



## LEARNING IN AN INTERRELIGIOUS CONTEXT

Christians in India have always lived in a multireligious context, while Christians in Germany are now faced with this challenge in an increasingly pluralistic, multicultural society. This societal situation in India has led to the creation of theological institutions like the Henry Martyn Institute (HMI) in Hyderabad, which are particularly dedicated to interreligious dialogue and maintaining contacts with representatives of other religions. They offer people from all over the world the opportunity to acquire knowledge and practical experience in an interreligious environment.

## EVANGELICAL MISSION IN SOLIDARITY (EMS)

The interreligious study program at HMI is supported by the Evangelical Mission in Solidarity (EMS). As an international church community, the EMS is active in more than ten countries across three continents. The EMS promotes attentive and respectful encounters across cultures and religions and is committed worldwide to improving the quality of life, particularly for the vulnerable, poor, and marginalized. Through mutual empowerment and solidarity, shared learning and planning, joint decisions and actions, as well as sharing resources, talents, and skills, EMS fosters a vibrant partnership.

*"We came back more sensitive. Sensitive to the increasingly diverse religious and church contexts right at our own doorstep."*

*(Quote from Participant in the EMS Study Programme)*

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# inter religions STUDY PROGRAMME IN INDIA

**HENRY MARTYN  
INSTITUTE HYDERABAD**



Evangelische Mission  
in Solidarität

## WHAT IS THE HENRY MARTYN INSTITUTE?

In collaboration with the Evangelical Mission in Solidarity (EMS), the Henry Martyn Institute (HMI) offers a six-month interreligious study program. The program is aimed at students and postgraduates from Germany. The Henry Martyn Institute in Hyderabad (India) is an ecumenical Christian organization specializing in the academic study of religious studies and promoting interreligious relations. It has over 90 years of teaching and research experience, attracting a growing circle of scholars from both domestic and international institutions for Master's, PhD, and Post-Doc research.

## WHY STUDY AT HMI?

The aim of this study program is to enable participants to better understand their own multireligious context, engage in interreligious learning, and raise awareness in their own churches about the importance of dialogue. Additionally, the program seeks to deepen knowledge about the inculturation of Christianity in Asia, Asian Christian theology, and religions such as Hinduism, Islam, and indigenous religions. Participants also have the opportunity to learn Arabic, Persian, Urdu, and Sanskrit. HMI not only teaches interreligious dialogue but also lives it through the implementation of social projects.

## COURSE CONTENT/CURRICULUM

- Christianity from an Indian Perspective
- Hinduism
- Islam
- Indigenous/Tribal Religions of India
- Living in a Multireligious Context

The course includes three months of academic study, two months of internship in a multireligious project, and one month for the final thesis. An excursion program is also included, with visits to Hindu temples, Islamic mosques, Jain shrines, and centers of indigenous religions. Participation in the program earns credit points from the Moulana Azad National Urdu University in Hyderabad.

## REQUIREMENTS

- Target group: Students of theology, religious education, religious studies, and social sciences.
- Interest in Asian culture and lifestyle, foreign religious traditions, cross-cultural encounters, and theological questions of interreligious dialogue.
- Good English language skills.
- Openness to the “adventure” of intercultural communication and interreligious encounter.
- Participation in a preparatory and follow-up seminar in Stuttgart.

## COST

The total cost, including fees, accommodation on campus, local accommodation and travel, internships, and excursions, amounts to approximately 2,000 euros for the entire study stay. Insurance and flight costs amount to around 1,000 euros.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships can be applied for at EMS.

## APPLICATION AND SELECTION

The study program begins in September each year and lasts six months. Please send your application in digital form, preferably in a PDF file, to Sabine Marschner: [marschner@ems-online.org](mailto:marschner@ems-online.org)

Your application must include:

- CV and motivation for applying (in English)
- Copy of high school diploma (Abitur)
- Proof of academic achievements so far
- Recommendation from a university professor
- Reference from your home or local congregation
- Any experiences or activities in intercultural areas should be documented in the application.

Selection is based on your written application and an interview with the EMS selection committee.