



Master JewChriS

Jewish and Christian Scriptures History, Exegesis, Reception

*Scriptura non potest intelligi theologicè,
nisi antea intellecta sit grammaticè*

Philip Melanchthon

The Master *Jewish and Christian Scriptures: History, Exegesis, Reception* (JewChriS) is designed to help graduate students navigate the history of Biblical sources across the Jewish and Christian traditions, with lectures of prominent international scholars of the related fields. Students will be presented the texts of the Jewish and Christian Bibles in their historical development and will be led through the paths of the major Jewish and Christian exegetical traditions. They will develop critical skills in the study of textual history, translations, exegesis, and hermeneutics.

Directors

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Scientific Committee

Luca Arcari (University of Naples Federico II), Eberhard Bons (University of Strasbourg, Em. / FSCIRE), Laura Carnevale (University of Bari Aldo Moro), Davide Dainese (Alma mater studiorum University of Bologna / FSCIRE), Anna Mambelli (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia / FSCIRE), Alberto Melloni (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia / FSCIRE / La Sapienza University of Rome), Arianna Rotondo (University of Catania), Daniela Scialabba (Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome / FSCIRE).

Course Overview

Why? The Master JewChris promotes a critical understanding of the historical development of Jewish and Christian Scriptures and the plurality of their exegetical traditions, both in the ancient and modern world. It is designed to help graduate students establish their path into independent research in the field of religious studies, leading to possible PhD candidacies and scholarly publications.

What? **50 lectures, 5 modules** (10 classes of 1.5h each); 4 standard modules + a thematic section whose program changes every year. The language of the course is English.

Module 1: *Texts and Contexts. Jewish and Christian Scriptures: Beyond the Concept of Canonicity* (coordinators: Laura Carnevale and Edmondo Lupieri).

Module 2: *Exegesis between Translations and Traditions* (coordinators: Luca Arcari and Anna Mambelli).

Module 3: *From Lorenzo Valla to the Semantic Web* (coordinators: Laura Bigoni and Davide Dainese).

Module 4: *Hermeneutics and Meanings* (coordinators: Eberhard Bons and Daniela Scialabba).

Module 5: *Women and Scriptures: Texts and Beyond* (collective coordination by the scientific committee).

Who? Anyone who holds a bachelor's degree in any field related to the study of religious traditions and has an interest in Biblical languages, history, translations, exegesis, and reception.

When? Lectures will run from January to June 2027 in **intensive weekends** (Friday and Saturday, 10a.m.-4p.m. GMT +2). **Additional beginner-level language courses** are optional and will run in evening sessions during the course. Languages offered include Biblical Hebrew, Ancient Greek, Latin, Aramaic, Coptic, Armenian, Arabic.

Where? Lectures will take place at the Fondazione per le scienze religiose, Via San Vitale 114, Bologna and **online**.

How? To apply, send an email to jewchris@fscire.it with a CV, a brief cover letter with your motivations to follow the course, and your language skills. Please note that for those who do not have a good command of Hebrew, Greek, and Latin the additional language courses will be strongly recommended. **Applications for the 2027 edition** can be sent until **16th December 2026**. The scientific committee will let you know about your admission by 31st December 2026.

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2027 Edition – Course Structure

Module 1

Texts and Contexts. Jewish and Christian Scriptures: Beyond the Concept of Canonicity (coordinators: Laura Carnevale and Edmondo Lupieri)

January 22: Sessions 1,2,3; January 23: Sessions 4,5; February 5: Sessions 6,7,8; February 6: Sessions 9,10

Module 2

Exegesis Between Translations and Traditions (coordinators: Luca Arcari and Anna Mambelli)

February 19: Sessions 1,2,3; February 20: Sessions 4,5; March 5: Sessions 6,7,8; March 6: Sessions 9,10

Module 3

From Lorenzo Valla to the Semantic Web (coordinators: Laura Bigoni and Davide Dainese)

March 19: Sessions 1,2,3; March 20: Sessions 4,5; April 2: Sessions 6,7,8; April 3: Sessions 9,10

Module 4

Hermeneutics and Meanings (coordinators: Eberhard Bons and Daniela Scialabba)

April 16: Sessions 1,2,3; April 17: Sessions 4,5; May 7: Sessions 6,7,8; May 8: Sessions 9,10

Module 5

Women and Scriptures: Texts and Beyond (collective coordination by the scientific committee)

June 4: Sessions 1,2,3; June 5: Sessions 4,5; June 18: Sessions 6,7,8; June 19: Sessions 9,10

Language Courses: 30h, weekly

Teachers: Laura Bigoni (Greek), Fabio Caruso (Latin), Margherita Pepoli (Biblical Hebrew), Eberhard Bons (Aramaic), Costanza Bianchi (Coptic), Federico Alpi (Armenian), Riccardo Amerigo Vigliermo (Arabic).