

Master of Arts in

Religious Studies

**Orientation
Session**

Speaker: Prof. Lai Chi Tim
Programme Director
16 Sep 2023 ♦ 11:00-12:00

Rundown

- Programme Introduction
- Programme Structure
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Programme Introduction

■ Course Offerings in 2023-24



	1 st Term (2023-24)	2 nd Term (2023-24)
Core	RELS5005 Theories of Religious Studies (Prof. GUO Ting)	
Area 1	RELS5121 Popular Religion in China (Prof. YAU Chi On)	RELS5300 The Study of Islam (Prof. James FRANKEL)
	RELS5123 Taoist Thought (Prof. LAI Chi Tim)	THEO5910 New Testament in Contexts (To be confirmed)
	THEO5906 Methods & Paradigms of Christian Studies (Prof. YAM Cheuk Yin Colten)	
Area 2		RELS5314 Buddhism and Culture (Dr. TONG Sau Lin)
Area 3	RELS5146 Religious Education and Personal Growth (Dr. CHOW Wai Yin)	RELS5327 Wisdom in Religious Classics (Dr. CHOW Wai Yin)
Area 4		RELS5322 Research Paper in Religious Studies (Dr. CHOW Wai Yin)
		RELS5331 Special Topics in Religious Studies I: Religion and Global Politics (Prof. GUO Ting)

Programme Introduction

■ Study Period

	Full-time	Part-time
Normative Study Period	1 years	2 years
Maximum Study Period	3 years	4 years

Programme Introduction

■ Scholarships

Ho Chor Memorial Scholarship

- newly-admitted full-time Mainland students

St. Francis Xavier Scholarship

- outstanding performance in studies of Christianity

Shun Shin Kindness Foundation Scholarship

- outstanding performance in studies of Taoism

Leung Yun Tim Memorial Scholarship

- outstanding final-year students

** The no. of awards is subject to the availability of funding*

Programme Structure

■ Core Course

RELS5005 Theories of Religious Studies 宗教研究理論

■ Elective Courses (Four Areas)

Area 1: Religion, Heritage and Context 宗教、傳統與處境

Area 2: Religion, Society and Culture 宗教、社會與文化

Area 3: Religion, Life and Wisdom 宗教、人生與智慧

Area 4: Special Topics in Religious Studies 宗教專題研究

Programme Structure

■ Area 1: Religion, Heritage and Context

Course Code	Course Title
RELS5118	Studies on Chinese Buddhism
RELS5121	Popular Religion in China
RELS5123	Taoist Thought
RELS5219	The Hebrew Bible in Contexts
RELS5300	The Study of Islam
RELS5312	Hindu Visions of Divinity
RELS5316	Studies of Humanistic Buddhism
THEO5226	Theology and Feminism
THEO5906	Methods and Paradigms of Christian Studies
THEO5910	New Testament in Contexts

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■ Area 2: Religion, Society and Culture

Course Code	Course Title
RELS5129	Taoism and Chinese Culture
RELS5143	Contemporary Issues in Ethics, Society & Religion
RELS5273	Catholic Social Ethics
RELS5314	Buddhism and Culture
RELS5325	Christianity in Chinese Literature
RELS5326	Chinese Religion and Literature
THEO5221	Protestantism in Reform China
THEO5926	Christianity and Chinese Culture

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■ Area 3: Religion, Life and Wisdom

Course Code	Course Title
RELS5146	Religious Education and Personal Growth
RELS5323	Life and Death in World Religions
RELS5327	Wisdom in Religious Classics
RELS5328	Taoism, Health and Nourishing of Life
RELS5329	Buddhism, Right Mindfulness and Meditation
RELS5335	Understanding Religion through Film

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■ Area 4: Special Topics in Religious Studies

Course Code	Course Title
RELS5322	Research Paper in Religious Studies
RELS5331	Special Topic in Religious Studies I
RELS5332	Special Topic in Religious Studies II
RELS5333	Field Studies of Religious Culture

Programme Structure

■ Study Scheme

- Total 8 courses (24 units) within the normative study period.
- Out of 24 units, at least 18 units must be RELS-coded courses
- 1 core course + 7 elective courses
- Elective courses: at least TWO Areas chosen from Area 1, 2 and 3. Area 4 is optional.

Area 1 + Area 2
Area 1 + Area 3
Area 2 + Area 3



Area 1 + Area 4
Area 2 + Area 4
Area 3 + Area 4



Learning Resources

■ Useful Links

- **CUHK Blackboard System:** <https://blackboard.cuhk.edu.hk>
- **Veriguide:** <https://academic.veriguide.org/academic/>
- **Academic Honesty:**
<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>
- **Quick Guide for New Students (ITSC):**
<https://www.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/user-trainings/i-want-to/quick-guide-for-new-students/>
- **Library:** <https://www.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/en>
- **Independent Learning Centre:** <https://www.ilc.cuhk.edu.hk/EN/>
- **Centre for Learning Enhancement and Research (CLEAR):**
<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/>

Upcoming Event

■ Academic Writing Workshop

- Compulsory for year-1 students
- 14 October 2023 (Sat) 14:30 – 16:30

■ Study Tour

- Local Study Tour (~~Macao Study Tour Cancelled~~)
- 13 Jan 2024 (Sat)

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