

MASTER'S PROGRAM

Interreligious Studies and Peacebuilding

- Faculty of Islamic Sciences – FIN (University in Sarajevo)
- Catholic Theological Faculty – KBF (University in Sarajevo)
- Orthodox Theological Faculty of St. Basil of Ostrog – PBF (University in Istocno Sarajevo)

INTRODUCTION

The joint master's program of Interreligious Studies and Peacebuilding is organized by three theological faculties from Bosnia and Herzegovina in partnership with the Catholic Relief Services-USCCB, a humanitarian and developmental agency.

The program is interdisciplinary in nature and covers the science fields of interreligious studies and peacebuilding.

WHY THIS STUDY?

Joint study programs in the fields of interreligious studies and peacebuilding offer a unique opportunity for a clear positioning of religion as a source and catalyst of peace and for the shaping of religious institutions as advocates of a more just and better society.

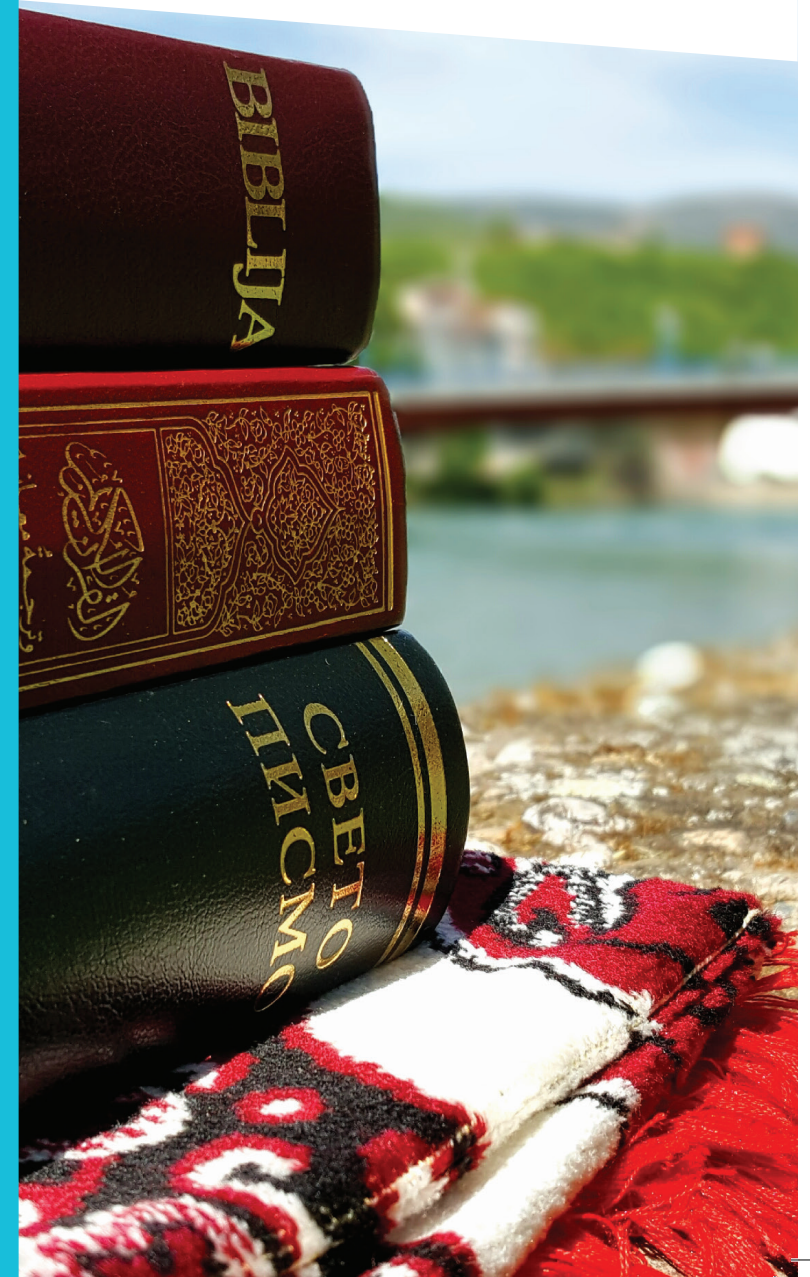


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PURPOSE AND ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

The master's program of Interreligious Studies and Peacebuilding is mainly intended for the graduates from theological faculties, social sciences, and humanities who have shown interest in interreligious studies and peacebuilding, with a requirement to take additional exams depending on their previous field of study.

The selected title of the joint master's program refers to, among other things, a correlation between monotheistic religions (Islam and Christianity) and peacebuilding as an interdisciplinary science, professional, axiological, ethical and practical discipline present not only within the religious but also a wider social perspective.

It is exactly the emphasis on peacebuilding from the monotheistic perspectives, united both in academic form and in a wider social context, that can enrich the currently offered study programs at the University in Sarajevo and the University in Istočno Sarajevo with its innovative character.

Building and maintaining peace as a stable social framework is one of the most important goals that can be pursued by academic, religious, government, and nongovernment organizations.

The proposed program is innovative, inclusive, and in line with the requirements of interdependent world.

An insight into the very structure of the joint master's program reveals the connection between theory and practice, and the importance of knowing them for the purpose of the most effective possible theoretical and practical action in the fields of interreligious studies and peacebuilding.



DEGREE

Those who complete the one-year study (4+1 total) and, as a rule, gain 60 ECTS credits, earn the academic degree of Master of Interreligious Studies and Peacebuilding.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum is a set of several academic, theoretical and practical subjects that are taught successively and give interdisciplinary knowledge about the content of the curriculum as a whole. The study program is articulated through six modules with a clear academic structure, interconnection, and complementarity.

STUDY OUTCOMES

By successfully completing the Interreligious Studies and Peacebuilding, the students will acquire the following competencies:

- Knowledge and understanding of Orthodox, Catholic, and Islamic fundamental texts, dogmas, and social science, and their application within the interreligious framework and cooperation,
- An ability to reflect upon own motives for peacebuilding,
- Dialogue and mediation skills in individual and group conflicts,
- An ability to relate the knowledge gained in various related fields in order to solve complex problems successfully,
- An ability to engage thoughtfully by using religion and trust as an inspiration to reduce conflict intensity.

I Interreligious module - KBF	6 ECTS
I Interreligious module - FIN	6 ECTS
I Interreligious module - PBF	6 ECTS
II Peacebuilding	12 ECTS
III Advanced perspectives	9 ECTS
IV Applicative module	9 ECTS
V Final - master's thesis	12 ECTS