Harvard Extension School
HARVARD DIVISION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

ALM in Religion

- Capstone track
- Thesis track

45
Age Breakdown
<30 14%
31-40 11%
41+ 75%

31
Degree Candidates

While Earning the Degree
21% Live in MA
75% Live Outside MA
4% Live Outside the U.S.

REASONS FOR PURSUING THE DEGREE

- Personal Enrichment 52%
- Career Advancement 26%
- Career Change 15%
- Prep for Grad School 7%

Graduate Certificates:
- Religions of the World
- Religious Studies and Education
- Social Justice

AVG # OF COURSES TAKEN PER SEMESTER

Data pertains to academic year 2020-21
78% of students are employed full-time while earning this degree

Average Years of Professional Experience in the Field: 10 years

5 years Average time to graduation

62% Graduation Rate

94% of recent graduates would recommend the program

Alumni Comment Corner

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- 2 courses: 23%
- 3 courses: 4%

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