



2016-2017 Admission Requirements

Certificate in Religious Studies

Following are the simple steps to apply for the certificate in Religious Studies at the University of Denver. If you have any questions about the process, please contact the [Office of Graduate Studies](#).

Apply Online / Application Deadlines

Applications for graduate study at the University of Denver must be submitted online. [Apply online](#).

All online materials must be received, and all supplemental materials including transcripts must be on file in the Office of Graduate Studies, by the program's stated deadline: February 15, for fall admission. Late applications will be considered but priority consideration for admission and departmental scholarships will be given to applicants meeting the deadline. Students may apply at any time for winter, spring, and summer admission but will be considered on a space-available basis.

A \$65 non-refundable application fee is required for an application to be processed. Application fee waivers are available for McNair Scholars.

Course and Degree Prerequisites and Requirements

Applicants must earn and submit proof of earning the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution prior to beginning graduate coursework at DU with an appropriate undergraduate background in relevant arts, humanities or social science disciplines and a minimum "B" (3.0) grade point average. Meeting this standard does not guarantee admission.

Transcripts

Applicants are required to submit an official transcript from each post-secondary institution they have attended, or are presently attending, where two quarter hours (or one semester hour) or more were completed including study abroad and college coursework completed in high school.

The applicant is responsible for obtaining all transcripts. Applicants who have earned a degree outside the U.S. must submit transcripts accompanied by certified English translations, if not normally issued in English. DU students and alumni do not need to provide DU transcripts.

Official study abroad transcripts are required unless the course titles, grades and credit earned abroad appear on another transcript. Transcripts from outside of the U.S. are evaluated by the Office of International Student Admission. This process can take three to four weeks and must be complete by the program's stated deadline.

Therefore, applicants with a degree from outside of the U.S. are encouraged to apply early. Applicants educated outside the U.S. are encouraged to contact the Office of Graduate Studies for assistance regarding transcript-related materials.

The University of Denver will consider electronic transcripts official from a domestic institution provided by the following approved agencies: Army/American Council on



Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS); Docufide/Parchment; National Student Clearinghouse; Naviance; Royall and Company; and Scrip-Safe.

Paper Transcripts should be sent to the following address:

University of Denver
Office of Graduate Studies
Mary Reed Building, Room 5
2199 S. University Blvd.
Denver, CO 80208-4802

Electronic transcripts should be sent to gradinfo@du.edu.

Language Proficiency

Official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) are required of all graduate applicants, regardless of citizenship status, whose native language is not English or who have been educated in countries where English is not the native language. Applications will not be processed until the required TOEFL or IELTS score is received. The TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for two years from the test date. The minimum TOEFL score accepted by the University is 80 (iBT) or 550 (paper-based). The institution code for the University of Denver is 4842. The minimum IELTS score accepted by the University is 6.0. Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) must demonstrate fluency in spoken English by scoring a 26 on the TOEFL speaking section or 8.0 on the IELTS speaking section. Please see the Graduate Policy Manual for complete English language proficiency requirements.

Applicants may be exempted from English proficiency test requirements if by the time of matriculation they have earned a post-secondary degree from a formally- recognized/ accredited university where the language of instruction and examination is English. Such applicants may be exempt from the TOEFL/IELTS requirement but not from other standardized graduate entrance examinations. There are no exemptions for graduate teaching assistants.

Students whose native language is not English and who are required to submit [TOEFL/IELTS](#) scores will be assessed by the University of Denver English Language Center (ELC) prior to matriculation.

Test Scores

The GRE is not required for applicants to the certificate program.

Personal Statements / Writing Samples

A personal statement that describes your interest in religious studies and your career goals is required. The statement, of at least 300 words, should include information concerning your life, education, practical experience, special interests and specific purpose for applying to the University of Denver. It should also include which of our six areas of specialization you would likely select, and why. The statement should be submitted via upload through the online application process.

An academic writing sample of 3–10 pages is required. Applicants may submit all or part



of a paper previously submitted for a course, or may submit another piece of written work. If submitting a section of a longer paper, please provide a brief (one paragraph) abstract (summary) of the larger work from which the excerpt is taken. The writing sample should be submitted via upload through the online application process.

Recommendation Letters

Certificate applicants are required to submit one letter of recommendation that can address both academic aptitude and career goals. Letters should be solicited and uploaded by recommenders through the online application system. Requests for letters should be sent to recommenders well in advance so the letters are on file by the application deadline.

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International Applicants

For complete international applicant information, please visit the Office of Graduate Studies [International Student Application Information](#). International applicants are strongly encouraged to have their applications complete, with all materials on file in the admission office, at least eight weeks prior to the program's application deadline.

The [Graduate Policies and Procedures](#) provides complete details regarding admission requirements.

Master of Arts in Religious Studies

Following are the simple steps to apply for the Master of Arts in Religious Studies at the University of Denver. If you have any questions about the process, please contact the [Office of Graduate Studies](#).



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Test Scores

Master's applicants are required to submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores including a minimum 500/153 on the verbal section. Scores must be received directly from the appropriate testing agency by the program's stated deadline. The institution code for the University of Denver is 4842. The GRE is not required for applicants to the certificate program.



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Recommendation Letters

Three letters of recommendation are required for master's applicants. At least one should come from a professor or faculty member who can comment on your academic performance and potential. Letters should be solicited and uploaded by recommenders through the online application system. Requests for letters should be sent to recommenders well in advance so the letters are on file by the application deadline.

Financial Support

To be considered for financial support, domestic applicants should apply early and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the priority deadline; February 15. Information about financial aid can be found on the [Office of Financial Aid website](#). International students are not eligible for federal financial aid.

The Department of Religious Studies offers various forms of financial support to master's students including tuition credits and scholarships. Applicants are encouraged to apply early for consideration.

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