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Candidates for the placements are selected through an application and interview process at Ministry Division and the successful applicants are granted a full scholarship for the academic, maintenance, and travel costs of the placement.

Semester Placements are for graduates in theology and begin in September. Students are entered for the Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Ecumenical Studies (25 ECTS credits). Teaching is in English.

On their return, candidates are asked to write a 2,000 word report on their placement with reflection on their academic, spiritual, and personal formation.

Short Study Placement at the Ecumenical Institute, Bossey, Switzerland

Reflective Practice in an Ecumenical Context

The short study placements take place within the framework of a Level 6 Common Awards module, *Reflective Practice in an Ecumenical Context* in the Reflective Practice and Pastoral Care section of the Common Awards Handbook (Level 6). This gives an indication of the overall nature and scope of the module, and of the form of assessment.

Shape and Content of the Placement

1. The placement is designed around sections of the core course on the history of the ecumenical movement mandatory for all students taking the Complementary Certificate in Ecumenical Studies. Candidates do not need to be theology graduates already and the common language at the Institute is English. Based on a length of four weeks the placement will cover two sections with eight lecture sessions (a total of 18 contact hours). In addition the student can participate in one or two elective module(s) out of the four offered (Biblical hermeneutics, theology, missiology, social ethics) and take

part in workshops on ecumenical practical theology, intercultural biblical studies and the intensive thematic seminar (these modules are mostly taught on specific dates throughout the semester).

2. Candidates will engage fully with the student body in line with the Institute's understanding of building an ecumenical community, i.e. a room in student residence, participation in prayer and social life, etc.
3. Tutorial supervision will be offered as for the other students; i.e. a contact person among the faculty members could be appointed for a closer follow-up, for example if a specific research project is to be accomplished during this period (normally students write a research paper at the end of the autumn term).
4. The length of the placement can be negotiated in consultation with the student, the home training institution, and Ministry Division and could be either 4 or 6 weeks. (see 1.)
5. Each candidate will be asked to give a seminar paper which will be integrated into the placement programme, and given in the context of one of the four elective modules directed by a faculty member who would then be in a position to give constructive feedback. This can form part of the portfolio of work for assessment for the Common Awards module.
6. **The academic year will begin officially with the taught courses programme on 15 September 2014, and the orientation days will begin on 10 September 2014. It is important that candidates are able to participate in the orientation days in order to make the most of the shorter placement at the Institute.**

Assessment for the short placement

Candidates undertaking this placement will be entered for a Common Awards module (as above) and will be auditing modules as agreed at the Ecumenical Institute.

Formative Assessment

- Regular supervision discussions will provide direction for students on placement
- Auditing modules as agreed with the ecumenical training institution and submission of practical and written work as required.

Summative Assessment

Mode of assessment	Length	Weighting
Portfolio	5,000 – 7,000 words	100%

Note:

1. Word length includes only material written by the students and does not include material in appendices.

2. Please refer to the detailed guidelines on the structure, content, presentation and assessment. (as in the Common Awards literature)

Study Plan: Complementary Certificate in Ecumenical Studies (CC)
Plan d'études: Le Certificat complémentaire d'études œcuméniques

Module Code Code de module	Semester Semestre	Module Title Titre du module	ECTS Credits Crédits ECTS
4. Obligatory modules/4. modules obligatoires			
CC/01	autumn automne	Core Course on the History of the Ecumenical Movement <i>Cours d'histoire du mouvement œcuménique</i>	6
CC/02	autumn automne	Workshop on Intercultural Biblical Studies <i>Atelier d'études bibliques interculturelles</i>	3
CC/03	autumn automne	Workshop on Practical Ecumenical Theology <i>Atelier de théologie pratique œcuménique</i>	3
CC/04	autumn automne	Ecumenical Study Visits <i>Voyages d'études œcuménique</i>	2
2. Modules of choice/2. Modules à choix			
	autumn automne	from the list below/dans la liste suivante:	16
CC/05		Ecumenical Biblical Hermeneutics/Herméneutique biblique œcuménique	8
CC/06		Ecumenical Missiology/Mission œcuménique	8
CC/07		Ecumenical Social Ethics/Ethique sociale œcuménique	8
CC/08		Ecumenical Theology/Théologie œcuménique	8
TOTAL			30

* ECTS-European Credit Transfer System (established 1988 by the European Commission) provides a way of measuring and comparing learning achievements and transferring them from one institution to another in order to help students make the most from their study abroad. ECTS credits are a value allocated to modules to describe the student workload required to complete them. They reflect the quantity of work each module requires in relation to the total quantity of work required to complete the academic study at the institution.
1 ECTS credit stands 25-30 hours of students work.

Subject to changes