

MASTER TRACK BUILDING
INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS

CROSSING BORDERS AND BUILDING BRIDGES

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LOOKING FURTHER

**IN TIMES OF ANTAGONISM WE
NEED 'BORDER-CROSSERS'
CAPABLE OF MEDIATING
BETWEEN RELIGIONS.**

Globalization has brought about a pluralization of the religious sphere, bringing other 'world' religions, such as Islam and different Asian traditions, to the West. The religious other is no longer an abstract figure but is seen in all her concreteness as neighbor, colleague, friend, spouse, etc.

Current events show that religious diversity presents a challenge for society at large as well as for different working places. To increase social cohesion between people with various religious and non-religious backgrounds, we need 'border-crossers,' bilinguals capable of interreligious translation and ready to participate in various forms of interreligious hospitality. Through field work, lectures, analysis of case studies, discussions, reading assignments, visits to local communities,

and the organization of an interreligious event, students will learn to become interfaith leaders capable of building relationships across identities. Towards the end of this multidisciplinary program that involves an internship and writing a master thesis, they will have developed the knowledge and skills needed to work in a multi-religious context and bring about a positive transformation.

WHY STUDY AT THE VU?

The faculty of Theology is known for its diversity. Students will learn in the proximity of people of other faith (Muslims, Buddhists, Christians, e.g.).

CAREER PROSPECTS

The capacity to cross borders and build bridges is increasingly viewed as a vital component for employees who seek work:

- in public sectors, e.g. schools, hospitals, governments
- in private sectors, e.g. multinationals
- Religious professionals (teachers, principals, religious leaders, ...) will also benefit from this program.



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