



NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM



COLLEGE
OF INTERRELIGIOUS
STUDIES MÜNCHEN

Interreligious Studies COLLEGE

Academic year 2024/2025

College of Interreligious Studies München

Karlsstr. 34, 80333 München

About the College of Interreligious Studies München

The College of Interreligious Studies München, founded by the NGO OCCURSO - Institute for Interreligious and Intercultural Encounters, is a globally unique institution that combines life learning, personal as well as religious and/or spiritual development and academic reflection in interfaith dialog. 14 Students from different nations and with different cultural and religious backgrounds live together for one (or two) year(s) in a family-like, interreligious and intercultural community in the monastery of St. Bonifaz in the heart of Munich and share personal and academic experiences in a comprehensive and intensive program.

In the light of current social and geopolitical developments worldwide, learning about interfaith skills is becoming increasingly important in contributing to a more harmonious and peaceful world. Therefore, the aim of this College is to enable participants to actively shape interreligious and intercultural (negotiation) processes both in theory and in practice. These skills are essential in order to reduce prejudice, overcome conflicts and create a more inclusive society based on mutual recognition and understanding. Today and in the future the College wants to be a safe space where building peace and reconciliation takes place, where new relationships can be forged and trust can be rebuilt. This is a lengthy and ongoing process to which the College contributes. The main concern is not a small one: practicing and experiencing listening, dialogue and peace will be the focus of this learning space for dialogue.

The Academic Programme: Interreligious Studies^{COLLEGE}

Interreligious Studies^{COLLEGE} deals with religious, societal, and intercultural aspects of interreligious competence. The course provides students with knowledge and competence of issues in a cultural and religious pluralistic world. Issues of peaceful co-existence, understanding of interreligious learning, practices and rituals are gained. The interdisciplinary approach will involve social science, theology, religious studies, intercultural pedagogical and practical internships in various religious groups and interreligious programmes.

The course duration is the academic year 2024/2025. Certificate "Interreligious Studies^{COLLEGE}" will be issued after completion (80 %).

Internships

In addition, the knowledge is deepened in internships: Through being an integral part of the House of Cultures and Religions Munich (HdKRM), the college students take part in various dialog activities in the city by completing internships in religious communities (100h), which are unfamiliar for them. In this way, the College students contribute to establishing a connection between the life of the HdKRM and Munich's religions and thus have an impact on Munich's urban society. The internships in the (inter-) religious field are organized by the participants themselves according to their interests.

Furthermore, an exchange project with students from Oman is currently being planned in cooperation with the Al Amana Centre in Muscat.

College Rounds and individual support

The College of Interreligious Studies also offers a personal development program that takes place in weekly College Round Meetings. The active combination of personal dialog through living together, exchange of interfaith experiences and reflection on these processes of learning with the method "Interfaith Photovoice", combined with expert discussions, is part of this program. In addition to reflecting on the learning processes of interfaith dialog, the pedagogical goal of these weekly meetings is to work on a community in which everyone is allowed to be oneself, is valued and a place is created where relationships are established and trust is built. Furthermore, two collaborative projects are also being prepared in the College Round: one for the House of Cultures and Religions and a photo exhibition as a result of the Interfaith Photovoice Project at the end of the College Year.

All students are accompanied in their personal and academic development processes by a College Supervisor. For example, personal consultation hours are provided for this purpose.

Spiritual Practice

During the semester as well as during the lecture-free period, there are numerous possibilities to experience various forms of spiritual practice for

the students. In addition to church services, meditations and Yoga Nidra, these include the obligatory "Spiritual Search for Traces" program designed and tested by OCCURSO.

In this offer, the participants receive a variety of opportunities "to be enriched in the dialogue of religions". The meetings should invite participants to give something by sharing their own religious experiences and receiving something from others.

Intended Audience

The College is intended for people who are open and curious about encounters with people from other nations and cultures. It is open for students of all cultures, religious affiliations and genders. The courses are held by professors and lecturers from different cultural and religious backgrounds. The aim is to maintain a good balance between men and women, both within the College Team and among the participants themselves.

Fees

Total rent including the entire College Programme and internet in one of the 12 flats (new and furnished, each with its own bathroom/WC and shared kitchen):

- In a single room between 558.08 and 757.32 euros (depending on the size of the room).
- In a double room per person between 452.67 and 567.34 euros (depending on the size of the room).

Participation in the Oman Exchange Programme and the Summer School of the Crosscultural Religious Studies Project is voluntary and causes additional costs.

Application

To apply for place at the College of Interreligious Studies München, please send:

- a letter of application including your personal motivation.

- your Curriculum Vitae (academic bio)
- documents of your bachelor degree or alternatives

to the Supervisor of the College of Interreligious Studies: Melanie Fersi,
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Venue

College of Interreligious Studies München, Karlsstr. 34, 80333 München

Ring at the small gate right of the church building “College of interreligious Studies” to enter.

Programme

Day	Time	Module	Teacher
Friday, October 04, 2024	2:00-03:00 p.m.	Officially Welcoming	Melanie Fersi, M. A. Prof. Dr. Martin Rötting
	03:00–04:00 p.m.	Introduction of the Certificate Interreligious Studies ^{COLLEGE}	Prof. Dr. Martin Rötting
	04:00–06:30 p.m.	ISM1 Key Concepts Interreligious Studies as Religious Studies	Prof. Dr. Martin Rötting
Friday, October 11, 2024	10:00–11:00 a.m.	ISM2.1 Abrahamic Religions in Dialogue	Eva Haller
	6:30–9:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Saturday, October 12, 2024	10:00 a.m.–01:30 p.m.	ISM2.1 Abrahamic Religions in Dialogue	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
	02:30–07:30 p.m.	ISM2.1 Abrahamic Religions in Dialogue	Dr. Tanja Macinelli
Friday, October 18, 2024	06:30–8:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Friday, October 25, 2024	01:00–6:00 p.m.	ISM2.2 Asian Religions in Dialogue	Dr. Christian Hackbarth- Johnson
	06:30–8:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Saturday, October 26, 2024	10 a.m.3:30 p.m.	ISM2.2 Asian Religions in Dialogue	Prof. Dr. Martin Rötting
Friday, November 08, 2024	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	n. n.
Friday, November 15, 2024	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	n. n.
Friday, November 22, 2024	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	n. n.
Friday, November 29, 2024	10:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	ISM3.1 History of Interreligious Encounter	Brother Josef Götz OSB
	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Friday, December 06, 2024	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Friday, December 13, 2024	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Friday, December 20, 2024	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.

Friday, January 10, 2025	01:00–6:00 p.m.	ISM3.2 Theory and Concepts of Interreligious Dialogue	Prof. Dr. Martin Rötting
	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M.A.
Saturday, January 11, 2025	10:00 a.m.–05:30 p.m.	ISM3.2 Theory and Concepts of Interreligious Dialogue (6h)	Prof. Dr. Martin Rötting
Friday, January 17, 2025	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Friday, January 24, 2025	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Friday, January 31, 2025	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Friday, February 07, 2025	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Monday, February 10, 2025– Thursday, February 20, 2025 (in planning)		Exchange Program – College of Interreligious Studies Munich meets Alamana Centre Muscat – Part 1 – OMAN	Melanie Fersi, M. A. Joachim Schnittke Rev. Justin Meyers Mohammed Ali Al Shuaili
Friday, April 25, 2025	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Friday, Mai 02, 2025	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Friday, Mai 09, 2025	10:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	ISM5.2 Interreligious Spirituality, Peace Studies	Dr. Evelyn Reuter
	01:15–02:30 p.m.	ISM5.2 Interreligious Spirituality, Peace Studies	Joachim Schnittke
	02:45–06:30 p.m.	ISM5.2 Interreligious Spirituality, Peace Studies	Orinta Rötting
	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Friday, Mai 16, 2025	02:00–06:30 p.m.	ISM5.2 Interreligious Spirituality, Peace Studies	Susanna Boldi-Labusga, Dr. Tanja Mancinelli
	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Friday, Mai 23, 2025	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Friday, Mai 30, 2025	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Friday, June 07, 2025	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Friday, June 13, 2025	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Sunday, June 15, 2025 – Sunday, June 22, 2025 (in planning)		Exchange Program – College of Interreligious Studies Munich meets Alamana Centre Muscat – Part 2 - GERMANY	Melanie Fersi, M. A. Joachim Schnittke Rev. Justin Meyers Mohammed Ali Al Shuaili
Friday, June 27, 2025	10:00–11:30 a.m.	ISM5.2 Interreligious Spirituality, Peace Studies	Prof. Dr. Martin Rötting
	01:00–06:00 p.m.	ISM6.1 Multi Religious and Cross- cultural Identities	Prof. Dr. Martin Rötting
	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Saturday, June 28, 2025	10:00 a.m.–08:00 p.m.	ISM6.1 Multi Religious and Cross- cultural Identities	Dr. Tanja Mancinelli
Friday, July 04, 2025	10:00 a.m.–01:30 p.m.	ISM6.2 Internal law, ethics, Agendas in Dialogue of Religions	Prof. Dr. Burkhard Berkmann
	03:00–04:00 p.m.	ISM6.2 Internal law, ethics, Agendas in Dialogue of Religions	Father Lukas Essendorfer OSB

	04:30–09:30 p.m.	ISM9.2 Project and Reflections	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Saturday, July 05, 2025	10:00 a.m.–01:30 p.m.	ISM6.2 Internal law, ethics, Agendas in Dialogue of Religions	Dr. Tanja Mancinelli
	02:30–06:00 p.m.	ISM6.2 Internal law, ethics, Agendas in Dialogue of Religions	Dr. Sabine Exner-Krikorian
Friday, July 11, 2025	04:30–09:30 p.m.	ISM9.2 Project and Reflections	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Friday, July 18, 2025	02:30–06:00 p.m.	ISM6.2 Internal law, ethics, Agendas in Dialogue of Religions	Prof. Dr. Markus Vogt
	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Weekly College Round	Melanie Fersi, M. A.
Friday, July 25, 2025	06:30–08:30 p.m.	Award of Certificate, Photo Exhibition Project	Melanie Fersi, M.A. Prof. Dr. Martin Rötting et al.
August 2025		CROSSCULTURE Religious Studies Sommer School 2025, Paris- Lodron-Universität Salzburg (voluntarily)	Prof. Dr. Martin Rötting et al.