

Intercultural Theology

The shape of world Christianity has been transformed through globalisation. Therefore, it is more important than ever to analyse the trans- and intercultural character of theology, encounter the cultural variety of Christianity, and reflect upon the interaction between Christianity and other religions. The “Intercultural Theology” M.A. programme seeks to address these objectives by a new approach to studying theology in this thrilling time of global change.

The “Intercultural Theology” M.A. is a programme of Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, one of Germany’s leading research universities, in cooperation with University of Applied Sciences for Intercultural Theology Hermannsburg (Fachhochschule). Intercultural experience is a key goal of this programme, and therefore students are obliged to spend one semester abroad at one of the cooperating theological institutions all over the world. The global focus, emphasis on intercultural experience, and the combination of theology and practice, make this programme unique in Europe.

The M.A. programme “Intercultural Theology” aims at equipping graduates to foster intercultural, interreligious and interdenominational communication and cooperation. The knowledge, competence, and experience students achieve during the programme will qualify them for a broad range of occupations. Namely, the programme prepares its students for careers in institutions of mission and ecumenism, development organisations, non-governmental organisations, media, and academia.



Course of Study

The programme requires two years of full-time study. The language of instruction is English. The first year takes place at Georg-August-Universität Göttingen and at University of Applied Sciences for Intercultural Theology Hermannsburg (Fachhochschule). The distance between the two locations is about 180 kilometers. During the first and the second semester students usually live and work together at the campus in Hermannsburg and travel to Göttingen for Blockseminars or weekly. The classes convey basic concepts and techniques in various fields of study. Furthermore, students obtain skills in intercultural communication, are supposed to learn basic German, and get the opportunity to learn relevant languages (e.g. Arabic, Greek).



In the second year, students spend the first semester at one of the partner institutions in India, Ethiopia, South Korea, Japan, Ghana, Lebanon, Armenia, Estonia, Indonesia, Tanzania, China, Belarus or at an appropriate institution in Germany. There they attend classes within the regular curriculum in order to study “Theology in Context” and deepen their intercultural competence. In addition, students conduct project work that focuses on current topics in their respective country of their choice. For example, projects may deal with problems of economic cooperation and development or interreligious communication.

The final semester is spent back in Germany, usually in Göttingen. There students evaluate their time abroad and their project work. Based on their research and field work conducted during the previous semester, students complete their master thesis.

Finally, the students are awarded the title “Master of Arts in Intercultural Theology”.

Application

The programme is open to all who hold a Bachelor’s degree in theology, cultural or social anthropology, philology, politics, development studies, or related subjects. Applicants are expected to demonstrate interest in theology, ecumenism, mission, or religious studies. Given the international diversity of higher education, there are no mandatory requirements; each application will be reviewed individually.

There are a substantial amount of scholarships available to ensure that eligible candidates can successfully complete their studies in four semesters. These scholarships are open for EU-citizens as well as international students.



Admission is offered only to the winter semester every year.

All application materials have to be completed in English. The following documents are required:

- ▶ Bachelor’s degree certificate or equivalent credentials (certified copy and authorised translation in English)
- ▶ Curriculum vitae (in a tabular format)
- ▶ Photo
- ▶ Letter of motivation (max. 1000 words)
- ▶ Additional documents in support of your application (optional)
- ▶ Application form and declaration of previous degree-level study (obtainable at the website)

Please send all materials by mail to the address given on the reverse side of this leaflet.

Language Requirements

Since all classes are held in English, applicants who do not speak English as native language have to submit a proof of proficiency in English. Of the many available formats, we accept the TOEFL and the IELTS (Academic). Applicants have to meet the minimum score of 80 TOEFL iBT, resp. 6.0 IELTS.

Test scores will be forwarded by the test centres directly to the Georg-August-Universität (TOEFL institution code: 4468, department code: 21). Please make sure that your test scores arrive at the university in time to be reviewed with your application.

For more details concerning application, admission and deadlines, please visit our website.



Information - Contact

Master of Arts in Intercultural Theology

- ▶ Duration: 2 years (4 semesters, incl. 1 compulsory semester abroad)
- ▶ Language of instruction: English
- ▶ Beginning of classes: winter semester (mid-October)
- ▶ Admission requirements: Bachelor in theology, cultural or social anthropology, philology, politics, development studies, or related subjects
- ▶ Language requirements: TOEFL iBT: 80 / IELTS (Academic): 6.0
- ▶ Tuition fees: may be subject to change; please visit our website
- ▶ Scholarships: available for EU-citizens and international students
- ▶ Credits: 120 (ECTS)

Cooperation Partners

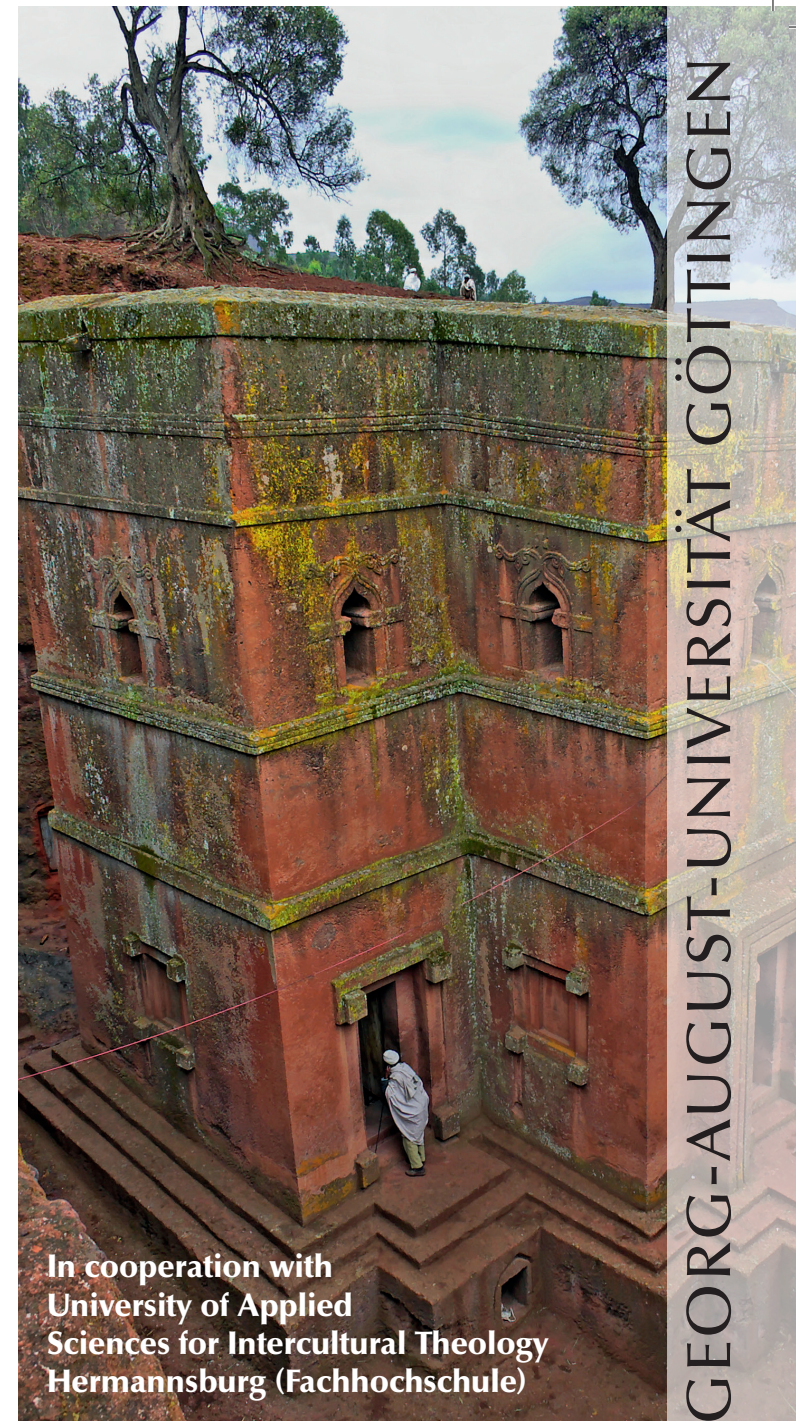
India: Gurukul LTCRI Chennai, KTC Mangalore, SEERI Kottayam Kerala, University of Pune; Ethiopia: MYTS Addis Ababa, EGST Addis Ababa; South Korea: Ewha Womans University Seoul; Japan: Osaka University; Ghana: TTS Legon, Accra; Lebanon: NEST, Beirut; Armenia: Yerevan State University; Estonia: University of Tartu; Indonesia: STT INTIM MAKASSAR; Tanzania: Tumaini University, Iringa; China: LTS Hong Kong; Belarus: Belarusian State University SMCIT

The network of partners will be expanded.

Contact

Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
Theologische Fakultät · Intercultural Theology
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Martin Tamcke
Platz der Göttinger Sieben 2
37073 Göttingen / Germany
Telephone: +49 551 397172
E-mail: intercultural-theology@uni-goettingen.de

www.uni-goettingen.de/intercultural-theology



In cooperation with
University of Applied
Sciences for Intercultural Theology
Hermannsburg (Fachhochschule)

Master of Arts in
Intercultural Theology

