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The DivEx Program is a three-day introduction to the graduate programs of one of the world’s most distinctive divinity schools, an institution offering curricula that spans religious and cultural divides to prepare ethical leaders to work in a complex world. In some ways, Harvard Divinity School is just what you might expect: a school that offers unparalleled preparation for a career in ministry. Our multireligious approach has propelled graduates into careers as lay and ordained ministers in Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim, and other religious communities.

Over half of our graduates, however, pursue careers other than ministry—they are leaders in public service, academic, international relations, social justice, and many other fields. HDS opens doors to a near-infinite range of possibilities. And there’s no better way to begin exploring them than by attending DivEx. Harvard Divinity School offers four degrees to match a range of career goals:

- **Master of Divinity (MDiv)**
- **Master of Theological Studies (MTS)**
- **Master of Theology (ThM)**
- **Doctor of Philosophy in Religion (PhD)**

For detailed descriptions of these programs, visit www.hds.harvard.edu.

Who's It For
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What You’ll Gain
DivEx provides an opportunity for participants to evaluate how graduate studies in religion and theology might be critically aligned with career aspirations in social justice, education, lay and formal ministry, social and physical sciences, business administration, law and other career paths.

Since its founding in 2007, DivEx has convened more than 350 students from backgrounds underrepresented in the study of religion and theology at HDS. Those who went on to graduate from HDS are now part of a strong network of individuals whose contributions are part of the broadening landscape of religious and theological studies.

DivEx’s participants who apply to HDS, if admitted, can expect to enjoy continued social and academic opportunities with their cohort. Specific program offerings, starting with fall Orientation, will feature opportunities to reconnect with one another and engage with faculty, staff and students—including DivEx alumni from former years.

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“I never saw myself at Harvard, much less at a divinity school. As a first-generation college student, DivEx gave me the space to further my academic, activist, and religious experiences within a divinity school setting.”

—Marissa Castañeda, DivEx 2014, MTS ’17

“DivEx demystified Harvard Divinity School for me.”

—Erika Carlson, DivEx 2011, MDiv ’15

“I’m interested in public policy, and I thought I’d be an anomaly at DivEx. I wasn’t. People had so many different ideas about what to do with a divinity school education.”

—Brooke Davis, DivEx 2010, MTS ’14, MPP ’14 (Harvard Kennedy School)
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“DivEx helped me see myself here. I thought, if Harvard is bold enough to bring students like us together in such a diverse group like us, then maybe this is where I should be. It changed my mind on where I thought I was going.”

—Alton Price, DivEx 2010, MDiv ’13