MASTER’S PROGRAMME IN THEOLOGY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

EXPLORING A DISCIPLINE: CONTEXTUAL BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

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What does the Bible mean for the people actually reading it? This is the innovative question driving teaching and research in the MA track in “Contextual Biblical Interpretation.” How is the Bible a force for a more humane society? How is it used in a harmful way? By addressing these questions, the program trains you to be an expert in the use and significance of the world’s most widely read book. Only when scholarship understands how this book functions, it can become clear what the Bible actually is. You can be part of the exciting scholarly adventure of exploring a text that really matters to its readers. The track is offered through the Centre for Contextual Biblical Interpretation (in cooperation with the Protestant Theological University).

**WHY STUDY AT VU UNIVERSITY AMSTERDAM?**
- Study and research biblical interpretation in a multicultural city
- Participate in a diverse, multi-religious community of learners
- Enjoy a unique combination of structure and flexibility in your program
- Be part of the Centre for Contextual Biblical Interpretation (CCBI)
- Explore volunteering in the intercultural exchange program “Bridging Gaps” of the CCBI

**CAREER PROSPECTS**
Upon successful completion of this MA you will be well placed to:
- Enter into teaching or research in religious studies and theology
- Explore a career in the field of Bible translation and production
- Pursue ministerial training as a specialist in biblical studies
- Advise governmental and non-governmental organisations addressing religion as a social force

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**
For detailed admission criteria, see: [WWW.VU.NL/EXPLORING](http://WWW.VU.NL/EXPLORING)

**MORE INFORMATION**
More information on the programme can be found at www.vu.nl/exploring.
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This programme gives you a unique opportunity: exploring what the world’s most popular book really means!

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