

# Theology (Catholic, Orthodox, Islamic) and Religious Studies

## Orthodox Theology



\* The basic courses of all theological curricula are the same, which simplifies the combination of several degree programmes.

\*\*Degree entitles you to teach at secondary school

**Faculty of Catholic-Theology**

<https://ktf.univie.ac.at/en/>

**StudiesServiceCenter/ StudiesServicesUnit**

Schenkenstraße 8-10

1010 Wien

<https://ssc-kaththeologie.univie.ac.at/en>

<https://iits.univie.ac.at/en/academic-studies/>

**Student Counseling**

Do you have questions about the degree programme, admission, tuition fees or other topics related to studying?

**Catholic Theology/ Religious Studies:**

<https://www.fv-katheol.net/>

**Islamic Theological Studies:**

<https://iits.univie.ac.at/en/academic-studies/counselling-and-information/students-representatives/>

**Possible career fields**

- Church employment
- Religious education
- Adult education
- Academic career
- Religious journalism
- Work in NGOs and social professions
- Accompaniment of intercultural processes
- Consulting

## Studying Theology (Catholic, Orthodox, Islamic) and Religious Studies at the University of Vienna

**Philosophy, social ethics and religious studies**

You will deal with fundamental questions of philosophy, the diverse philosophical thinking about God and reflect on the human being, because all this is what makes theological reflection possible in the first place. You will examine major topics such as justice from a socio-ethical perspective, take a look at human rights and analyse political and social institutions; you will also engage in interreligious dialogue with representatives of Islamic philosophy and theology. You will familiarise yourself with non-Christian religions, their history and socio-cultural contexts and deal with the category of gender/sex across disciplines.

**Biblical Studies**

You will study the writings of the Judeo-Christian Bible. To this end, you will delve into their origins and the respective social and cultural contexts of antiquity and also learn Greek and Hebrew (in specialised theology). You will also look at the diverse history of interpretation and impact that the biblical writings have had over the centuries. In doing so, you will be in dialogue with the traditions of Judaism, which also possesses a large part of the so-called Old Testament as Holy Scripture.

**Historical theology and Eastern Church ecumenism**

You will encounter over 2000 years of church history, learn about its internal developments and diverse connections with world history in order to better understand current religious and cultural developments. Latin is the necessary original language for some important sources. You will examine liturgical practice, evolved ecclesiastical constitutional structures and research special topics from the history of spirituality and theology. They utilise Vienna's special geographical location to also encounter the traditions of the Eastern churches.

**Systematic theology and ethics**

They reflect on the Christian faith systematically and in the face of questions posed by contemporary society and its religious pluralism; in dialogue with philosophy, they illuminate the significance of the question of God for individuals and society. Students turn to the diverse ethical questions of the present and discuss them from the perspective of philosophical traditions and specifically Christian positions. They immerse themselves in the comprehensive question of human dignity and examine it from an ecclesiastical, social and intercultural perspective.

**Practical theology**

You will train your eye for the diverse practical fields of theological work based on the results of many years of value studies and religious research. With the aim of a contemporary church, you will deal with parish and sacramental pastoral care as well as questions of church and religious law. You will also open up the vision of living and learning in cultural and religious diversity if you specialise in religious education.