credits	1q ⊗	x	x
✂ LGLOR1662A	Classical Arabic I B (partim)	N.	30h	6 Credits	2q ⊕	x	x
✂ LGLOR2533	History and Society of Islam and the Arab World II	Godefroid De Callatay	30h	5 Credits	2q ⊕	x	x
✂ LGLOR2534	Culture and Civilization of Islam and the Arab World II	Godefroid De Callatay	30h	5 Credits	2q ⊗	x	x
✂ LGLOR2681	Koran Readings	Godefroid De Callatay	30h	5 Credits	2q ⊕	x	x
✂ LSOC2060	socio-anthropology of contemporary Islam	Brigitte Maréchal	30h	5 Credits	1q	x	x

✂ **Judaïsme**

✂ LSREL2012	History of the Jewish Religion	David Meyer	30h	3 Credits	2q ⊗	x	x
✂ LTHEO1310	Judaism	Didier Luciani	30h	3 Credits	1q	x	x
✂ LTHEO2211	Old Testament Exegesis I (narrative literature)	André Wénin	30h	4 Credits	1q ⊕	x	x
✂ LTHEO2212	Old Testament Exegesis II (poetic literature)	Didier Luciani	30h	4 Credits	2q ⊗	x	x
✂ LTHEO2412	Old Testament - Particular questions	André Wénin	30h	3 Credits	2q ⊗	x	x
✂ LTHEO2481	Intertestamental and Rabbinic Judaism	Régis Burnet, Didier Luciani	30h	3 Credits	1q ⊕	x	x
✂ LGLOR1631	Biblical Hebrew I A	André Wénin	45h	9 Credits	1+2q ⊗	x	x
✂ LGLOR1632	Biblical Hebrew I B	André Wénin	45h	9 Credits	1+2q ⊕	x	x

✂ **Filière en socio-anthropologie des religions**

au minimum 18 crédits parmi

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⌘ Socle de base socio-anthropologie

L'étudiant non diplômé en socio-anthropologie DOIT inscrire à son programme le cours de base LSOC2020 Sociologie de la culture et des dynamiques interculturelles

○ LSOC2020	Sociologie	Marie Verhoeven	30h	5 Credits	2q	X	X
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○ Activités d'approfondissement en socio-anthropologie

Outre les trois cours ci-dessous, l'étudiant inscrira à son programme des cours pour 3 crédits au moins à choisir parmi les activités des masters en sociologie et en anthropologie.

○ LANTR2020	Symbolic systems anthropology : cosmology and environment	Olivier Servais	30h	5 Credits	1q	X	X
○ LSOC2065	Anthropology of politics and religion: power and beliefs	Pierre-Joseph Laurent, Jacinthe Mazzocchi	30h	5 Credits	1q	X	X
○ LPOLS1326	Practical Research Seminars in Sociology and Anthropology	Daniel Bodson, Brigitte Maréchal, Jacinthe Mazzocchi, Olivier Servais	45h+20h	5 Credits	1+2q	X	X

⌘ Filière en psychologie de la religion

au minimum 18 crédits parmi

⌘ Socle de base en psychologie

L'étudiant non diplômé en psychologie DOIT inscrire à son programme le cours de base en psychologie sociale et un des deux cours au choix ci-dessous :

○ LCOPS1125	Psychology and Social Psychology	Olivier Corneille, Delphine Grynberg (compensates Olivier Corneille), Guy Lories, Gordy Pleyers	30h	5 Credits	2q	X	X
⌘ LPSP1003	Introduction à la psychologie du développement	Isabelle Roskam	45h	5 Credits	1q	X	X
⌘ LPSP1004	Introduction à la psychologie de la personnalité	Michel Hansenne, Vassilis Saroglou	30h	3 Credits	2q	X	X

○ Activités d'approfondissement en psychologie

L'étudiant inscrit à son programme les trois cours suivants. L'étudiant non diplômé en psychologie y ajoute au moins 8 crédits à choisir parmi les activités du master en psychologie. Les étudiants déjà diplômés en psychologie doivent y ajouter des cours pour au moins 9 crédits dans le programme du master en sciences des religions, ou sur autorisation préalable du responsable du programme, dans d'autres programmes de master.

○ LPSYM2042	In-depth questions in the psychology of religion: social approach	Vassilis Saroglou	30h	3 Credits	2q ⊕	X	X
○ LPSYM2043	In-depth questions in the psychology of religion: developmental approach	James Day	30h	3 Credits	2q ⊗	X	X
○ LPSYM2044	Religion, health, and psychotherapy	Vassilis Saroglou	30h	3 Credits	2q	X	X

⌘ Filière en droit et religions

au minimum 18 crédits parmi

⌘ Socle de base droit et religions

L'étudiant non diplômé en droit DOIT inscrire à son programme les deux cours de base suivants :

○ LDROI1051	Elements of Private Law	Isabelle Durant, Olivier Jauniaux (compensates Isabelle Durant)	30h	3 Credits	1q	X	X
○ LDROI1052	Elements of Public Law	Charles-Hubert Born	30h	3 Credits	1q	X	X

○ Activités d'approfondissement droit et religions

L'étudiant inscrit l'ensemble des cours suivants à son programme

○ LSREL2211	Belgian law of religions	Louis-Léon Christians	30h	4 Credits	1q ⊕	X	X
○ LSREL2222	International and comparative law of inter-religious relations	Louis-Léon Christians	30h	4 Credits	1q ⊗	X	X
○ LSREL2240	Comparative religious legislation	Louis-Léon Christians	30h	4 Credits	1q	X	X
○ LTHEO2272	Canon Law: special questions	Alphonse Borrás	30h	3 Credits	1q ⊗	X	X
○ LDROI1511	Introduction to Islamic Law	Louis-Léon Christians, Baudouin Dupret	30h	3 Credits	2q	X	X

⌘ Activités au choix pour l'ensemble des filières

A choisir dans la liste ci-dessous, en accord avec le promoteur du mémoire et du responsable du programme, pour atteindre les 90 crédits du tronc commun.

⌘ LAGRE2400	See specifications in french	Anne Ghysseleinckx (coord.)	20h	2 Credits		X	X
⌘ LFILO2370	Advanced Studies in Natural Theology A	Mylene Botbol, Michel Dupuis, Nathalie Frogneux	30h	5 Credits	2q ⊕	X	X
⌘ LFILO2371	Advanced Studies in Natural Theology B	N.	30h	5 Credits	2q ⊙	X	X
⌘ LFILO2180	Advanced Studies in Philosophical Anthropology A	Michel Dupuis, Nathalie Frogneux	30h	5 Credits	1q ⊕	X	X
⌘ LFILO2181	Advanced Studies in Philosophical Anthropology B	N.	30h	5 Credits	1q ⊙	X	X
⌘ LFILO2290	Philosophy of History A	Marc Maeschalck	30h	5 Credits	2q ⊕	X	X
⌘ LFILO2291	Philosophy of History B	N.	30h	5 Credits	2q ⊙	X	X
⌘ LFILO2310	Advanced studies in Cultural Anthropology A	Nathalie Frogneux	30h	5 Credits	1q Δ ⊕	X	X
⌘ LFILO2313	Advanced studies in Cultural Anthropology B	N.	30h	5 Credits	2q ⊙	X	X
⌘ LTSEO1242	Religions and Media	Walter Lesch	30h	3 Credits	2q ⊙	X	X
⌘ LTSEO1361	Interdenominational Dialogue and Interreligious Dialogue	Joseph Famerée, Brigitte Maréchal	30h	3 Credits	2q ⊕	X	X
⌘ LTSEO2361	Interdenominational theological dialogue	Joseph Famerée, Gaby Hachem (compensates Joseph Famerée)	30h	3 Credits	2q ⊕	X	X
⌘ LTSEO2362	Dialogue interreligieux	N.	30h	3 Credits	1q ⊙	X	X
⌘ LTSEO2430	Religions and gender	Walter Lesch	30h	3 Credits	1q	X	X
⌘ LTSEO2540	Christian theology of religions	Olivier Riaudel	30h	4 Credits	2q	X	X

⌘ Activités au choix hors UCL

A choisir, avec accord du resp. du programme, dans l'offre en Sc. des religions de la Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, de l'Université Libre de Bruxelles, de l'Université de Liège et de l'ICHEC, notamment parmi: -KUL Methodology of Empirical Research in Religious studies (26h-4crédits) -KUL Clinical psychology of religion (26h-4crédits) -KUL European Perspectives on religion (26h- 6crédits) -KUL Seminarie nieuwe religieuze bewegingen (26h-4crédits)

⌘ Autres activités au choix

L'étudiant peut aussi choisir des activités dans le master complémentaire en droits de l'homme ainsi que dans d'autres masters de l'UCL pour autant que le promoteur du mémoire le juge utile et avec l'accord du responsable du programme.

Research focus [30.0]

Finalité approfondie (30 crédits en 2 ans)

○ Mandatory

△ Courses not taught during 2013-2014

⊕ Periodic courses taught during 2013-2014

⌘ Optional

⊙ Periodic courses not taught during 2013-2014

⊞ Two years course

Click on the course title to see detailed informations (objectives, methods, evaluation...)

○ LSREL2000A	Mémoire du master en sciences des religions (1ère partie)	N.		6 Credits		X	
○ LSREL2000B	Mémoire du master en sciences des religions (2ème partie)	N.		22 Credits			X
○ LSREL2000C	Séminaire d'accompagnement du mémoire	N.		2 Credits			X

