

<b>Duration</b>	4 Semester/Terms; 2 years
<b>Study Place</b>	Salzburg, Austria
<b>ECTS</b>	120 points
<b>Fees</b>	1,560 Euro
<b>Academic degree</b>	Master of Arts in Syriac Theology (MAST)
<b>Begin</b>	12.10.2015

### **AIMS AND PURPOSE/USE**

With its extensive oriental theological literature and spirituality the Syriac Christianity belongs to the most important currents of Christendom. Until the 14<sup>th</sup> century the Syriac Christianity reached its greatest expansion, and developed a rich religious culture in the respective pluralistic contexts. The graduates of the study programme MAST receive an academic training in Syriac language, history and theology. The study programme focuses on those aspects that are relevant for a cultural and religious understanding of the Syriac Christianity. It teaches skills to apply the Syriac-theological knowledge in professional and in everyday life amidst cultural and religious diversity of a globalising environment, such as in religious education, catechesis, pastoral work in the ecumenical and interreligious exchange.

### **TARGET GROUPS**

The study programme MAST offers a qualified academic training for theologians belonging to the Syriac Christianity to work in the fields of pastoral care, catechesis, adult and religious education. Also it provides scholarly specialisation for graduates of arts/humanities, such as of theology, history, Oriental studies and archaeology.

### **CONTENT**

The study programme MAST contains following fields of the Syriac Christianity:

- Language and literature
- Bible studies
- Ecclesiastical history
- Liturgy
- Spirituality and monastic literature
- Patristic studies and systematic theology;
- canon law, practical theology and pedagogy of religion

### **ADMISSION**

Admission to the university course MAST is dependent

- on the prior completion of a relevant Bachelor's degree, diploma programme or secondary school teacher accreditation programme
  - o or of an equivalent programme at a recognised domestic or international tertiary educational institution
  - o in well-justified exceptions, admission can be granted based on professional experience of at least nine years (e.g. as a teacher, catechist, priest)
- advanced English
- elementary Syriac

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### **APPLICATION**

Please send your application to the address above, including:

- 1) **Letter of motivation**
- 2) **Curriculum vitae**
- 3) **Certificates**
- 4) **Language Certificates**
- 5) **Passport**

### 1) **Letter of motivation:**

The letter of motivation serves to indicate your personal and professional qualifications and perspectives in view of the study programme “Master of Arts in Syriac Theology” (MAST). Please indicate your experiences and expectations in Syriac Christianity and Theology, and refer to your career objectives after completing the MAST.

### 2) **Curriculum vitae:**

Your curriculum vitae in a tabular format should mention your family status (married, single, children), confession and church membership. Please also list your educational and professional history, as well as your interests, skills (computing skills, acquired skills), further languages, research projects and papers presented.

### **General note:**

- Please note that your application has to be submitted in English or German. Certificates and documents that are in other languages should be translated into English or German. Make sure that all your certificates, documents and the translations are certified (having an original stamp).
- Do not send the original documents, but once you are accepted, then you will need to show the original documents (Bachelor’s degree, transcript of records, passport).

### **Language tests:**

- The course will be taught in English and sufficient command of English is required. If you haven’t got a language certificate, please describe the level of your English.
- The course will refer intensively to Syriac theological texts. Therefore, basic reading and understanding of the classical Syriac language is required. If you haven’t got a language certificate, please describe the level of your Syriac knowledge.

### **Visa:**

Please keep in mind that the issuing of visa can take up to 10 weeks (ca. 8-10 weeks). Therefore, apply as soon as you have received a Letter of Acceptance from us. In some cases, the German embassy might conduct interviews. Please prepare carefully. You might find the information about the Master’s programme provided on this website helpful.

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- certified copies of your certificates and transcripts of records (original stamp on your documents). The documents have to be in English or German (any