MASTER’S PROGRAMME IN THEOLOGY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

BIBLICAL STUDIES AND DIGITAL HUMANITIES

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The master's specialisation in Biblical Studies and Digital Humanities combines the versatile tools of computational analysis with critical study of the Hebrew and Greek biblical texts. Research into complex linguistic or hermeneutical issues often requires more powerful tools and more data than traditional methods offer. Tagged databases, language processing tools, and statistical analyses enable researchers to gather, test, and present that data. Students may also apply these to Targums, Dead Sea Scrolls, or Septuagint studies. The programme additionally entails the language, history, transmission, and reception of the biblical texts themselves.

WHY STUDY AT THE VU AMSTERDAM?
- The VU hosts the Eep Talstra Centre for Bible and Computer (ETCBC) which maintains award-winning database and analysis tools for linguistic study of the Hebrew Bible.
- Follow courses led by our excellent faculty combined with those by the influential Computational Lexicology and Terminology Lab at the VU.
- Enjoy the beauty, diversity, and rich history that the city of Amsterdam has to offer. International students also enjoy easy access to the rest of Holland and Europe at large.

CAREER PROSPECTS
This specialisation is perfect for further linguistic or exegetical research in the Hebrew Bible, New Testament, or para-biblical texts at the PhD level. Students who complete the programme will also be well prepared for practical tasks such as Bible translation, teaching, or entry into the Bible software industry.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Eligible students should have:
- a bachelor’s or master’s degree in theology or religion
- proficiency in written and spoken English (TOEFL score 580, or 237 for the computer version).

DURATION: 1 YEAR, OR 2 YEARS (RESEARCH)
ADMISSION DEADLINE: 1 APRIL FOR NON-EU STUDENTS; 1 JUNE FOR ALL OTHER STUDENTS.

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- Cody Kingham, Student, M.A. Biblical Studies and Digital Humanities