



**Center for  
Religious Studies**

**CENTRAL  
EUROPEAN  
UNIVERSITY**

# Specialization Religious Studies

The Central European University is a vibrant, cosmopolitan and unique setting for the study of religion in a historical and comparative perspective. Situated at the crossroad of Empires and of world religions, Budapest offers a microcosm of the interactions of religions, cultures and societies.

## Specialization in Religious Studies

The Specialization Religious Studies (SRS) awards an Advanced Certificate in Religious Studies. CEU's Advanced Certificate in Religious Studies is registered with the New York State Education Department (NYSED). MA and PhD students successfully completing the program will be awarded a formal NYSED certificate. Students enroll and receive their master's degree from the Departments of History, International Relations and European Studies, Medieval Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, or the CEU School of Public Policy. As part of their studies, students of this Specialization engage in the study of religious phenomena from a historical point of view, from Late Antiquity to modernity, and a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives.

The Specialization Religious Studies was launched in 2007 by the Center for Religious Studies. Its diverse course offerings cover the three monotheistic religions from a transdisciplinary perspective. Courses are offered by a variety of departments across the University.

In the past, students have been successful in receiving prestigious international scholarships and in entering challenging professional fields. The SRS is overseen by the CRS Executive Committee.

## Doctoral Program

As of AY 2015/16, PhD students can also receive an Advanced Certificate in Religious Studies. This track includes a colloquium and extracurricular events with notable international academics, providing students with a highly competitive academic profile.

## Center for Religious Studies

The Center for Religious Studies (CRS) is a research unit and an academic forum at CEU fostering the academic study of religion. The mission of the unit is to initiate and to coordinate research, academic events, and publications that address in critical ways religion-related questions in critical ways.

The CRS collaborates with relevant departments and academic units at the CEU. It crosses the borders of academic disciplines, confessional and geo-political categorizations. With an international advisory board and contacts with institutions world-wide and regionally, the CRS is an important site for academic research and communication on religion in Eastern Europe.

## Source Language Teaching Unit

Students specializing in Religious Studies have at their disposal intensive, high-level courses in classical and modern languages. Languages include Greek, Latin, Arabic, Russian, Syriac, and Turkish.

## Religious Studies at CEU

Central European University (CEU) is a graduate, English-language, research-intensive university located in Budapest, Hungary, and is accredited in the USA and Hungary. While concentrating on the social sciences and humanities, CEU also offers programs in Business, Economics, Law, Environmental Sciences and Mathematics.

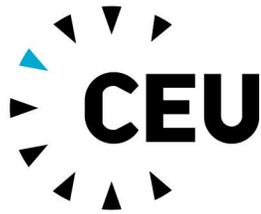
With students coming from 100 countries, CEU is proud of its international community with no predominant national majority. The university offers small, seminar-style courses with student/faculty ratio 7:1, and individual consultations with professors.

## CRS Executive Committee

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## Sample Courses

- Bookish Traditions: Authority and the Book in Scripturalist Religions
- Political Theology - Ancient and Modern
- Christian-Muslim Polemics in the Middle Ages
- Messianism - From the Age of Revelation to the Age of Revolution
- Religion and Authority
- Secularism and Religion – Comparative Perspectives on Christianity and Islam
- Philosophy and Theology in the Middle Ages
- Religious Dissent and Reward
- Borders of Faith



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### Scholarships

CEU is committed to sustaining a geographically diverse and multi-cultural student body. To further this goal, the university welcomes financial aid applications from students around the world.

Scholarships are available for the Specialization Religious Studies.

For more detailed information on financial aid, please visit [www.ceu.hu/admissions/financialaid](http://www.ceu.hu/admissions/financialaid).

Applications are accepted through an on-line system at <http://www.ceu.hu/admissions/apply> beginning in November. Scholarships are available!

### Application Deadlines

January 2015: For more information on exact departmental deadlines and processes, please visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/admissions>

### How to Start the Application Procedure

Students interested in the Specialization Religious Studies have a choice of applying to a One Year MA, Two Year MA or PhD.

They can apply to the Departments of History, International Relations and European Studies, Medieval Studies, Philosophy, Political Science or the CEU School of Public Policy.

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### More Information and Inquiries

For detailed information about the academic programs and course, specific entry requirements, and a list of faculty, visit our website or contact us directly.

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