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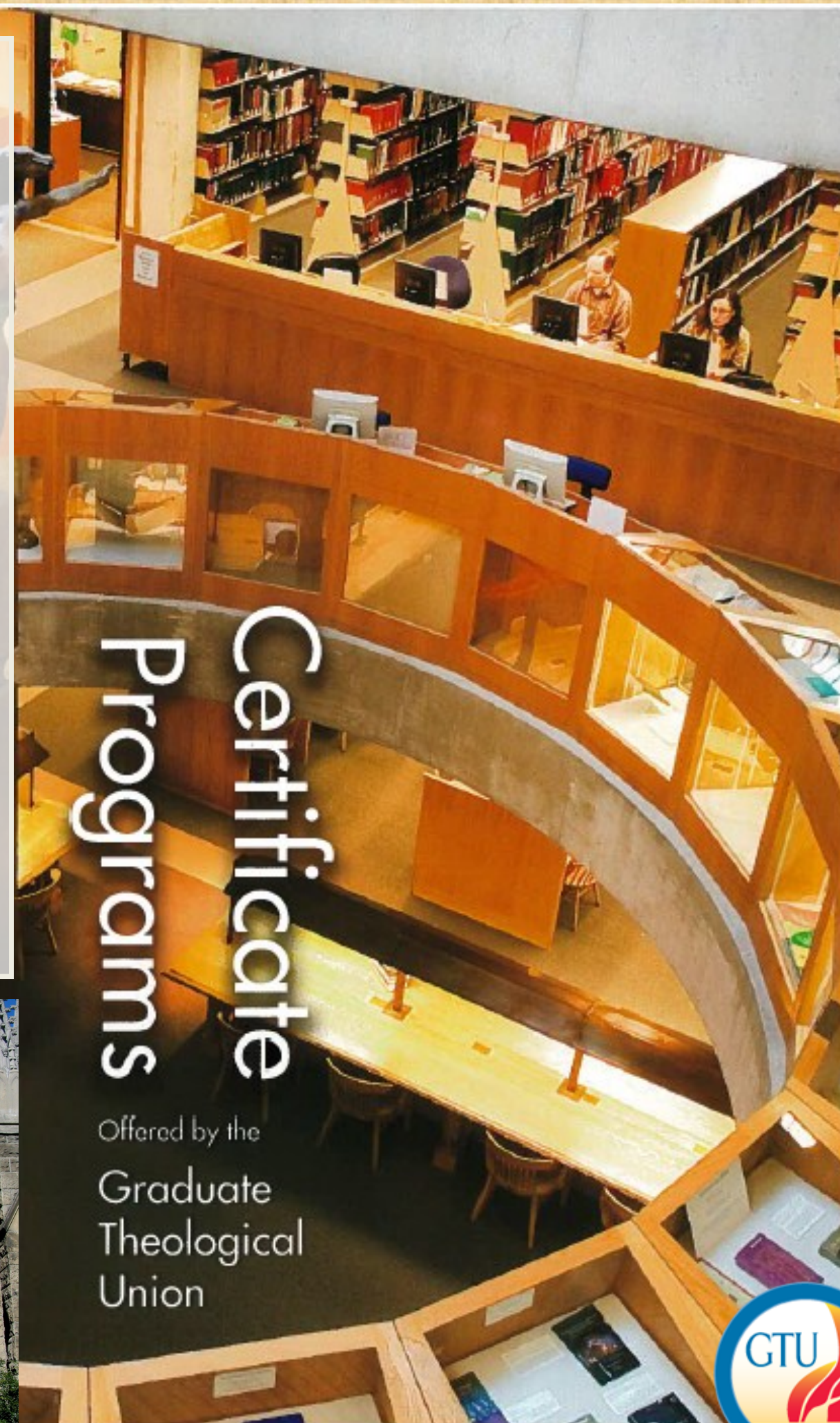
### GTU Certificate Programs:

- Black Church, Africana Religious Studies
- Asian & Oceanic Cultures & Faith Traditions
- Women's Studies in Religion
- Jewish Studies
- Orthodox Christian Studies

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# Certificate Programs

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## ASIAN & OCEANIC CULTURES & FAITH TRADITIONS

Offered through the Asia Project, this program is an interdisciplinary, multi-faith and cross-cultural program that takes advantage of the academic offerings of the GTU. The overarching aim of the certificate is to facilitate a richer, more differentiated understanding of the faith traditions of Asia and Oceania. Students are required to take an introductory course providing the basic grounding in the study of Asian and Oceanic cultures and faith traditions, as well as three additional courses at the GTU or U C Berkeley on Asian and/ or Oceanic cultures and faith traditions.



## WOMEN'S STUDIES IN RELIGION

The Women's Studies in Religion Program offers this certificate for students who wish to concentrate on women's studies in theology and religion. It draws upon the innovative work of women faculty and students at both the GTU and UC Berkeley. Completion of the certificate requires the Women's Studies in Religion seminar offered every year, completing three additional courses (at least two with a religious or theological component) at the GTU or UC Berkeley, and participate in three colloquia of Women's Studies in Religion series.



## BLACK CHURCH / AFRICANA RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Black Church is but one expression of the broader phenomenon of African-American Religion, and the nature of African Americans' religious experience can be better understood when the Black Church is situated within a much broader spatial/temporal framework. The Black Church/ Africana Religious Studies (BC/ARS) Certificate Program hosts colloquium series, workshops, symposia, and conferences. This program has a particular methodological orientation that reflects the global, ecumenical and interreligious perspective of the GTU. Requirements include the (BC/ARS) seminar for a basic grounding of approaches and three additional 3-unit approved courses at the GTU or the UC Berkeley African American Studies Department, and participation in one colloquium series.



## JEWISH STUDIES

The Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies offers a six-course certificate program for individuals who want to have some systematic graduate training in Jewish Studies but are not prepared to undertake Master of Arts or PhD degrees. Combining traditional text study with a dedication to interreligious conversation, the certificate helps immerse students -Jewish and non-Jewish - in a distinctively Jewish context through courses in ancient, rabbinic, medieval, and modern Jewish studies and literature.



## ISLAMIC STUDIES

The Center for Islamic Studies offers a six-course certificate program to give students an introduction to major themes in Islamic theological, historical and cultural scholarship. The primary focus of this area is on the study of contemporary Islam. Students have the opportunity to explore specific topics such as Muslim Cultures (especially Muslims in America), Islamic Education or Islam and Media. Interdisciplinary and interreligious approaches to the study of Islam in which Muslims are understood in their diversity and in dialogue with other religious traditions are an implicit part of the program, fostered by the unique environment of the GTU.



## ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Available through the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute, this certificate program is designed to enhance the academic offerings available to students throughout the GTU as well as clerical and lay students from the community by providing a rigorous and interdisciplinary program in the study of Orthodox Christianity. Students must complete 24 units of study at the PAOI to earn the certificate. The introductory courses, Orthodox Christian History and Theology, and Orthodox Christian Spirituality, provide a basic grounding in approaches to the study of Orthodox Christianity. Areas of emphasis include religious education, liturgical studies, liturgical music, pastoral studies, missions and evangelism, and youth ministry.

“The GTU offers so many gifts: One is the ability to bring different kinds of people together for discourse across so many disciplines and boundaries, connecting scholarship with practice. Another is to foster a deep understanding of religious traditions as well as to see them within a broader interfaith and intercultural context. People often want to see others as being just like them, but at the GTU, we value each other for our differences as well as for what unifies us.” – *Munir Jiva, Ph.D., Director and Assistant Professor, Center for Islamic Studies, GTU Core Doctoral Faculty*

