

Master of Arts with Major in Abrahamic Studies (MA-AS)

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Purpose

This degree prepares students to work in the Abrahamic worlds of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam through gaining an understanding of the basic concepts and theories of these global cultures. Students will learn to compare and assess the areas of intersection among these faith communities and may acquire language essentials for the study of the Abrahamic traditions. Students will be able to serve cross-culturally in and with Abrahamic communities and organizations based on respectful understanding of their beliefs and practices, engendering humanitarian contributions to local and global cultural goals.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

1. Understand basic concepts and theories of the Abrahamic scriptures and traditions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam;
2. Compare and assess areas of intersection among the Abrahamic faith communities;
3. Work cross-culturally with respectful understanding in and with Abrahamic communities and organizations.

Curriculum

The thirty-six semester hour Master of Arts in Abrahamic Studies (MA-AS) consists of three components: (1) Core courses (15 hours), (2) Abrahamic Focus electives (9 hours), and (3) Track: Academic or Professional (12 hours). The Academic track requires 6 hours of Abrahamic language study (Hebrew, Greek, or Arabic) and a thesis (6 hours); the Professional track requires 12 hours of electives and comprehensive exams.

Category	Course	Hours
Core Courses	AC5305 Historiography of the Hebrew Canon (3 credits) AC5306 Greek Scriptures in First Century Context (3) AC5310 Core Components of Islam (3) <i>OR</i> AC5318 Understanding the Qur'an (3) AC5322 Abrahamic Shared Stories (3) AC5321-OL Abrahamic Community Internship (3)	15
Focus Abrahamic electives: (includes Abrahamic languages: Hebrew, Greek, Arabic)	AC5309 Hermeneutics of Translation (3 credits) AC5310 Core Components of Islam (3) AC5312 Islam in the 21st Century (3) AC5314 Modern Islamic Religious & Political Movements (3) AC5316 Dynamics of Contextualization (3) AC5318 Understanding the Qur'an (3) AC5322 Abrahamic Shared Stories (3) AC5398 Seminar in Abrahamic Studies (3) AC5241-SL Arabic 1 (2) AC5242-SL Arabic 2 (2) AC5243 Colloquial Arabic (2) AL5321 Greek 1 (3) AL5322 Greek 2 (3) AL5326 Hebrew 1 (3) AL5327 Hebrew 2 (3) AL5319 Biblical Backgrounds (3) AL5323 Greek Discourse Features AL5324 Greek Textual Analysis AL5325 Hebrew Textual Analysis AL5328 Hebrew Discourse Features AL5329 Readings: Hebrew Poetry Students may petition their academic advisor for approval of other relevant courses.	9
Track: choice of Academic or Professional	<u>Academic Track</u> Abraham language: Hebrew, Greek, or Arabic (6 hours) Thesis (6 hours) OR <u>Professional Track</u> Electives (any dept: 12) Comprehensive exams	12
TOTAL		36