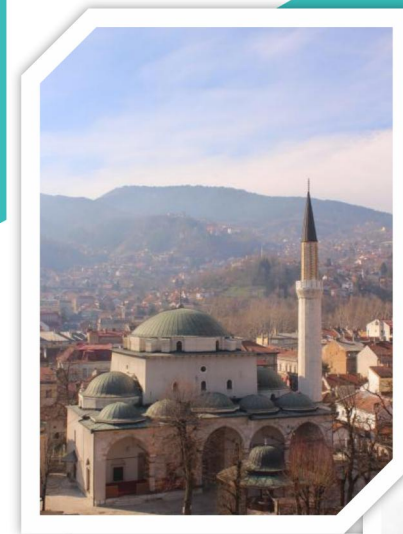


Summer School

Interreligious Studies and Peacebuilding

- **Sarajevo, 1 – 15 July, 2025**
- A unique opportunity: Learn about the role of religion in peacebuilding in a summer school taught by professors from three theological faculties (Catholic, Orthodox, Islamic) in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Extracurricular activities: Guided tours to important sites for reconciliation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Mostar, Banja Luka, Srebrenica, Sarajevo)
- Location: Sarajevo - Best world destination for 2025, according to National Geographic's readers
- Language of instruction: English
- Credits: 4 ECTS
- An opportunity to learn more about/prepare for our unique master's in Interreligious Studies and Peacebuilding
- Price: 1,599 EUR (tuition, accommodation, and meals included in the price)
- Minimum number of registered participants is 15

Please send your applications to
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SUMMER SCHOOL

2025.

DESCRIPTION

The first summer school 'Interreligious Studies and Peacebuilding' is being organised by three theological faculties: the Faculty of Islamic Sciences of the University of Sarajevo, the Catholic Theological Faculty of the University of Sarajevo, and the Orthodox Theological Faculty of Saint Basil of Ostrog in Foča, the University of East Sarajevo.

The interdisciplinary character of the summer school is highlighted by its focus on the scientific areas of theology and peace studies. The program's applied nature is assured through the introduction of peace studies as a diverse academic field, which includes scientific, professional, axiological, ethical, and practical components, thereby complementing the theological lens within an interreligious societal context.

The instructors are esteemed professors and experts with internationally acknowledged credentials relevant to their respective modules. Beyond the lectures, this program encompasses a range of extracurricular activities, including field trips to sites of reconciliation, social gatherings, visits to religious sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and excursions to renowned locations and historical landmarks.

The Summer School is designed for individuals seeking to deepen their knowledge and understanding of fundamental texts, dogmas, and social sciences related to Orthodox Christianity, Roman Catholicism, and Islam, as well as their relevance in fostering interreligious dialogue, cooperation, and a comprehensive understanding of peace as taught in Christianity and Islam.

The fee covers access to course materials, a certificate of participation, tickets, a room with a shared bathroom, and meals including breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

CREDITS INFO

Students are required to participate in every courses. The participants will receive a certificate of participation after completion of the programme.

- Completion of Summer programme in Interreligious Peace Building is designed to be equivalent to:
- 4 ECTS per two week session
- This is an open enrollment course, and there are no prerequisites.

COURSES

The lecturers are distinguished professors and experts with internationally recognized references for the relevant courses.

WEEK 1

6 hours daily
30 hours of lectures per week

1. *The Holy Scripture: Christian and Islamic Perspectives on Peace*

- a) The Bible on War and Peace (Professor from the Catholic Theological Faculty) - 3 hours
- b) Peacebuilding in the Sources of Islam (Professor from the Faculty of Islamic Studies) - 3 hours
- c) The Question of War and Peace in Orthodox Biblical Exegesis (Professor from the Faculty of Orthodox Theology) - 3 hours
- d) Roundtable and Discussion - 2 hours

2. *Forgiveness and Reconciliation*

- a) Violence and Forgiveness from an Ethical Perspective (Professor from the Catholic Theological Faculty) - 3 hours
- b) Forgiveness and Reconciliation in Islam (Professor from the Faculty of Islamic Studies) - 3 hours
- c) Forgiveness and Reconciliation in Orthodox Theology (Professor from the Faculty of Orthodox Theology) - 3 hours
- d) Roundtable and Discussion - 2 hours

3. *Contemporary Issues*

- a) Religion in Postmodern Times: A Case Study of Bosnia and Herzegovina - 3 hours
- b) Key Social-Political Issues of the 21st Century – 3 hours
- c) Roundtable and Discussion - 2 hours

WEEK 2

- Day 1: Visit to historical landmarks in honor of the suffering of members of each of the three dominant ethnic groups
- Day 2: Visit to Srebrenica
- Day 3: Visit to Banja Luka
- Day 4: Visit to Mostar
- Day 5: Roundtable

HOW TO APPLY?

Application deadline: **May 1st, 2025**

All applicants are required to attach the following documents to the online application form:

1. CV
2. Copy of Passport/ID or any other valid Identity Document
3. Short essay / motivation letter (300 words) answering the question: What is your motivation to attend the summer school?

The successful candidates will be notified of their acceptance on **May 10, 2025**

Registration deadline: **May 20, 2025**



Cancellation of the registration

Cancellation of registration before **June 1st, 2025** may result in full fee refund.

The cancellation of registration before June 1, 2025, may lead to a complete refund of fees, provided there are extenuating circumstances. Refunds will not be granted after this deadline, or in instances where applicants fail to attend the summer school.