**ELECTIVE COURSE IN ENGLISH LANGUGAGE**

**For students of all UL members and students in exchange**

»In case of more than 5 exchange students the lectures will be held in English if agreement with Slovenian students is achieved«

**Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles**

Winter semester

5 ECTS

Assist. Prof. Matjaž Celarac, PhD.

A part of the obligatory course for the students of 2nd year of the Double honours study programme *Theological Studies*

The course confronts students with introductory questions (authorship, date and style of composition). Subsequently, the course presents the close reading of the most significant narrative passages (Acts 1-5) and the speeches of Peter, Stephen and Paul developed throughout the narrative of Acts.

**Ethical Foundations of Western Society**

Winter semester

4 ECTS

Assist. Prof. Vojko Strahovnik, PhD.

Magister level

The aim of the course is to acquaint students with the basic foundations and dimensions of Western ethical thought. The students also gain knowledge and understanding of key ethical concepts (value, duty, rights, dignity, virtue, etc.), principal theories (virtue ethics, deontological ethics, utilitarianism) and key authors. At the same time, the course focuses on the critical assessment of individual viewpoints and analytical treatment of ethical issues, especially those that are topical for modern society and its greatest challenges. One of the central focuses of the course is the concept of justice in all of its dimensions (distributive justice, contributive justice, status justice, global justice, environmental justice, justice for non-human animals, epistemic justice).

**Spirituality of Everyday Life, Occupational and Social Engagement** -

Winter semester

3 ECTS

 Assist. Prof. Ivan Platovnjak, PhD.; perform Assist. Prof. Dr. Damjan Ristič

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The aim of the course is to acquaint students with the biblical and theological basis of the spirituality of everyday life, in the different border situations of human life, eg illness, accident, death, personal injury and blame, as a way of human and spiritual maturation, the role of joy, humor and laughter in the spirituality of everyday life. Connection of vocation, occupation, employment, service and careers with spiritual life. The importance of ethical codes of various professions for spiritual dynamics; the test stone of genuine spirituality is human social engagement (cultural, social and political).

**Bioethics**

Spring semester

3 ECTS

Assist. Prof. Roman Globokar, PhD.

EMT

The subject is divided into two parts. The first is dedicated to the theoretical basis of bioethics (historical background, ethical theories and principles, interdisciplinary approach, religions and bioethics, international documents on bioethics). In the second part, some actual bioethical topics will be discussed such as abortion, status of human embryo, fecundation in vitro, stem cell research, organ transplantation, genetic engineering, ethical issues at the end of human life, human responsibility towards other living beings.

**Fundamental moral theology**

Winter semester

Assist. Prof. Roman Globokar, PhD.

 4 ECTS

UTR

Moral theology is systematic reflexion on human act from the perspective of reason illuminated by Christian faith. The methodology of Christian ethics will be presented with its four principal sources: Bible, Tradition, Experience and Reason. Some basic concepts will be discussed: conscience, natural law, moral norms, virtues, values. The model for a dialogical approach of theologians within a modern pluralistic society will be developed.