



RELIGION & THEOLOGY

Understand Our Complex World



Huron
AT WESTERN

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.

Learn more about your own faith and those of others - or simply develop globally-relevant knowledge - 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.

THE HURON ADVANTAGE

WITH HURON'S UNIQUE RELIGION AND THEOLOGY PROGRAM, STUDENTS CAN DIVE DEEP INTO THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND THE MANIFOLD AREAS OF LIFE IT AFFECTS.

Our students 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.



"Huron's Theology Program contributes to my education in a way that allows me to learn about the different aspects of religion while also opening my eyes to other religions apart from my own. The small class sizes make it easier to get the one-on-one time with your professors you might not be able to get elsewhere. Theological studies are so valuable because they open doors to many fields, not just within the confines of religion. It provides you with a well-rounded education and many experiences that prepare you for your future: it really gives you a little piece of so many subjects, which will revolutionize the way you see the world."

PAIGE WILSON | CLASS '21
Leamington, Ontario

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

“My education helped me develop significantly as a public speaker, which has assisted me greatly, both in law school and in my practice. More than that, Theology helped me think critically, on my feet, and interpret dense and difficult texts – all these skills have been invaluable to me as a lawyer. This program gives you perspective about why you should do the things that are right, just and good in the world. No matter what field you work in, this is going to help you shape it in positive ways.”

BETH KOUDYS '14

Master of Divinity

Legal Counsel for Canada's Department of Justice

Toronto, Ontario



RELIGIOUS STUDIES & 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 those of another faith - or none at all.

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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PROGRAM OPTIONS	Honours 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 you can read the New Testament on your own. This course is 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.

RELIGION & DIFFERENCE

This course considers the way religious beliefs and practices draw distinctions, create boundaries and establish limits. In addition to exploring how these lines are drawn, and why they matter, we consider strategies to close the distance these domains create in everyday life.

SAMPLE FIRST-YEAR TIMETABLE

Required courses Elective courses

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



“Religion is one of the most powerful driving forces on earth. It has led people to give their lives to emancipate others, and has been used as the justification for enslaving others. It gives saving hope to the marginalized, but is also wielded as a tool of marginalization. It is at once unifying and polarizing. Trying to understand human societies without understanding religion is like trying to understand economies without knowing the principles of supply and demand – utterly impossible.

Why study religion? Because it motivates people in a way that few other things can and has been a tidal force in human history. The reasons to study religion truly are limitless – and timeless.

DR. TRACY LEMOS
Associate Professor, Faculty of Theology



HURON & HARVARD

As the only university in Ontario that partners with Harvard, Huron students can earn a Credential of Readiness from Harvard’s Online Business School.

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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.

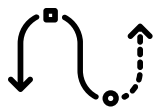


FACULTY RESEARCH EXPERTISE

- 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

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



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.

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

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

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