



**Huron**  
AT WESTERN

# RELIGION and THEOLOGY

Understand Our  
Complex World

**LEADERSHIP** *with heart*

## RELIGION and THEOLOGY

# EXPLORE HOW RELIGION INFLUENCES LIFE & CULTURE

## WHY STUDY RELIGION?

WHETHER OR NOT YOU PRACTICE A FAITH TRADITION, **STUDYING RELIGION CAN HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEX WORLD WE LIVE IN.** RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND PRACTICES HAVE A HUGE IMPACT ON HOW INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS MAKE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DECISIONS.

*If you are religious, you can learn more about your own faith and those of others by studying in an academically rigorous university setting.*

At Huron, our Religion and Theology modules encourage interdisciplinary approaches to learning by making it easy to include courses in the Social Sciences and Humanities in your schedule. We encourage you to dig deep and explore the literature, history and current practice of Judaism, Christianity, Islam and more.

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## THE HURON ADVANTAGE

With Huron's unparalleled religion and theology program, students can dive deep into the study of religion. **They gain a rich and sympathetic understanding** of religious movements, literature and practices by attaining a degree at the undergraduate, professional Master's or graduate Master's levels.

Regardless of which degree best suits your educational journey, Huron's Faculty of Theology is inclusive and our professors are passionate experts and active researchers in their fields of study.

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### ELORAH FANGRAD

BTh, Class of 2016; Pursuing graduate studies

*"I was guided by instructors who truly cared and wanted me to think. I was encouraged to pick research topics that held personal meaning for me, and that inspired me to focus on my work and learn more each day."*



# FIRST YEAR: UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES

Your first year is all about exploration and discovery.

During this time, there are minimal required courses so you can try out a wide variety of subjects and disciplines. Learn about something completely new. **Find your passion.**

## NEED A MENTOR? BE A MENTOR.

Senior students and alumni will help you plan your studies and your career. In your senior years, volunteer to mentor another student!



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career-development](http://huronatwestern.ca/career-development)

## Program options

	Honors Specialization	Specialization	Major	Minor
Religion and Theology			✓	✓

## First-Year Courses

### RELIGION, THEOLOGY AND GLOBAL ISSUES

Examine religion's important and influential role as a shaper of reality by delving into the relationships between religion and global issues.

### NEW! UNDERSTANDING RELIGION: TRENDS AND TABOOS

Study religion as a vital ingredient of human societies and cultures. Case studies deal with topics such as violence, sex, food, politics, the environment and more.

### HEBREW

Introduction to the writing system and grammar of Biblical Hebrew for those with no previous knowledge of the language.

### INTRO TO NEW TESTAMENT GREEK

Equip yourself with enough grammar and vocabulary so that you can read the New Testament on your own. For students with no prior knowledge of the language.

### QUR'ANIC ARABIC FOR BEGINNERS

Acquire core vocabulary and dive into basic grammar of the classical Arabic necessary to understand short Qur'anic chapters.

## Sample First-Year Timetable

Required courses  Elective courses

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>9:30am – 10:30am</b> <b>Religious Studies 1010F</b> Religion, Theology & Global Issues <i>0.50 credit</i>	<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b> <b>Political Science 1020E</b> Intro to Political Science Tutorial <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>9:30am – 10:30am</b> <b>Religious Studies 1010F</b> Religion, Theology & Global Issues <i>0.50 credit</i>	<b>11:30am – 1:30pm</b> <b>Political Science 1020E</b> Intro to Political Science <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>9:30am – 10:30am</b> <b>Religious Studies 1010F</b> Religion, Theology & Global Issues <i>0.50 credit</i>
<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b> <b>English 1027F</b> The Storyteller's Art I: Introduction to Narrative <i>0.50 credit</i>	<b>1:30pm – 2:30pm</b> <b>Psychology 1100E</b> Method & Theory in General Psychology <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b> <b>English 1027F</b> The Storyteller's Art I: Introduction to Narrative <i>0.50 credit</i>	<b>1:30pm – 2:30pm</b> <b>Psychology 1100E</b> Method & Theory in General Psychology <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b> <b>English 1027F</b> The Storyteller's Art I: Introduction to Narrative <i>0.50 credit</i>
<b>1:30pm – 2:30pm</b> <b>Psychology 1100E</b> Method & Theory in General Psychology Lab <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>3:30pm – 4:30pm</b> <b>Sociology 1020</b> Intro to Sociology <i>1.00 credit</i>		<b>3:30pm – 5:30pm</b> <b>Sociology 1020</b> Intro to Sociology <i>1.00 credit</i>	

As a Huron student, you can combine any program with a minor, major or specialization from another Huron program or a major or minor in many of the programs offered at Western, Brescia or King's, such as:

- English & Cultural Studies
- History
- Psychology
- Philosophy
- Centre for Global Studies
- Business
- Political Science



**HARVARD  
BUSINESS SCHOOL**

## Huron and HARVARD

As the only university partner in Ontario, Huron students can earn a Credential of Readiness from Harvard's Online Business School.

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*“In all my teaching, I want to help students engage with the big questions about the intersection of religion and culture – both in the ancient world that I study, and in the world today.”*

**DANIEL A. SMITH, PhD**

**Clark and Mary Wright Professor  
of New Testament Theology**



## AFTER FIRST YEAR, You Can Study:

- Living Religions of the World
- New Testament Greek
- Science & Theology
- Interpreting the Qur'an
- Angry God: The Bible and War
- Constructing Jesus
- Biblical Hebrew
- Judaism & the Holocaust
- The Early Church
- Sacred Space in Public Places
- Faith in Sound, Stone and Paint
- Spirituality of Muslim Women
- Christian Thought, Culture & Practices
- Body, Religion & The Sacred
- The Early History Of God: Origins Of Monotheism
- Islam & Politics
- Anti-Religious Thought
- Religion, Ethics & The Environment



## FACULTY RESEARCH EXPERTISE

- Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East
- Marriage Gifts and Social Change in Ancient Palestine
- Genocide
- Early Christian Literature and History
- Synoptic Gospels
- The Death & Resurrection of Jesus: Text and Tradition
- Qur'anic Studies
- Islamic Theological Ethics
- Muslim Women's Spirituality
- Christian-Muslim Relations
- The Christian Church in Canada
- Religion and Politics in Elizabethan England
- Colonization and Religion in Canada
- The Oxford Movement (Catholic revival in the Anglican Church)
- 20th Century Theology
- Christian Doctrine
- Public Theology
- Church music
- Art and Religion
- Sacramental Theology
- Christian Rites and Rituals: History and Current Practices
- Sacred Space
- Homiletics (Preaching) and Biblical Interpretation
- Theological Education and Formation



**SCHOLAR'S ELECTIVES: ARE YOU A HIGH-ACHIEVING, SELF-MOTIVATED STUDENT INTERESTED IN PURSUING INDEPENDENT RESEARCH?** APPLY TO BE A PART OF THIS COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS THAT FOSTERS RESEARCH SKILLS AND COLLABORATION.

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### GET INVOLVED!

THE BISHOP HALLAM THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (BHTS) IS THE STUDENT SOCIETY FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE LIFE OF THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AT HURON.



# SECOND-ENTRY PROGRAMS

Some specialized programs in Theology at Huron do not begin in first year and require three to four years of university study prior to entry.

## MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

The Master of Theological Studies is a post-baccalaureate program that will prepare you for theological engagement and leadership in a variety of settings.

## MASTER OF DIVINITY

The Master of Divinity is a professional ministry degree that provides you with the knowledge and skills to be an effective and holistic ministry leader. This program prepares individuals for ordained ministry and for responsibilities of general pastoral and religious leadership in congregations and other settings.

## MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY

The MA in Theology is a graduate research degree that will prepare you for doctoral studies, or serve as a superior terminal degree in theology. The program is flexible enough to allow specialization in one of the theological disciplines.

## WHAT DO OUR GRADS DO?

Some of our alumni have pursued a religious calling, while other students have completed a Theology degree to sharpen their critical thinking, research and public speaking skills. Either way, Leaders with Heart who graduate from this program are well-equipped to create positive change across a wide variety of sectors – religious or not!

- Teaching
- Community and Public Service
- Advocacy and Social Justice
- Business
- Foreign Service
- Politics
- Ministry
- Journalism
- Law
- Government

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***“Our classes foster critical thinking and challenge you to ask complex questions so that you learn how to understand the world in a more human way. No matter what field you work in, this is going to help you shape it more positively.”***

**BETH KOUDYS, Honors Double Major, Political Science & Theology '12; Master of Divinity '14; Legal Counsel for the Department of Justice**

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## RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND THEOLOGY: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES** looks comparatively at different religions and their practices, views, literature and structures as social phenomena by using methodologies such as historical analysis, literary study and social-scientific approaches.

**THEOLOGY** as an academic discipline uses similar methods, but takes more of a deep dive within a particular religion or tradition. This can be interesting and useful not only for adherents of that religion, but also for others who are not.

## **BEYOND THE CLASSROOM**

Students in the Living Religions of the World course connect with religious communities outside their typical experience to broaden their exposure as they study the origins, historical development, teachings and practices of religions. Students present their research and experiences at a final conference.

## **EARN & LEARN**

**AT HURON, EVERY STUDENT IS GUARANTEED A PAID INTERNSHIP and volunteer positions to help you build valuable experience. Recent examples of placements held by students of Religion and Theology include:**

- Church Pastor
- Church Minister
- Chaplain
- Faculty Marking Assistants
- Muslim Resource Centre for Support and Integration
- My Sister's Place
- Elgin Middlesex Detention Centre
- Parkwood Hospital
- Dismas Groups
- BHTS - Bishop Hallam Theological Society
- L'Arche London
- Mature Student Representative

Challenging our students to be

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*with*  
*heart*

## **AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

In addition to awards open to students in all disciplines, students of Religion and Theology at Huron are eligible for special awards and scholarships, including:

- The Jamie Grant Morden Prize in Religious Studies 2130



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