

Doctoral Study Programme
THEOLOGY

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Theology

1. Study Programme Details

The doctoral study programme in theology – third level – integrates the scientific fields of "Theology" and "Marital and Family Therapy (MFT)" and enables the student to acquire the title of Doctor of Science in the above fields.

The programme comprises 240 ECTS over 4 years. Out of that number, 60 points are intended for organized forms of work and 180 for individual research work to be concluded with the presentation of original scientific findings in a doctoral dissertation and a defence of the doctoral thesis.

2. Basic Goals of the Programme and General Competences

The basic goals of the doctoral study programme in theology are as follows:

- to train the applicant for: first-class, independent, critical-reflexive, interdisciplinary and polyvalent research work, for development of new skills and methodologies, for solving the most abstract and complex issues through testing and improving the already known solutions and discovering new ones, and for interpretation of new skills;
- to qualify the applicant for participation in the most complex scientific research projects in the field of the relevant professional science, for implementation of such projects and possible involvement in educational and research work at the academic level;
- to train the applicant for the development of transfer of research achievements into practice, for consulting and mediation in the domain of the most demanding spiritual, ethical, (inter)religious, marital and family issues in the modern multicultural society;
- to train the applicant for analysis/interpretation of mutual relationships between faith and the culture from the theological, religiological, psychotherapeutical, socio-cultural and praxeological aspect;
- to direct the applicant during methodologically complex preparation of an original contribution toward the progress of the relevant field of science, to enable him/her to verify the validity of his/her comprehension in the team within the scope of the programme and at international scientific meetings, and to encourage him/her to complete the work in the envisaged period and to publish the results of his/her research in scientific media.

Competences acquired by the student in the course of study shall be as follows:

- *Hermeneutic competences*: capacity to comprehend the selected research field and the manner of its integration into the broader area of humanities or social sciences; capacity to comprehend the most complex social, cultural and religious problems, their contexts, differences and relationships as well as contemporary plurality; capacity to comprehend religious and ethical texts and works of art, and their force

- of expression; dialogue as a way of approaching the truth together; alternatives and realistic solutions; comprehension of ethical and legal frameworks of research;
- *Scientific theoretical-methodological competences*: ability to perform independent, creative, scientific research work, formation of scientific hypotheses, analytical and synthetic holistic thinking, application and development of research methods; aptitude for top-class, theoretical-methodological, critical and self-critical consideration of an issue; ability to acquire, record, document, apply and assess sources of knowledge and information; making use of scientific apparatus and the ability to develop the same; use of information technology;
 - *Social competences*: generous sense of humanistic values; aptitude for social feeling and reacting, capacity to feel the needs of the environment and to analyse situations, capacity for autonomy and self-initiative; a sense of group dynamics, participation and integration in group research in home and alien environment, capacity for team work direction in the domain of the humanities and social sciences; capacity for dialogue as the sole means of resolution of conflicts;
 - *Practical competences*: capacity for project-oriented, strategic thinking and independent performance, management and organization of research; ability to apply the acquired hermeneutical-theoretical competences in practical circumstances; aptitude for intercultural and interreligious mediation; participation in scientific application projects, coordination between different domains of humanities and social sciences;
 - *Communication competences*: ability to present scientific discoveries at a variety of levels (popular, professional, scientific) in different ways (through written, audio-visual and other media); ability to use media dynamics in presenting humanistic contents; use of audio-visual means in public appearances; use of information tools in communication media; ability to lead scientific-research teams; aptitude for coordinating differing interests and resolution of conflicts by means of argument.

3. Terms of Enrolment and Selection Criteria in the Event of Limited Enrolment

The following applicants shall be eligible for enrolment in the doctoral study programme of theology:

1. Graduates of second-level courses;
2. Graduates of previous study programmes for acquisition of university education;
3. Graduates of previous study programmes for acquisition of specialization, who had, prior to that, completed a professional programme at the university level and completed study obligations: prior to enrolment, they have to pass differential exams and gain 33 ECTS from the second-level courses of Theology or 30 ECTS from the second-level courses of Marital and Family Studies;
4. Graduates of previous study programmes for the acquisition of the Master of Science degree and/or specialization after a completed study programme for the acquisition of university education in the relevant fields, whereby the Doctoral Studies Commission of the Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana, shall give recognition for the enrolment in the third level doctoral study programmes for a minimum of 60 credit points worth of study obligations;

5. Graduates of single cycle masters' study programmes which educate for professions regulated with EU directives, if obligations of the study programme are credited with 300 ECTS.

Selection criteria in the event of limited enrolment

If the number of applicants for enrolment in the programme exceeds the number of available enrolment places, the Doctoral Studies Commission shall, at the proposal of the coordinator responsible for doctoral studies in the relevant field, adopt a resolution on limitation of enrolment, whereupon the applicants shall be selected according to:

1. achievement in the studies of second level (average grade) – 45% of total points
2. diploma thesis or masters thesis grade – 5% of total points
3. grade in the elective course – 50% of total points.

Up to 50% of the total points gained by the candidate with the grade in the elective course (point 3) can be replaced by his/her scientific achievements and research work in the field of the study programme.

4. Criteria for Recognition of Knowledge and Skills Acquired prior to Enrolment in the Programme

Should it be agreed so in advance in the form of a study agreement, the provisions concerning recognition of knowledge and skills acquired prior to enrolment in the present study programme shall be taken, *mutatis mutandis*, into consideration in recognition of the knowledge and skills deliverable in the course of the programme.

Knowledge, qualifications and competences which were acquired by the applicant prior to enrolment in various forms of formal and informal education and which, in their contents and complexity, conform in full or in part to the general competences or competences specific for the relevant course, as laid down by the study programme.

The procedure of recognition of informally acquired knowledge and skills is harmonized with the *Rules on procedure and criteria of informally acquired knowledge and skills*, adopted on 29 May 2007 by the Senate of the University of Ljubljana.

Students shall prove their knowledge and skills acquired in various forms of formal and informal education and learning from experience (portfolio, projects, publications of author's works etc.) by presenting certificates and other evidence proving the substance and scope of work the student has invested.

Graduates of the previous study programmes for acquisition of the title of Master of Science or specialization in the relevant field after graduation from a study programme for acquisition of university education may be given recognition, in the present new doctoral study programme of third level, for study obligations up to 90 ECTS. The forms of study to be recognized shall be determined, at the proposal of the coordinator, by the Doctoral Study Commission of the Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana. In that event, the student shall apply for the topic of a doctoral dissertation and submit a draft to the Doctoral Study Commission. Enrolment in the third academic year shall be subject to an approval of the topic of a doctoral dissertation at the University of Ljubljana.

An application for recognition of informally acquired knowledge and skills shall include:

- certificates;
- other documents (various documents issued by the employer, which serve as evidence of experience, certificates of participation in seminars and trainings and similar);
- a portfolio in which the applicant presents his/her biography with data on education, employment and other experience and skills obtained in the past;
- other evidence (products, services, publications and other author's works of the applicants; projects, inventions, patents and similar).

The recognized knowledge, qualifications and competences may be considered as study obligations fulfilled within any part of the study programme. It is, however, imperative that both the substance and the scope of work invested by the applicant are clearly evident, so as to enable evaluation by means of credit points. On the basis of individual documented applications by the students, recognition and evaluation of knowledge, qualifications and competences obtained in such manner shall be decided upon by the Doctoral Study Commission at the proposal of the coordinator. In the course of the process, the Commission shall observe the *Rules on procedure and criteria of informally acquired knowledge and skills*, adopted on 29 May 2007 by the Senate of the University of Ljubljana, other provisions of the *Statutes of the University of Ljubljana*, and the rules of the *Faculty of Theology of the University of Ljubljana*.

5. Programme Progress Requirements

Obligations of the doctoral study programme in theology shall be distributed **over four academic years**, for which each year shall be assigned 60 ECTS.

The applicant may enrol **in the 2nd year** of the study programme after having fulfilled the following obligations:

- examination – obligatory general subject;
- examination – obligatory field subject;
- examination – 2 elective field subjects (in the MFT field two elective field subjects are replaced by the second obligatory field subject);
- by 20th August, submission of the doctoral thesis topic, prepared under the guidance of the mentor;
- a successful public presentation of the doctoral thesis topic;
- a positive assessment of the report on individual study and research (in the report, the applicant shall describe and substantiate the assignment of 30 ECTS (= 900 hours of research and study). The report shall be submitted to the Commission of Doctoral Studies by 20th August.

In order to enrol in the second year, the applicant shall obtain 25 ECTS out of organized forms of work and justify 30 ECTS out of individual research and study.

The applicant may enrol **in the 3rd year** of the study programme after having fulfilled the following obligations:

- all the obligations from the first year;
- examination – 1 elective field subject;
- at least 5 ECTS obtained out of the elective general subject;
- 5 ECTS obtained out of the obligations in the form of publishing scientific texts and/or participation in conferences;

- a positive assessment of the doctoral thesis topic and its approval by the Senate of the Faculty of Theology;
- a positive assessment of the report on individual study and research (in the report, the applicant shall describe and substantiate the assignment of 35 ECTS (= 1050 hours of research and study). The report shall be submitted to the Commission of Doctoral Studies by 20th August.

In order to enrol in the third year, the applicant shall fulfil all the obligations from the first year, obtain at least 15 ECTS out of organized forms of work and justify 35 ECTS out of individual research and study in the second year.

The applicant may enrol **in the 4th year** of the study programme after having fulfilled the following obligations:

- all the obligations from the first and the second year;
- a positive assessment of the report on individual study and research (in the report, the applicant shall describe and substantiate the assignment of 55 ECTS (= 1650 hours of research and study). The report shall be submitted to the Commission of Doctoral Studies by 20th August.
- a positive assessment of the doctoral thesis topic and its approval by the Senate of the University of Ljubljana.

In order to enrol in the fourth year, the applicant shall fulfil all the obligations from the first and the second year and justify 55 ECTS out of individual research and study in the third year.

Prior to the submission of the doctoral dissertation, the applicant should have fulfilled all the obligations, both from the field of organized and in the field of non-organized forms of work.

Preparation of the Doctoral Dissertation

The purpose of individual study and research all the way from the first year on is the preparation of the doctoral dissertation. The aim of this work is to prepare an original scientific contribution in the selected field of science, which is presented by the applicant in his/her doctoral dissertation and is successfully defended. Individual study and research shall be performed by the applicant under the guidance of the mentor confirmed, at the proposal of the applicant himself/herself, by the Doctoral Study Commission of the Faculty as early as upon his/her enrolment in the study programme (at the wish of the applicant or at the Commission's own discretion, the Commission may likewise appoint a co-mentor), the final confirmation is made by the Senate of the University of Ljubljana. Drawing-up a dissertation shall be based upon independent scientific and research work which consistently follows the use of a suitable scientific methodology, leading to a new, important and original scientific discovery that is intended to represent a contribution towards development of knowledge and methodology in the selected field. A successful defence of the doctoral dissertation shall result in the title of doctor of Science in the selected field. Individual forms of study comprise compiling materials, study of sources, setting up a hypothesis – i.e. selection and definition of a problem and research topic –, procession of the compiled materials and, finally, elaboration and defence of the thesis. The dissertation shall cover 200 to 300 pages, i.e. from 600,000 to 900,000 characters including blanks. It can be published, in part or in full, prior to the defence, and shall be written in the Slovenian language. At the proposal of a faculty, the Senate of the

University of Ljubljana may permit the preparation of the dissertation in a foreign language. It may be considered that individual study and research leading towards the preparation of the doctoral dissertation can also comprise all the study and research carried out by the student individually within the framework of organized forms of study and research (preparation for the term paper, research, search for sources, reading etc.).

6. Prerequisites for the Completion of Studies

In order to complete the studies, the applicant shall perform all the obligations laid down under the programme, both in the form of organized and non-organized forms of study and research, whereupon the applicant shall successfully defend his/her doctoral dissertation. Pursuant to the resolution of the Senate of the University of Ljubljana (28th session of the Senate of the University of Ljubljana, 10 May 2005), the prerequisite for the completion of studies shall also be the publication of at least one scientific paper (with the applicant as the leading author) on the field of the doctoral dissertation. The scientific paper shall be published or be accepted for publication before the defence of the doctoral dissertation. Thereby the applicant shall fulfil all the obligations of the study programme credited with 240 ECTS.

7. Transfers between the Study Programmes

In accordance with the *Criteria Applicable to Transfers between Study Programmes* (Official Gazette of RS, No 45/94), the *Amendment of Criteria for Transfers between Study Programmes* (Official Gazette of RS, No 78/98) and the *Statutes of the University of Ljubljana*, a transfer between the programmes shall be deemed to be a cessation of education in the study programme in which the student has enrolled and a continuation of education in a doctoral third level study programme in Theology, where all or at least a half of fulfilled obligations from the first programme are recognized as fulfilled in the second programme.

This shall be subject to the following criteria:

- fulfilment of conditions for enrolment in the new study programme;
- number of available enrolment places;
- academic years or semesters in the previous study programme in the course of which the student completed all obligations and which may be recognized in full;
- minimum number of academic years or semesters which the student should pass in order to complete the studies in the new programme;
- examinations and other study obligations from the previous programme which may be recognized, and differential examinations and other study obligations which the student shall additionally fulfil if he/she desires to complete his/her studies in the new programme.

Requests by the applicants for transfer to doctoral studies shall be dealt with, on the authority of the Senate of the Faculty, by the Doctoral Study Commission in accordance with the statutes of the University of Ljubljana.

8. Modes of Assessment

Knowledge of students shall be verified and assessed by individual subjects and other forms of teaching, as provided for in the relevant curriculum. The doctoral dissertation

and defence shall likewise be subject to assessment. Knowledge shall be assessed by grades specified in the Statutes of the University of Ljubljana.

9. List of subjects with specified lecturers

»Theology«

No.	Subject code	Lecturer	Subject	Organised work					Σ hours of student workload	Σ credit points
				lectures	seminars	tutorials	other forms of study	individual work		

Obligatory General Subject										
1.	PR 04	Gostečnik	Theological, Religio-theoretical and Psychological-therapeutical View on Man*	60			90		150	5

* Differently from the obligatory and elective field subjects (10 ECTS = 60 contact hours) , the obligatory-general subject has more contact hours (5 ECTS = 60 contact hours). In both cases the remaining percentage is intended for the student's individual work

Obligatory Field Subjects											
2.	D 21	Petkovšek	Theology	Methodology of Research in Sources and Traditions of Christian Theology	30	30		40	200	300	10
3.	PS 09	Gostečnik	MFT	Basic Concepts and Research in Marital and Family Therapy	30		30		240	300	10
4.	PS 10	Cvetek R.	MFT	Problems and Methods in Interpersonal Relationship Research	30	30			240	300	10

Elective Field Subjects (Theology)											
5.	F 01	Klun		Neo-scholasticism in Slovenia	5	20		5	120	150	5
6.	F 02	Klun		Postmodern Philosophy and the Question of God	5	20		5	120	150	5
7.	F 03	Klun		Phenomenology of Religious Life	5	20		5	120	150	5
8.	F 04	Klun		Science and Religion	5	20		5	120	150	5
9.	F 05	Klun		How Many New Gods or Nietzsche's Religious Thought	5	20		5	120	150	5
10.	F 06	Klun		Levinas' New Conceptuality	5	20		5	120	150	5
11.	F 07	Petkovšek		Aristotle – Aquinas	5	20		5	120	150	5
12.	F 08	Petkovšek		Christian Philosophy	5	20		5	120	150	5
13.	F 09	Petkovšek		Religion in the Light of the Reason	5	20		5	120	150	5
14.	F 10	Rožič		Dialogue	5	20		5	120	150	5
15.	F 11	Strahovnik		Ethics and Moral Theory	5	20		5	120	150	5
16.	F 12	Žalec		Religion and Public Life	5	20		5	120	150	5
17.	ZC 01	Ambrožič		The Development of Diocesan and Parish Networks in Slovenia	5	20		5	120	150	5
18.	ZC 02	Kolar		Religious Orders in the Church History in Slovenia	5	20		5	120	150	5
19.	ZC 03	Kolar		The Role of the Church in the Slovenian Emigration History	5	20		5	120	150	5
20.	ZC 04	Kolar		The Historical Development of Church Structures	5	20		5	120	150	5
21.	ZC 05	Špelič		The Development of Theological Themes and Biblical Exegesis in the Patristic Period	5	20		5	120	150	5
22.	SP 01	Avsenik Nabergoj		Women in the Bible and in Literary Interpretation	5	20		5	120	150	5

23.	SP 02	Avsenik Nabergoj	Reality, Truth and Beauty in Literature and Literary Criticism	5	20		5	120	150	5
24.	SP 03	Avsenik Nabergoj	The World of Myths and Comparative Studies about Biblical Motifs and Literature	5	20		5	120	150	5
25.	SP 04	Matjaž	History and Principles of the Interpretation of the Bible in Judaism and in Christianity	5	20		5	120	150	5
26.	SP 05	Palmisano	Anthropological and Theological Questions in Wisdom Literature	5	20		5	120	150	5
27.	SP 06	Palmisano	Semantics of Old Testament Theological Concepts in the New Testament	5	20		5	120	150	5
28.	SP 07	Matjaž	Concept of History, Kingdom, Righteousness, Justification and Salvation in the Old and New Testament	5	20		5	120	150	5
29.	SP 08	Špelič	Influence of the Hellenistic Culture on the Interpretation of the Bible in Early Christianity	5	20		5	120	150	5
30.	SP 09	Palmisano	Female Characters in the Bible	5	20		5	120	150	5
31.	OB 01	Dolenc	The Role of Democracy and Democratic Procedures in the Practice of Christian Churches	5	20		5	120	150	5
32.	OB 02	Dolenc	Ecumenical Movement - a Model of Dialogue Approach to Religious and Confessional Plurality	5	20		5	120	150	5
33.	OB 03	Dolenc	Ambivalent Aspects of New Religious Movements	5	20		5	120	150	5
34.	OB 04	Osredkar	Indigenous Religions of Africa and Oceania	5	20		5	120	150	5
35.	OB 05	Osredkar	Islam	5	20		5	120	150	5
36.	OB 06	Osredkar	Hinduism: History, Theology, Ritual Practices	5	20		5	120	150	5
37.	D 01	Turnšek	Trinitary Anthropological Vision in the Post-Council Theology	5	20		5	120	150	5
38.	D 02	Turnšek	God for us: Shekhinah, Kenosis, Perichoresis	5	20		5	120	150	5
39.	D 03	Turnšek	The Concept of God and the Ethical Autonomy of a Human Being	5	20		5	120	150	5
40.	D 04	Turnšek	The Concept of Man's Likeness to God in Different Religions	5	20		5	120	150	5
41.	D 05	Štrukelj	Christological Problems in the Contemporary Christology	5	20		5	120	150	5
42.	D 06	Štrukelj	Redemption Between Different Cultures and Civilisations	5	20		5	120	150	5
43.	M 01	Globokar	Bioethical Issues at the End of	5	20		5	120	150	5

			Life							
44.	M 02	Globokar	Bioethical Issues at the Beginning of Life	5	20		5	120	150	5
45.	M 03	Globokar	Ecological Ethics and Theology	5	20		5	120	150	5
46.	M 04	Globokar	Globalization and Social Justice	5	20		5	120	150	5
47.	M 05	Platovnjak	Central Position of Spiritual Experience in Spirituality	5	20		5	120	150	5
48.	M 06	Platovnjak	Relationship between Spiritual Direction and Psychology	5	20		5	120	150	5
49.	M 07	Rožič	Humans as Spiritual and Political Beings	5	20		5	120	150	5
50.	M 08	Rožič	Global Political Theology	5	20		5	120	150	5
51.	M 09	Globokar	Autonomy in Morality on Probation	5	20		5	120	150	5
52.	M 10	Globokar	Universality of Moral Contents in the World Religions	5	20		5	120	150	5
53.	CP 01	Slatinek	Ecclesiology of the II. Vatican Council and 2nd Book of Code of Canon law (The People of God)	5	20		5	120	150	5
54.	CP 02	Slatinek	The Hierarchical Constitution of the Church in Comparison to Contemporary Democratic Society	5	20		5	120	150	5
55.	CP 03	Slatinek	Property, Possession (Ownership) and Administration of Church Property	5	20		5	120	150	5
56.	CP 04	Slatinek	Legal Regulation of Missionary Activity in the Church	5	20		5	120	150	5
57.	CP 05	Slatinek	Relationship between Supreme Church Authority and Particular Churches	5	20		5	120	150	5
58.	CP 06	Slatinek	Religious Freedom in Church Documents	5	20		5	120	150	5
59.	L 01	Debevec	Contemporary Sacral Architecture in Slovenia	5	20		5	120	150	5
60.	L 02	Debevec	Archetypes of Christian Sacral Space	5	20		5	120	150	5
61.	L 03	Krajnc	Slovene Liturgical Components and Slovene Terminology in Books of Ritual from the Tridentine to the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council	5	20		5	120	150	5
62.	L 04	Krajnc	Special Questions of Pastoral Liturgics	5	20		5	120	150	5
63.	L 05	Krajnc	The Role of Sacred Music in the Church in Slovenia	5	20		5	120	150	5
64.	L 06	Krajnc	Wedding and Pre Marital and Post Marital Rituals in Different	5	20		5	120	150	5

			Cultures							
65.	L 07	Krajnc	The Influence of Ritual Music on the Religiousness of Humans	5	20		5	120	150	5
66.	PO 01	Gerjolj	Religious Education in the European School Systems	5	20		5	120	150	5
67.	PO 02	Gerjolj	Alternative Pedagogies	5	20		5	120	150	5
68.	PO 03	Gerjolj	Education and Personal Growth	5	20		5	120	150	5
69.	PO 04	Gerjolj	Contemporary Challenges of Family Pedagogy	5	20		5	120	150	5
70.	PO 05	Gerjolj	Charitable Dimension of the Church in Slovenia and in the World	5	20		5	120	150	5
71.	PO 06	Stegu	Marriage and Family in the Society and in the Church	5	20		5	120	150	5
72.	PO 07	Stegu	Parish Councils - a Model of Synodality	5	20		5	120	150	5
73.	PO 08	Šegula	The Pastoral Ministry of the Church in the Slovenian Territory and Time	5	20		5	120	150	5
74.	PO 09	Šegula	Integrated and Organic Pastoral Ministry as a Condition for the Realization of Objectives Set by the Church	5	20		5	120	150	5
75.	PO 10	Šegula	Principle of Democracy in the Church and its Ambivalence	5	20		5	120	150	5
76.	PO 11	Šegula	Media Culture in Church and Society	5	20		5	120	150	5
77.	PO 12	Vodičar	Philosophy of Education	5	20		5	120	150	5
78.	PO 13	Vodičar	Globalization and Education (Intercultural, Interreligious and Ecumenical Education)	5	20		5	120	150	5
79.	PO 14	Vodičar	Man – the Basic Value of Society and the Church	5	20		5	120	150	5
80.	PS 01	Bahovec	Christianity in Contemporary Europe	5	20		5	120	150	5
81.	PS 02	Bahovec	Postmodern Culture and Spirituality: New Age and Christianity	5	20		5	120	150	5
82.	PS 03	Bahovec	The Person and the Community in the Contemporary Communitarian Perspective and in the Church	5	20		5	120	150	5
83.	PS 04	Gostečnik	Advanced Research on the Psychoanalysis of the Sacral	5	20		5	120	150	5

Elective Field Subjects (Marital and Family Therapy)										
84.	PS 05	Cvetek R.	Modern Research on Trauma and Stress in the Family	5	20		5	120	150	5
85.	PS 06	Erzar	Change Process Research in Marital and Family Therapy, Supervision and Training	5	20		5	120	150	5
86.	PS 07	Gostečnik	Research Seminar on Violence in the Family	5	20		5	120	150	5
87.	PS 08	Gostečnik	Relational Marital Concepts, Theories and Models	5	20		5	120	150	5
88.	PS 11	Kompan- Erzar	Research Seminar in Intergenerational Transmission of Attachment Patterns and Development of Regulative Functions	5	20		5	120	150	5
89.	PS 12	Tavčar	Research Topics in Psychiatry and Neuropsychiatry	5	20		5	120	150	5

Explanation of abbreviation:

CP – Canon Law
D – Dogmatics
F – Philosophy
L – Liturgy
M – Moral Theology
PO – Pastoral and Catechetical Theology

OB – Fundamental Theology
PR – Propedeutic subjects
PS – Psychology and Sociology
SP – Bible
ZC – Church History

10. External lectures and mobility possibilities

External lectures

The Doctoral programme in Theology allows students to choose at least 10 ECTS at other faculties (or at least outside the primary field of study).

Mobility

Student mobility is mostly in the context of the Erasmus+ programme, which promotes trans-national co-operation projects among universities across Europe.

Otherwise the Faculty of Theology has many bilateral contracts which allow student and staff mobility for work and study. We have bilateral contracts with: Graz, Innsbruck, Regensburg, Leuven and we collaborate with the catholic Theological Faculty in Zagreb and with the evangelical Theological Faculty in Osijek. The majority of professors (27) are members of the European Society of Catholic Theology, many participate in conferences organised by this society. Since 1983 the Institute of Church History, together with the Slovenian Theological Academy in Rome, has been organising international conferences on important personalities from the Slovenian ecclesiastical and cultural history. The Institute of Biblical Studies, Judaism and Early Christianity has been organising scientific meetings in Slovenia (e.g. International Symposium on the

Interpretation of the Bible IOSOT, Ljubljana, 18. – 20. September 1996). In 2007 (15. – 20. July) Ljubljana hosted the International Congress IOSOT (the International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament). Every year the Faculty of Theology, on the basis of numerous personal connections with foreign professors, invites three or four guest lecturers from abroad and organises guest lectures of our professors abroad.

11. Short presentation of each subject

Code No.	Lecturer	Title	Credits
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Obligatory – General Subject

PR 04	Gostečnik	Theological, Religio-theoretical and Psychological-therapeutical View on Man	5
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Students get acquainted with the methodological and theoretical grounds of the approach to man; with the consideration of man as a religious being from the point of view of science of religion, of theology and of psychological therapy. Through the texts belonging to the science of religion, theology and psychology he will be qualified for dealing with man hermeneutically, and for critical consideration of other scientific and common views on man as an open and free being.

Students will be qualified for the basic scientific and research tasks in the area of the science of religion, theology and marriage and family therapy. The subject enables students for critical access to different aspects of the comprehension of man. They will be qualified for the connecting of different aspects of man into an integral approach to man.

Obligatory – Field Subjects (Theology)

D 21	Petkovšek	Methodology of Research in Sources and Traditions of Christian Theology	10
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Dimensions of hermeneutics in Judaism and Christianity: Traditional hermeneutical principles in Judaism and Christianity; modern exegetical approaches; literary genres in the Bible and its impacts on world literature. *Relationship between natural order and revelation:* Natural order and the creation presupposition; anthropological facts and the way to faith in revelation; human sinfulness, freedom and grace. *Relationship between revelation and tradition:* The role of the Bible in Judaism and Christianity; the origin of the Church and its historical dimension; the challenges of the time and the aspects of ecumenical theology. *Dimensions of Christian personalism:* personalism in the theology of the Holy Trinity; personalism and eschatological dimensions of Christian theology. *Competences:* Recognition of the relationship between science and faith; examination of the relationship between experience and logical principles lying outside the world of facts; judgement on justice, rational benevolence, and liberty in relation to the experience of the unconditional; the knowledge of relationship between logical principles and the moral imperative.

Obligatory – Field Subjects (Marital and Family Therapy)

PS 09	Gostečnik	Basic Concepts and Research in Marital and Family Therapy	10
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Seminar schedules three modules including: a) attachment theory, neuropsychology and development of relationships in family; b) relational, systemic and relational-systemic theories and models, c) psychopathology in family and couples therapy. Students must successfully complete two out of three modules, each awarded 5 credit points (according to ETCS), thus earning altogether 10 credits points required for the course. In the first module, student gain advanced knowledge on affective and developmental dynamics in families and will be able to discuss, design and evaluate research on biopsychosocial factors of attachment functioning. The second module enables students to conceptualize therapeutic work in terms of traditional and current therapy models, and develop an integrative model of this work. The third module covers themes and topics from current research in psychopathology and enables students to design individual research projects in this field.

PS 10	Cvetek R.	Problems and Methods in Interpersonal Relationship Research	10
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In the course, students will have the opportunity to discuss, analyse and evaluate epistemological, methodological and conceptual issues regarding quantitative and qualitative research in the field of interpersonal and family relationships. Students will be able to present, discuss and critically evaluate relevant research findings and conduct individual research in this field.

Elective – Field Subjects (Theology)

F 01	Klun	Neo-scholasticism in Slovenia	5
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Students get acquainted with the grounds of the neo-scholastic philosophy in Slovenia and with the importance of the neo-scholastic thinkers for the philosophical, ideological, religious, cultural, social, political and economic development in Slovenia in the time of the maturing of the Slovene nation.

Students will be qualified for the understanding of the importance of the Slovene neo-scholastic thinkers for the development of the Slovene nation.

F 02	Klun	Postmodern Philosophy and the Question of God	5
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The main goal of the course is to enable the applicant to apply postmodern methods in the field of philosophical and theological discourse about God. The applicant develops a critical judgment about the relationship between postmodern thought and Christianity. Another competence gained through the course is the ability to enter into dialogue with the contemporary culture, which is characterized by postmodern elements.

F 03	Klun	Phenomenology of Religious Life	5
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The aim of the course is the knowledge of the phenomenological-existential *method* which enables the applicant to analyse different religious phenomena in various religions. Among the competences obtained by the course are hermeneutical awareness, contextual analysis and critical judgment.

F 04	Klun	Science and Religion	5
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Science and faith; origin of the Universe: beginning or continuing creation, creation or material chance; the laws of Nature: causality and determinism, explanation and probability, the direction of time, chaos; mathematics and reality, classic and modern physics: relativity and quantum mechanics, elementary particles; undeterminism, incompleteness of the mathematical approach; infinitely small and infinitely large: evolution of the Universe, inflation, symmetries, strings, brain; creation on evolution: complexification and self-awareness, creationism vs. evolutionism; determinism and freedom; relation between mind and body; science and Christianity.

F 05	Klun	How Many New Gods or Nietzsche's Religious Thought	5
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At first to illuminate the turn of Nietzsche from Socrates towards the harmony between the arts and the philosophy. To indicate his independence on Schopenhauer in his first works. To analyse the religious thinking which incessantly separate itself from the moral one. To check what possibility the philosophy of Nietzsche gives for the divinization of the human body outside of the Christianity. To investigate the meaning of the esthetization of the Nietzsche's religiosity, that finishes as the apophatic mystical experience.

F 06	Klun	Levinas' New Conceptuality	5
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To uncover double sources of Levinas' thought and conceptions: the tradition of Talmud and Phenomenological method of Husserl. To analyse deeply the new concepts: visage (face), creation, intrigue with Other, the prophetic responsibility, epiphany and eschatology of the goodness. To demonstrate the consequences of the new concepts and the new intellectuality and the new way of thinking for the personal rising, for social ethics and for religious thought.

F 07	Petkovšek	Aristotle – Aquinas	5
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Students get acquainted with the basic Western European synthesis of Aristotle and Aquinas under Islamic influence in the 13th century, which is a ground for philosophical, theological and scientific research and thinking in modern times.

Students will be qualified for the understanding of the science in the Middle Ages and its influence for the development of philosophy, theology and science in modern times.

F 08	Petkovšek	Christian Philosophy	5
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In the first part of the course, the candidate is introduced to the idea of Christian philosophy and the place which the idea had in different stages of philosophical development: in antiquity (Justin Martyr), in medieval philosophy (monasticism) and in European humanism of 16th century (Erasmus Desiderius, Reformation, catholic philosophy). The concept of Christian philosophy has also played an important role in development of modern thought (protestant “Schulphilosophie“, Mosaic philosophy, German idealism, new-scholasticism etc.). In the 20th century, the reception of the concept of Christian philosophy was, on one hand, positive (Scheler, Newman, Maritain, Gilson, Marcel, Blondel, Weil, Mounier, Christian personalism, Christian existentialism etc.). On the other hand, it was negative (Barth, Heidegger etc.). Special attention will be paid to the “theological turn of phenomenology” (Janicaud).

Seminar classes are reserved for getting acquainted with texts of selected representatives of different branches, such as, for example, Guardini, Stein, Henry, Marion and others). The applicant acquires hermeneutical awareness of differences developed in the history of Christian self-interpretation in the field of philosophy. He/she becomes familiar with the main texts from the tradition of Christian philosophy, obtains ability of comparison and critical evaluation of their adequacy with Christian faith.

F 09	Petkovšek	Religion in the Light of the Reason	5
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The origin of the philosophy of religion in 18th century, its development, and survey of interpretations of religion in the light of different paradigms: speculative paradigm (Schleiermacher, Hegel, Schelling, Rosenzweig, Rahner); ‘critical’ paradigm (Kant, Troeltsch, Tillich); phenomenological paradigm (Husserl, Otto, Scheler, Eliade) with particular emphasis on the “theological turn of phenomenology” (Chrétien, Lacoste, Marion, Henry); ‘analytic’ paradigm (Wittgenstein, James); hermeneutical paradigm (Gadamer, Heidegger, Ricoeur, Caputo). At the end of the lecture classes, a short introduction to the logic of religion (Bochenski). Seminar classes are reserved for getting acquainted with texts of some selected representatives of different paradigms. The applicant is enabled to differentiate between the logic of religion and the logic of “pure reason”. He/she develops hermeneutical awareness of different models developed in the philosophy of religion. He/she also becomes familiar with the central texts of the modern philosophy of religion.

F 10	Rožič	Dialogue	5
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Students get acquainted with the theoretical grounds of the dialogue on the basis of Christian tradition and contemporary hermeneutical accesses.

Students will be practically qualifying for the dialogical and critical respectively for the hermeneutical access in philosophy, in other subjects and in daily praxis.

F 11	Štrahovnik	Ethics and Moral Theory	5
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The course deals with the relationship between ethics and moral theory, and through reflection on basic concepts (good, evil, moral rightness, duty, virtue, principle, rule, moral judgment, justification, conscience, reason, etc.) and views in moral philosophy (moral realism/irrealism, naturalism and non-naturalism, emotivism, prescriptivism, intuitionism, motivational internalism and externalism, subjectivism, relativism, contractualism) trains students to integrate theoretical and normative aspects of ethics.

F 12	Žalec	Religion and Public Life	5
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Foundations of democracy and the question of the relationship between church and state; religion and civil society; Christianity and democracy; reason and freedom; freedom of faith, rights and liberties; the question of religious neutrality of democracy; religion and theory of citizenship (civic virtues); religion, social consensus, and communicational reason (the question of argumentation in public space, reflexive equilibrium, religious believes, and secular reasons, the role of religious believes in public discourse, the role of religious arguments in liberal democracy); religious commitment and obligations, activities of the citizen and the question of the privacy of religion, religion and fundamentalism; religion and liberalism; multiculturalism; pluralism and religion, religion in the context of the European integration and globalization; religion and common good.

The course enables students to better scientifically understand the relationship between religion and society, to analyse the particular and concrete situations, to cultivate a sound argumentation in discussion regarding the problems and topics the course deals with, to avoid the pitfalls of already theoretically overridden views on religion and society, to recognize the dangers threatening the democracy from several religious or antireligious movements, to understand (the importance of) the relevant civic virtues for democracy and possibilities of contribution of religion(s) to their cultivation in society.

ZC 01	Ambrožič	The Development of Diocesan and Parish Networks in Slovenia	5
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A theme from antiquity, medieval, modern times and modern period will give circumstances and principles to form diocese and parish's network in Slovenia in different historical period and also their historic significance for the life of nation and local history.

The subject qualifies a student for critical-scientific approach to study adequate material (archaeological) and written (archival) sources, which at independent scientific-research activity will help him to form objective interpretation of theme connected key questions and evaluation of historic and geographic context according to individual historic periods.

ZC 02	Kolar	Religious Orders in the Church History in Slovenia	5
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Besides the specific knowledge on the presence and development of the religious orders in the history of the Latin Christianity (the beginning of the asceticism, the importance of the Irish monasticism, the 'vita evangelica et apostolica' movement) the student gets professional skills for the evaluation of the socio-historic context in which the orders began; the student gets acquainted with the way how to judge the originality and specific features of each community, its settlement in time and place as well as their dependence on the particular socio-cultural, religious and political context. More attention will be given to the survey of the above said factors for the Slovenian context along with the consideration of the connection with the wider ecclesiastical framework. A particular analysis will be paid to the international relations contributed to the Slovenian social context by the religious orders (e.g. consequences of the rationalism and other intellectual streams on the orders in the 17th and 18th centuries). The course should help students to get a critical approach of the new forms of religious life, brought about by the industrialization in the 19th century as well as by the spirit of renewal incited by the Second Vatican Council. The subject should enable students to get familiar with the basic legal documents which served as the guidelines for the main religious groups in the development of the religious orders and a critical evaluation of their originality. Taking into account specific interest of each student a specific attention will be paid to a particular period or to a particular religious order.

ZC 03	Kolar	The Role of the Church in the Slovenian Emigration History	5
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As a part of the larger overview of the Slovenian emigration history a student attending this course will get the basic knowledge of the institutions in the course of history created to tackle the problem of emigration (ethnic parishes, special offices in the diocesan administration, St. Raphael's Society), institutions working among them (religious orders, individual priests, bishops) and the fundamental legal documents regulating this field e.g. *Ne temere, Exul familia...* An analysis of the publishing activities of the Slovenian immigrants and the press for them will be elaborated. More attention will be given to the analysis of the reasons for the emigration and the consequences for the Slovenian ethnic community. Along the reasons for emigration, common to other European nations, political motivation and framework should be considered in Slovenia. A doctoral student attending this course should be enabled to understand the migration as such, the attitude of the Catholic Church towards the phenomenon and the legal situation of the people on move, both in the country of their origin as well as in the country they move to, and to evaluate the Church's role in maintaining Slovene ethnic consciousness.

ZC 04	Kolar	The Historical Development of Church Structures	5
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The fundamental goal of the course is to offer to doctoral students a comprehensive basic knowledge regarding the organization of the Christian structures from the beginning (in the framework of the Roman civitas), conditions for creating new ones with the accent on the first millenium of the Christianity (parish, deanery, archdeaconate) and to make them acquainted with the criteria for the evaluation of their temporal and local setting. Students will be introduced to the theological educational system (schools of theology, seminaries). A

particular investigation will be dedicated to the analysis of the ties between the expansion of the Christianity and the creating of new structures (missions, dioceses, metropolitans and senior metropolitans), of the role of metropolitan and ecumenical councils, synods and other forms of the collective leadership. Special attention will be dedicated to the development of the role and significance of the Rome primate. At the same time, the students will be enabled to comprehend the basic documents created during specific periods. Taking into account the general principles for creating new structures students will get acquainted with the development of the Church structures in Slovenia. A detailed evaluation will be dedicated to Slovenia if and to what extent the Church organizational structures have been original or depending completely on the neighbouring countries.

ZC 05	Špelič	The Development of Theological Themes and Biblical Exegesis in the Patristic Period	5
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Selected theological themes, that offer an overview from patristic to modern times. Besides trinitarian theology and christology the choice may point to pneumatology, mariology, moral theology, pastoral approaches, homiletics; and specially exegetical and hermeneutic questions (the role of literal interpretation, allegory, typology, anagogy) Monographical overview of certain important authors and/or their works (Augustine, Irenaeus, Origen).

The student acquires the competence in searching and finding theological contents, being enabled to investigate deep in their texts to provide material for a further theological analysis and research.

SP 01	Avsenik Nabergoj	Women in the Bible and in Literary Interpretation	5
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Students will become familiar with representations and roles of female literary characters of the Bible, of the Slovenian and world folk and mythological traditions as well as from artistic literature;

- they become familiar with portrayals of exemplary female characters in the Bible: temptresses, heroines, saviours of their people, among others. Among the characters are the female images of Eve, Hagar and Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, Deborah, Delilah, Ruth and Naomi, Abigail, Bathsheba, Esther, Judith, Susanna, Elizabeth, and Mary, Jesus' mother; Herodias and Salome, and Martha and Mary Magdalene;
- at the forefront of literary analysis and interpretation are tales, stories, narratives and songs about images of female characters in the biblical texts, about the actions of female mythological characters – heroines in the Babylonian-Assyrian, Ancient Egyptian, Indian, Ancient Greek and other mythological traditions; and about influential female characters in the Slovenian folklore tradition in the European context (the Slovenian Fair Vida as compared to female characters from European Mediterranean countries, etc.);
- in interpretation of works the emphasis is on psychological characterization of persons in their individuality, on analysis of their actions, of rational judgment and intimate feeling and religious experiencing of ethical evaluation of events, on disclosing of their relationship to body, love in sexuality, marriage and maternity, as well as of relationship to men and children; on recognition of their social status and to family, society, national and broader symbolic role.

SP 02	Avsenik Nabergoj	Reality, Truth and Beauty in Literature and Literary Criticism	5
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Course content includes the presentation of the concepts of reality, truth and beauty in art as well as in theoretical reflections in which these concepts have a special place;

- among dimensions of the phenomena of reality exposes reality and truth as an actuality that it is in opposition to appearance or irreality will be highlighted, truth as a characteristic of speech, beliefs or thoughts in opposition to wrongness, to lying, as well as honesty, sincerity in opposition to dishonesty and insincerity;
- the course explores the perception of reality, truth and beauty that are linked to it, especially in literature and literary criticism from antiquity, through the Middle Ages to the modern era; among the ancient authors dealt with are Plato, Aristotle and Horace; from the Middle Ages and Renaissance Maimonides, Thomas Aquinas, Dante Alighieri, Boccaccio, Shakespeare and others;
- we will discover different views in selected works by Goethe and Schiller; in reports of Romantic poets Keats, Shelley and Coleridge (Romantic idea of truth); in selected works by Russian writers Gogol, Tolstoy and Dostoyevsky; in selected works by Oscar Wilde (l'art pour l'art views in conception of art, Dandysm), as well as in the works by Verlaine, Baudelaire, Mallarmé, Flaubert, Gauthier, etc.;
- in a broader context of the Western literature and culture we will deal more in detail also with the selected works and reports about reality, truth and beauty in Slovenian writers (Cankar, Kosovel and many more).

SP 03	Avsenik Nabergoj	The World of Myths and Comparative Studies about Biblical Motifs and Literature	5
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The world of myths in literature, the fine arts and music, and their place in religion; acceptance and rejection of myths in the Holy Scripture; the ethical and theological message of narrative texts in the Old Testament and their mediated and immediate influence on creativity in the world and Slovene literature; the motif of longing and temptation/trial in the Bible and in the world literature: the Babylonian epic of Gilgamesh, extraordinary echoes of Biblical stories of Adam and Eve, Joseph of Egypt, Samson and Delilah, and other biblical stories in the world and Slovene literature.

SP 04	Matjaž	History and Principles of the Interpretation of the Bible in Judaism and in Christianity	5
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Inner-biblical interpretation and the early Jewish interpretation as attested in the Dead Sea Scrolls, in other intertestamental writings, in the New Testament, in patristics, in rabbinic exegesis and in mediaeval commentaries; four senses of the Scriptures in the mediaeval exegesis; development of the modern critical exegesis: textual criticism, biblical archaeology, historical criticism, literary criticism, canonical criticism. *Competences:* Study of historical problems and challenges in interpretation of the Bible; evaluation of textual criticism, biblical archaeology, form criticism and the rest of methods as a discipline in its own right; investigation of common points and differences in approaches in Judaism and in Christianity; discovery of plurality of methods in the interpretation of the Bible from antiquity until today.

SP 05	Palmisano	Anthropological and Theological Questions in Wisdom Literature	5
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Research into basic anthropological questions (life and death, the meaning of suffering, the role of the sage) in wisdom literatures of ancient Israel, Egypt, Mesopotamia and Greece; understanding of specific theological questions in wisdom literature (with an emphasis on the question of prayer in the book of Sirach) in relation to older traditions and to Hellenistic literature; presentation of biblical wisdom books (Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Sirach, Wisdom); study of text variants in traditions and translations. *Competences:* The objective is to become familiar with properties and the background of the biblical wisdom literature and of its interactive relationship to the wisdom of the ancient Near East; the object of study will be the knowledge of the properties of the content and literary forms of the biblical wisdom books in the larger framework of the wisdom literature of the ancient Near East; assessment of the relationship between the wisdom texts of the Bible and the Jewish, Hellenistic and Christian traditions; a deeper knowledge of the relationship between anthropological and theological presuppositions of the wisdom literature in Israel and that of the ancient Near East; the understanding of the influence of ancient wisdom streams on biblical texts and the perception of distinctiveness of biblical wisdom.

SP 06	Palmisano	Semantics of Old Testament Theological Concepts in the New Testament	5
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The search for newness or distinctiveness of the New Testament, written in Hellenistic Greek, by considering longer combinations of words, longer sentences and still longer literary structures; study of transcultural translation of biblical concepts as they reflect the relations achieved between the Christian community and the surrounding culture; critical assessment of synthetic method of biblical theology by quality literary criticism, by greater use of the categories of oral tradition, and by an appreciation of the totality of religious consciousness; research into the typological function of crucial biblical events (such as Creation, the Fall of Adam and Eve, the Flood, Sacrifice, the Tower of Babel, the Plagues of Egypt, Passover and Exodus, The Song of the Sea, the Decalogue, the Sealing of the Covenant, the Golden Calf, the Renewal of the Covenant, etc.) by considering recognizable biblical styles and the Hebrew concept of time and history in the span between the concepts of promise and fulfillment.

SP 07	Matjaž	Concept of History, Kingdom, Righteousness, Justification and Salvation in the Old and New Testament	5
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The research of the distinctive theological interpretation of history in the Bible as a movement of events towards a goal in the framework of a “linear” concept of time; investigation of the central role of theological concepts of kingdom, righteousness, justification and salvation within sacred history (Heilsgeschichte); analysis of the concept of “kingdom” as “historicization” of the revelation and the place of theological continuation between the Old and the New Testament; development of sensitivity for the distinction between “event” and “fact”, between history and interpretation of history; critical evaluation of methods used in historiography; actualization of Old Testament history in the New Testament by means of the method of typological interpretation of the Old Testament in inner-biblical exegesis.

The subject qualifies for critical evaluation of the methods of historiography and for the scientific interpretation of the Bible; for establishing relationships between basic biblical-theological and anthropological themes; for critical consideration of the principles of righteousness, justification, salvation and freedom in relationship with the experience of the absolute; for study of the relationships between logical principles and moral imperative.

SP 08	Špelič	Influence of the Hellenistic Culture on the Interpretation of the Bible in Early Christianity	5
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The subject offers insights on origin, development, typical expressions and downfall of Hellenism (included Alexandrian philology), introduces into reading of Greek translation of Bible (Septuagint) with a special attention on origin, characteristics and influence of Hellenistic literature in its ideological and literary structure. Students acquire competences for a comparative research of Homeric and Biblical interpretations and for research in mutual interferences on various semantic fields and levels; they are introduced to gnostic and orthodox exegesis with special stress on Origen.

SP 09	Palmisano	Female Characters in the Bible	5
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- Taking in consideration the biblical use of polarity and the presentation of the positive and the negative human characters, the students get to explore the female Bible characters present in the accounts of creation, in the narratives from the Patriarch period, in the narration of history, prophetic and sapiential texts of the Old Testament and in the New Testament texts).
- They get familiar with various exegetical approaches, analyses and hermeneutical explanations of the texts.
- On the basis of the texts from the Old and New Testament books they learn about literary, cultural and theological elements of individual female figures in Israel and the then contemporary cultures and peoples.
- Based on the Bible literary analysis and comparative analysis the students learn about the figure and the role of the women who are in the key Bible texts presented as the advocates of ethical principles and the right to live, especially in the case of those who are weak (cf Ex 1.15-22; Ex 2.1-10; 1Sam 25; 2Sam 21.1-14).

OB 01	Dolenc	The Role of Democracy and Democratic Procedures in the Practice of Christian Churches	5
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Biblical and early Church fundamentals of understanding of spiritual authority in Christian Churches (the God-given authorization; authority viewed as service); Christian Churches and their relation to human rights in the history; the role of Protestant Movement for the realization of democratic elements in the Church life (accentuation of the individual, of his freedom; desacralization of institution); developments in the 20.th Century towards a stronger consideration of lay people, of their rights and their participation in the ecclesial life; specific accentuations in the understanding of spiritual authority in traditional Churches, free Churches and New religious movements; »democratic« procedures and elements in the pastoral activity of the Catholic Church; application of democratic models in the ecclesial life, their limits and ambivalence.

OB 02	Dolenc	Ecumenical Movement - a Model of Dialogue Approach to Religious and Confessional Plurality	5
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The origins of the Ecumenical Movement in the context of missionary activities and modern theology; Catholic principles of ecumenism as proposed by the decrees of the II. Vatican council and by post-conciliar documents; the practice of ecumenism in various Christian Churches: bilateral, multilatera dialogues and their achievements; dialogue as a leading idea of the Council and an instrument for discovering the truth and improving interpersonal relations; the principle of recognizing truth and spiritual gifts evidenced within non-Catholic Churches and confessions; examples of anti-dialogue approach in the fundamentalist streams within Christianity; the future of the Ecumenical Movement and its importance for the building of the culture of peace, tolerance and respect for differences.

OB 03	Dolenc	Ambivalent Aspects of New Religious Movements	5
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Phenomena of heterodox streams (heresies, sects) in history of Christianity and the relation of the Church towards them (doctrinal controversies, Ecumenical Councils, schisms, excommunication, religious wars and crusades, persecutions); the proliferation of NRM in the 20.th Century in the western world evidencing a crisis of the scientific-technical civilization; New Age as a cultural stream and a network of alternative doctrines and practices; points in common with Christianity and their fundamental incompatibility; sects, dangerous and destructive cults; questionable methods of recruitment of new adherents and menaces to their freedom; the relation of traditional Churches to sects and NRM (information, counselling, help); NRM and state legislation: in the world, in Europe and with us (Law on Religious Freedom); results of Parliamentary Enquete Commissions on dangerous sects and cults; the presence and activity of NRM in Slovenia.

OB 04	Osredkar	Indigenous Religions of Africa and Oceania	5
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First part presents religious and ethical image of Africa and Oceania and exposes not only particularistic but also universalistic religions. In the second part the focus is on indigenous/traditional religions of Africa and Oceania and on their ethic. Third part is dedicated to relations between particularistic and universalistic religions presented on case study: voodoo and Christianity. The last part deals with indigenous religions of Africa and Oceania in European space.

OB 05	Osredkar	Islam	5
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First part presents religious and ethical image of Africa and Oceania and exposes not only particularistic but also universalistic religions. In the second part the focus is on indigenous/traditional religions of Africa and Oceania and on their ethic. Third part is dedicated to relations between particularistic and universalistic religions presented on case study: voodoo and Christianity. The last part deals with indigenous religions of Africa and Oceania in European space.

OB 06	Osredkar	Hinduism: History, Theology, Ritual Practices	5
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Introduction to Indian history and culture: Indus civilization, pre-Vedic cultures and religions. *Vedas* and Vedic religion. Sacrifices and cosmic cycles.
 The epochs of Hinduism (ascetic reformism, classical Hinduism, Hinduism of the sects, modern Hinduism). Classification of religiosity in Hinduism.
Bhagavadgita: doctrines and ethics.
 Teistic traditions in Hinduism: Shivaism, Vishnuism, Shaktism. Other Hindu gods and goddesses.
 History and dynamics of the caste system in India. *Varna* and *jati*.
 Introduction to hinduistic rituals. Rites of passage (*samskaras*). Asceticism in Hinduism.
 Hindu theology and mysticism (Hindu schools, *bhakti*, spiritual traditions).
 Hindu ethics (*dharma*, *karma*, tolerance, social (in)equality).
 Comparative theology of religions and Hinduism: R. Panikkar in W.C. Smith.
 Neohinduism and modern India: from colonial age to democracy. Religion and (non)violence.

D 01	Turnšek	Trinitary Anthropological Vision in the Post-Council Theology	5
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Defining and evaluating the variety of meanings of the trinity concept in anthropology. Discussing important anthropological topics through the concept of trinity; among those: a person's uniqueness in their physical, emotional and spiritual identity, the human's likeness to God, Sonship of God, discovering new ways of understanding and shaping the existing and potential forms of social and communal life according to trinitary relationality, reviewing the consumer approach to nature and finding a more personal way of relating to nature.

D 02	Turnšek	God for us: Shekhinah, Kenosis, Perichoresis	5
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The God of revelation is "God with us" and "God for us". God's interest in man is referred to with the term "shekhinah" in the Old Testament, "kenosis" in the New Testament (especially Paul's letters), and "perichoresis" in theology (especially Eastern, resting on st. John's theology). Recently, the last two terms have gained an important place in Christian theology, what represents a great ecumenical contribution. In each of the above mentioned terms one meets the God of revelation in his relationship to the creation, the human, the history and the future. What all three of them have in common is that they all present a God who is not apathetic, but involved and interested in mankind and the world.

D 03	Turnšek	The Concept of God and the Ethical Autonomy of a Human Being	5
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God is not an indifferent factor in a human being's ethical and moral principles. The image of God is a precondition for a person's moral activities and vice versa, therefore the understanding of autonomous or theonomous ethics and morale is based on a study of Biblical and theological traditions. According to the Second Vatican Council and its perception of "the autonomy of earthly existence" God is regarded by people as an unobtainable foundation of ethical creativity and responsibility. The aim of the research is to show which images of God encourage a person's ethical autonomy and co-responsibility and which of them produce the opposite effect.

D 04	Turnšek	The Concept of Man's Likeness to God in Different Religions	5
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Identifying the presence and absence of common concepts and themes associated with man's likeness to God by analysing basic anthropological texts of individual religious systems. Understanding and incorporating the semantic convergence and divergence of concepts, and their inclusion in the wide spectrum of the cultural and religious system. Researching and evaluating the possibilities of supplementing and upgrading concepts of man for establishing the means for interreligious dialogue.

D 05	Štrukelj	Christological Problems in the Contemporary Christology	5
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The fundamental knowledge of different streams in the Christology of today. The deepening of the doctrine, defined at the first Ecumenical Councils and the following development of Christian doctrine. The Ecumenical dialogue with other religions.

D 06	Štrukelj	Redemption Between Different Cultures and Civilisations	5
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Acquaintance in different directions of contemporary theology. Deepening of the elementary knowledge of redemption-doctrine, defined at first ecumenical Councils and subsequent development in the Church. Contemporary accentuation in ecumenical perspective and in dialogue with other religions.

M 01	Globokar	Bioethical Issues at the End of Life	5
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The course will deal with various issues related to human dying. First, we will take into consideration different religious and cultural views on suffering and death. Ethical evaluation of various issues at the end of life is associated with the importance that individuals and community attribute to suffering and death. Then we will discuss views of dying presented in contemporary technological society (literature, art, film). As a follow up, we will highlight specific bioethical issues with a help of an interdisciplinary dialogue from a medical, philosophical, legal and religious perspective. We will define the relationship between the autonomy of a patient and physician caring for the patient's well-being. We will introduce different legal systems that permit euthanasia or assisted suicide and confront the ethical arguments relating to these practices. The ethics of termination of a disproportionate treatment will also be discussed. We will specifically highlight the position of palliative care and the role of spiritual care within it. At the end we will talk about the ethics of organ donation and the definition of brain death related to it.

M 02	Globokar	Bioethical Issues at the Beginning of Life	5
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The course will discuss bioethical issues that arise at the beginning of life. The knowledge of the fundamental bioethical courses will be deepened. New technologies in field of reproductive medicine and genetics generate new ethical questions. In the interdisciplinary dialogue between science, philosophy and theology, we will look for the ethical answers to these new questions. Legal aspects of these issues will be considered. The key question in this field is the status of a human embryo. The plurality of cultural, philosophical and religious views suggests a demanding task to be elaborated, namely the common ethical ground for the legislation. Different ethical considerations and their argumentation will be confronted.

Since the development in this area is very rapid, topical challenges will be pursued. However, the main topics will include comparative view of the status of human embryo (different religion, philosophies, legal systems), new challenges of reproductive medicine (triple parenthood, surrogate motherhood, prenatal diagnostic and question of trisomy 21), informative consent in the reproductive medicine, genetic manipulation and enhancement of men, extraction and use of stem cells as well as adoption.

M 03	Globokar	Ecological Ethics and Theology	5
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The first part will be dedicated to contemporary environmental problems (pollution, global warming, genetically modified organisms ...), which will be dealt with in view of natural science, social, legal and political perspective. We will learn about international documents in the field of environmental protection.

In the second part we will focus on the response of ethics to ecological issues. Various ethical theories will be presented. They differ in how they define the relationship between man and environment. Anthropocentric, biocentric and physiocentric approaches will be presented.

In the third part we will present an answer of various religions to the question of environmental protection. Particular attention will be paid to the biblical conception of creation and the ethical implications of this notion. We will talk about the necessity of a clearer formation of the Christian ecological consciousness.

The last part will be dedicated to the application of ecological ethics in different areas. We will particularly focus on the introduction of ecological issues in the field of education.

M 04	Globokar	Globalization and Social Justice	5
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The course deals with the process of globalization in various fields (economics, politics, media, culture) and is defined as an ambivalent process. Its positive aspects will be exposed, such as global integration and solidarity, increased sensitivity for human rights, respect for cultural diversity. At the same time we will be looking at the negative aspects of globalization, such as the growing gap between rich and poor countries, exploitation of cheap labour, terrorism, excessive exploitation of natural resources and destruction of natural environment, endangerment of particular cultural traditions. In the second part we will talk about the role of religions in establishing peace and global justice. In particular, we will focus on Catholic social doctrine and its contribution to human rights and social justice. The following areas will be considered: global migration, international humanitarian aid, international military intervention, various forms of discrimination, universal significance of human rights, the role of international institutions in establishing global justice.

M 05	Platovnjak	Central Position of Spiritual Experience in Spirituality	5
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This course enables participants to gain a deeper knowledge of various spiritual experiences within Christian spirituality as well as within spirituality of other religions and modern spiritual movements and thus widening space for a respectful dialogue among them. Participants will be qualified for a critical scientific analysis of various spiritual experiences and of creating a constructive dialogue among various spiritual movements originating from basic spiritual experience.

M 06	Platovnjak	Relationship between Spiritual Direction and Psychology	5
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The course leads participants to a more holistic knowledge and use of criteria of a healthy relationship between spiritual accompaniment and various psychological schools and therapies. It deals with a critical scientific analysis of the existing models integrating spiritual accompaniment and various psychological schools; critical assessment of the criteria they use, the outcomes that such integrations bring as well as the course tries to find new ways of integration. Participants will be qualified for a critical scientific assessment of criteria for complementary cooperation between spiritual accompaniment and psychology and look for new ways of fruitful integration and constructive dialogue between psychological and spiritual help.

M 07	Rožič	Humans as Spiritual and Political Beings	5
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The course enables the PhD candidate to learn about the anthropology, philosophy, sociology and theology of humanity's spiritual dimension – as well as the methodology leading to such knowledge accumulation – in order to be able theologically critically apply the contents learned to social events from the perspective of spiritual theology as an independent scientific subfield in order to better understand and explain phenomena such as new forms of spirituality and their impact on political life.

M 08	Rožič	Global Political Theology	5
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The course enables the PhD candidate to learn about the contents, epistemology and methodology of political theology as a scientific discipline and to theologically-critically apply the acquired knowledge to both historical and contemporary socio-political events in a global perspective, using oral and written techniques of science-based argumentation.

M 09	Globokar	Autonomy in Morality on Probation	5
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Different understanding of the notion of »autonomy« influences the methodological instrument used by authors in the field of moral judgement. Their closeness or remoteness are conditioned by an anthropological paradigm. A question of Christian specifics in the field of morality has been exposed and all classical notions of moral theology are being redefined, such as natural law, conscience, moral decision, sin and others. Above all the relation between standard and subject is exposed and through this also the methods of argumentation about moral questions and dilemmas in the field of concrete decisions, be it in bioethics or when dealing with social questions.

M 10	Globokar	Universality of Moral Contents in the World Religions	5
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The development of moral legislation of the Old Testament and its transfer and completion in the New Testament speaks in favour of the thesis that a certain critical acceptance of notions, standards and ethical attitudes has always existed. Thus, the contemporary intercultural and interreligious dialogue does not represent a complete novelty. Similarities and differences, acceptance and refusal of ethical questions and their solutions represent a historical process including a certain extent of transcendence and timelessness or universality, as goes the maxim: what you do not want others to do to you, do not do it to others. The entire human race has never faced such burning issues as atomic weapon, ecological catastrophes, manipulation with human cells and others. Therefore questions about a world ethos as the minimum consensus of all world's actors have been raised again.

CP 01	Slatinek	Ecclesiology of the II. Vatican Council and 2nd Book of Code of Canon law (The People of God)	5
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Study and comparison of pre-council and council ecclesiology in comparison to the legal solutions of Book II of the 1983 Code of Canon Law. Detailed analysis of selected canons and their implementation in ecclesiological and wider theological field.

CP 02	Slatinek	The Hierarchical Constitution of the Church in Comparison to Contemporary Democratic Society	5
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Study of biblical and theological texts and their explanations and solutions legally governed by the 1983 Code of Canon Law. Comparison between the 1917 Code of Canon Law and the 1983 Code of Canon Law.

CP 03	Slatinek	Property, Possession (Ownership) and Administration of Church Property	5
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Study of 5th book of Code of Canon Law 983 (The temporal goods of the Church). Definitions of terms: property, ownership, administration of property, which derive from Roman law, which Canon law summarize. Legitimacy and meaning of property in Church, way of administration of this property regarding to property of individual juridic persons in Church. Intended use of Church property and responsibility of administrators to superiors – hierarchy of administration regarding to Church property. Intended use of Church to its own property and way of use.

CP 04	Slatinek	Legal Regulation of Missionary Activity in the Church	5
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Study of Council documents on the missionary activity. Paralleling the Council's doctrine to the legal clauses of Book III – Canon Law, mainly Title II (Cann. 781-792) which directly regulate the missionary activity of the Church. Comparative study of other clauses of the 1983 Code which directly or indirectly regulate the missionary activity and its carriers. Study of mission organizational structures from their establishment as particular Churches in making to the foundation of missionary dioceses. Comparison of legal regulation of missionary activity in the old and the new Code of Canon Law.

CP 05	Slatinek	Relationship between Supreme Church Authority and Particular Churches	5
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Study of biblical and theological text and their explanations and solutions which depends on foundation, establishment and activity universal in particular Churches. Legal system of this relationship has reaffirmed Code of Canon Law 1983. Comparison of Code of Canon Law 1917 and Code of Canon Law 1983 on hierarchical regulation between Church and community, universal Church and individual particular Churches, between pope and local bishops.

CP 06	Slatinek	Religious Freedom in Church Documents	5
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Study of the texts of Vatican II which directly or indirectly refer to the doctrine of religious freedom. Comparison of Council texts and the Canon law. Comparison of the Old and New Codes of Canon Law on the doctrine of religious freedom. Study of parallel texts in international documents on human rights and religious freedom.

L 01	Debevec	Contemporary Sacral Architecture in Slovenia	5
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Developmental characteristics of Christian sacral architecture in Slovenia up to the end of the 19th century; sacral architecture in Slovenia from the 19th century to World War II; sacral architecture in Slovenia from the end of World War II to the Second Vatican Council; sacral architecture after the Second Vatican Council; sacral architecture in Slovenia in the future?

L 02	Debevec	Archetypes of Christian Sacral Space	5
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The nature of the sacred; architecture as a way of visualization of the sacred; the nature of the archetype; the structure of the archetypes in visualization of the sacred; the »wrapping« method; developmental characteristics of each »wrapper«.

L 03	Krajnc	Slovene Liturgical Components and Slovene Terminology in Books of Ritual from the Tridentine to the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council	5
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The main subject is focused on the analysis of translations of the Slovene ritual texts in Latin liturgical books, exploring the translation diversity of the liturgical terminology and theological assessment of their adequacy according to the original texts; profound learning of the ritual liturgical elements, specific for our territory.

The applicant will be engaged in the study of presence of Slovene language in Latin liturgical books; will discover the particularities of Slovene liturgical terminology and learn about the Slovene ritual customs and the attempts of inculturalisation of Roman worship.

L 04	Krajnc	Special Questions of Pastoral Liturgics	5
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The main subject is focused on specific issues in the field of pastoral liturgy, where students meet proper and improper in the worship communion and look for appropriate and creative ways to a more fruitful pastoral action.

The applicant will find the answers to particular issues in the field of pastoral liturgy, especially to the current issues in today's communion of worship and will recognize the primary work fields of a pastoral worker and point to the methods of experiencing the communion in worship.

L 05	Krajnc	The Role of Sacred Music in the Church in Slovenia	5
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This subject helps students to broaden the knowledge about the particularities of church singing from the first records until today, to recognize the reciprocal influence of catholic and protestant church songs, to evaluate the meaning of church choir singing from the liturgical-pastoral and sociological point of view and to discover the characteristics of modern forms of church music and to explore the psychological aspect of rejecting church folk songs among the young and the need to producing new.

The student will research the foundations of the Slovene melody of church songs and the specifics of the lyrics; look for Slovene particularities of Catholic church songs and compare them with the protestant church songs and the development of church songs of other nations; evaluate the appropriateness of the new forms of modern Christian music for catholic worship.

L 06	Krajnc	Wedding and Pre Marital and Post Marital Rituals in Different Cultures	5
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This subject helps students to recognize the specifics of wedding ceremonies and rituals of a particular culture, to look for certain common patterns of wedding ceremonies and analyse their deeper meaning and to analyse the details of wedding rituals (engagement, birth, purification of mothers after giving birth...)

The student will analyse the elements of wedding ceremonies and rituals of some larger cultures; recognize certain common elements of all communions and deduce their 'archetypical nature'; connect these rituals with our culture and search for common or opposite ways of 'communion' in our culture.

L 07	Krajnc	The Influence of Ritual Music on the Religiousness of Humans	5
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Study of this subject helps to the students to analyse the influence of music on human mind, to recognize positive and negative influences (subliminal messages) of the ritual music and to substantiate the importance of ritual music in the catholic and other worships

The student will with the help of acquired knowledge from other studies (philosophy, psychology of music ...), discuss the role of music in a person's life; profoundly learn about the role of ritual music in the catholic and other worships.

PO 01	Gerjolj	Religious Education in the European School Systems	5
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Overview of upbringing and educational (especially school) systems in European states. Historical review of religious teaching and contemporary challenges of religious education in plural Europe. Overview of models of religious teaching in European countries with regard to content and "authorization" (confessional, interconfessional/ecumenical, interreligious; non confessional etc. lessons). Overview of models of religious teaching in European countries with regard to status of lesson/lessons that refer to religious teaching (obligatory, obligatory-optional, facultative lesson/lessons). Examples of intersubject, empirical and project teaching in the field of religious education – as well in connection with religious communities and other civil associations. Religious lessons and ethical lessons. Challenges of religious education in plural Europe – tradition and contemporary challenges.

PO 02	Gerjolj	Alternative Pedagogies	5
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Challenges and trends in contemporary pedagogy – praxes and theories. Origin, history, evaluation and meaning of "alternative" pedagogy for development of pedagogic science. Study of singular "alternative" pedagogies, especially: Waldorf pedagogy, Montessori's pedagogy, Jesuit pedagogy, Don Bosco pedagogy, "Glasser's" pedagogy, Freire pedagogy, Gestalt pedagogy, Logo pedagogy.

Role of "alternative" pedagogies in development of integrative and inclusive pedagogic in connection with contemporary understanding of holistic pedagogy, including ethical and religious dimension of education.

PO 03	Gerjolj	Education and Personal Growth	5
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The course will present the findings of the psychoanalytical approach, constructivism and the discipline of psychoeducation. The course will examine human personality growth at the levels of its corporal, performing, individual, psychosexual, psychosocial, and spiritual identities. The course will enable the students to discover human personality growth from the viewpoint of their life energies and their fragility.

PO 04	Gerjolj	Contemporary Challenges of Family Pedagogy	5
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Estimating the role of the family pedagogy and her role in a concept of a lifelong learning; the process of an individualization; preadolescence, early adolescence, late adolescence, after adolescence; the theory of psychical development and fundamentally factors of personal development; communicating valuableness in former times and this days; fundamentally andragogical principles and methods and shapes of adults education and their qualifying for family life. Review of different cultural family models in a contemporary global society. Religious influence on the family institution. Contemporary Church teachings in a relation with family problems.

PO 05	Gerjolj	Charitable Dimension of the Church in Slovenia and in the World	5
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Theological view on Church' activities in the light of Christ Biblical paradigm and light of detection of poverty. Church foundations and Social foundations: cooperation or separation? Methods, principles of their work.

PO 06	Stegu	Marriage and Family in the Society and in the Church	5
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A detailed study of the most significant social and church documents dealing with family-related issues and discussion about the current position of family in the Church and society, with a special emphasis on the situation in Slovenia in the second half of the 20th and 21st centuries.

PO 07	Stegu	Parish Councils - a Model of Synodality	5
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The students theoretically examine the level of sinodality within various pastoral councils throughout Slovenia and they, also, learn how to practically evaluate the actual new models and approaches employed in certain parish communities. The post-Vatican reformation, in fact, presupposes the reformation of individuals as well as various institutions. Can management, in fact, perform the pastorate of the Church or not? The subject also presents the necessary stages involved in the evaluation of pastoral plans. By employing scientific methods of evaluation the students learn how to identify the extent to which the democratic principles are being incorporated into the structure of the Church, i.e. into individual parish communities as well as into the higher levels of its hierarchically-based structure. The level of

sinodality can be determined via the evaluation of the extent to which both the democratic and the hierarchical principles are incorporated into the activities of individual parishes.

PO 08	Šegula	The Pastoral Ministry of the Church in the Slovenian Territory and Time	5
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This subject provides an overview of the main cultural and socio-political movements existing in 20th century in the area of Slovenia; special attention is paid to the movements from the period of Communism and to the evaluation of the influence (in various dimensions such as time and place, main characteristics, functions and methodology) that the movements discussed exerted on the activities of the Church during the period mentioned. The students learn how to critically evaluate the circumstances and the period in which the pastorate of the Church was being performed. By employing scientific methods of research the students are able to evaluate all the circumstances that significantly influenced the activities within the Slovene Church in 20th century, especially as regards the general cultural environment, various relations within the structure of the Church, and the characteristics of the period which presupposed and determined the relations mentioned.

PO 09	Šegula	Integrated and Organic Pastoral Ministry as a Condition for the Realization of Objectives Set by the Church	5
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Via the examination of the pre- and post- Vatican II. documents on ecclesiology the subject stresses the importance of the participation between all the main components of the pastorate of the Church (i.e. evangelisation, liturgy, diaconry and coinony) and the synergy between them - this can, of course, only be achieved if an appropriate ratio of each of the components in question has been assured. The subject also introduces the global role of the Church, i.e. the Church ab intra and ad extra. Various pastoral activities are viewed as a means a self-actualisation of the Church, its image and its global mission. The theological and the social aspects of the self-actualisation in question are presented as well. By employing various scientific methods of research the students learn that pastorate activities are to be approached holistically and they, also, try to explore the various ways in which this , holistically-oriented approach can be incorporated; by employing the approach in question the students learn that all the activities of the Church should be perceived as a single, organic entity. The students also learn how to identify the mission of the Church as precisely and clearly as possible. By employing scientific methods of research the students learn how to predict the activities that presuppose the successful accomplishment of the mission of the Church.

PO 10	Šegula	Principle of Democracy in the Church and its Ambivalence	5
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The subject presents various current and past models of lay and theological democracy and the evangelical approach to the type of rule in question. Although the Church has remained strongly clerical, the laity is gaining its place within the Church since, after Vatican II, the latter appear have been entrusted with various positions which enable them to (at least partially) participate in the important decisions about the activities of the Church. There is another major issue, i.e. the role of women within the structure of the Church. The subject

explores and prepares concrete proposals as to how the democratic principle could be enhanced within the Church. The students learn to identify the level of democracy within the teachings and, particularly, within the activities of the Church. By employing scientific methods of research the students are able to determine how the teachings of the Church agree with the concrete, everyday activities the institution in question engages in; the students also compare these with the level of the »actual« democracy within the civil (i.e. secular) society. The students learn how to identify the positive as well as the negative aspects of the »enhanced« democratic principle within the, essentially hierarchical, structure of the Church.

PO 11	Šegula	Media Culture in Church and Society	5
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The subject provides an overview of the latest instructions of the Church regarding the media and the culture of reporting; the latter are compared with the concrete activities within the Slovene church and society. The students learn how to analyse the circumstances behind the current state of affairs and they, also, try to prepare a set of concrete proposals as to how the existing media culture could be improved. By employing scientific methods of research the students identify the general as well as the specific components of the media culture currently existing within the civil (i.e. the secular) society and, also, within the Church. Students learn how to identify the types of media existing in the contemporary civil society as well as the extent to which these have already been incorporated into the activities of the Church. By employing scientific methods of research the students are able to examine the specificities of the media culture in Slovenia and they, also, learn how to identify the specific ways that the culture in question employs to influence the general culture of the Slovene society.

PO 12	Vodičar	Philosophy of Education	5
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Through the history of philosophy we follow the development of educational ideas. In light of history of religions we make a comparison to the development of philosophic and institutional ideas. We sociologically place them in European society and compare them with modern demands of school system. We separately discuss the process of globalization and the demand of school system reforms. In the process, we consider the critical views of modern philosophers and the tendency to protect the old educational system. While doing that, we also include the support and strength that religion has in this area. We are especially interested in how ethic and religious education are connected. We face this with the thesis that moral principles cannot be taught, which is connected with a possibility of religious education.

PO 13	Vodičar	Globalization and Education (Intercultural, Interreligious and Ecumenical Education)	5
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Through the history of educational techniques in different religions we develop modern techniques that reflect globalization and the increasing confrontations of different cultures. In that we follow modern theories of globalization and certain occurrences in different religions, which reflect this world phenomenon. We pay special attention to modern challenges of abuse of religion in the sense of terrorism, fundamentalism, and political systems. Combined with different experiments to solve these global dangers, which are rooted in cultures and religious differences, with education, we learn the possibilities for constructive and human-friendly use of religious education in the sense of dialogue and pluralist world. By studying actual

experiments in education, we explore possibilities for positive use of different religious and cultural backgrounds, traditions, and comprehensions as a contribution to social solidarity of a global human community.

PO 14	Vodičar	Man – the Basic Value of Society and the Church	5
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Presentation of specific anthropological and theological underpinnings vital for the comprehension of the concept of man. Students learn about the characteristics of God's concept of man which reaches its potential with man's endeavours in society and with his participation in the activities within the Church. All the institutions serve mankind. This subject examines the approach to man within the “categorical pastorship” and evaluates the importance of this type of categorization for society and the Church.

PS 01	Bahovec	Christianity in Contemporary Europe	5
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The main goal of the course is to qualify students to deeper understanding of the theoretical and methodological concepts of the contemporary religion/religiosity and so to attain more adequate understanding of (the European and Slovene) Christianity. The course is based on the reflection of dissonances in interpretations of surveys data and comparison of theoretical approaches. The course enable students to interpret religious (qualitative and quantitative) data both on the basis of contemporary theoretical perspectives and on being aware of the postmodern socio-cultural context of religion and confrontation of Christianity with its phenomena. Slovene situation is investigated in the context of (Central-)European perspective. The course enable students to analytical use of surveys data (Aufbruch I. and II, EVS) and to so to develop new knowledge and interpretation.

PS 02	Bahovec	Postmodern Culture and Spirituality: New Age and Christianity	5
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The aim of the course is to identify the core characteristics of postmodern culture and different development trends in it, the role of spirituality in contemporary society and the relationship between spirituality, faith, religion and culture. The essential contents of the course are: concrete expressions of alternative New Age spirituality and main features of New Age; characteristics of the relationship between Christian spirituality, religion and culture and contemporary revival of spirituality in Christianity; key differences between New Age and Christian spirituality; the characteristics of rational-empirical methods as scientifically-critical method and as assistance for genuine reflection and discernment.

Key aspects of the course are:

- the awakening of spirituality in Europe at the end of the 20th century;
- Christianity and New Age;
- the relationship between religion and culture, and the question of inculturation;
- characteristics of postmodern culture and the different trends of development of postmodernity: postmodernity and spirituality;
- empirical-rational method as method of science, and as help for reflection of life and discernment;
- shifts in contemporary Christianity and the role of spirituality in this: spirituality as the center of Christianity, the source for the renewal of culture knowledge and practical life;

- relationship between religions in the contemporary world;
- the essential messages Templeton prize winners for spirituality in recent years (T. Halik, D. Tutu, J. Vanier);
- the role of spirituality in a pluralistic and multicultural society and the questions of dialogue.

PS 03	Bahovec	The Person and the Community in the Contemporary Communitarian Perspective and in the Church	5
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The course connects contemporary reflection of the person and the community as was developed particularly in the context of contemporary personalism and communitarianism, as well as reflection on of concrete forms of personal and socio-cultural life in the Church and society.

On the one hand, the students get acquainted with the fundamental authors and perspectives which have developed reflection of the person and the community, on the other it is confronted with concrete expressions of community life in the Church and society, and the related challenges in society. Important aspect is to understand the fundamental anthropological dilemmas of the present.

Main topics of the course are:

- concept of the person, the difference between the concepts of the person and an individual, the difference between the processes of individualization, individuation and personalisation;
- development and key ideas of modern communitarian personalism;
- classical and contemporary understanding of (genuine) community from families through neighbourhoods, (church) brotherhoods and movements to the nation and the Church;
- community at different levels: interpersonal, cultural, social;
- question of fraternity in interpersonal and wider social level;
- civil and political vision of contemporary communitarianism;
- community and Christianity, from religious congregations, parishes to modern lay movements.

Seminar work focuses on reading, comprehension and reflection of important authors of the person and the community as well as of concrete expressions in life.

PS 04	Gostečnik	Advanced Research on the Psychoanalysis of the Sacral	5
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Historical and conceptual foundations of the psychoanalysis of religion. The beginnings of psychoanalysis and religion as an obsessive neurosis. Religion as a reflection of the pathology of an individual in further psychoanalysis. Psychoanalysis and religious experience in modern theories. Self-psychology and sacral experience. Mutual sacral potential space. Object-relations theory, interpersonal analysis and other relational views on the sacral mutual space. Modern studies of religion and psychoanalysis. The salvational process in psychotherapy. Phenomenological - psychoanalytic evidence that God exists.

Elective – Field Subjects (Marital and Family Therapy)

PS 05	Cvetek	Modern Research on Trauma and Stress in the Family	5
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The course includes in-depth analysis of modern conceptualizations on trauma and retraumatization in families and couples. At the end of the course, students will to be able to critically evaluate and design therapeutic approach to trauma-related problems, as well as design original research in this area.

PS 06	Erzar	Change Process Research in Marital and Family Therapy, Supervision and Training	5
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In the course, students learn about the process of change in family and couples therapy and are able to evaluate, design and use process research methods. Upon completion of the course, students will able to investigate change processes in various therapeutic settings, use coding programs and procedures, and recognize verbal expression of underlying affective dynamics.

PS 07	Gostečnik	Research Seminar on Violence in the Family	5
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The course offers knowledge on and presents results of research on violence in families and intimate relationships. Students will be competent to recognize traumatizing experience, design and evaluate therapeutic strategies to stop violence and investigate current relational models for preventing violence and treating victims of violence.

PS 08	Gostečnik	Relational Marital Concepts, Theories and Models	5
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In-depth contents regarding interpersonal dysfunctional behavior and pathologies will be presented and discussed in the course. Student will have the opportunity to learn how to recognize and therapeutically evaluate current relational models for treating intimate relationships.

PS 11	Kompan Erzar	Research Seminar in Intergenerational Transmission of Attachment Patterns and Development of Regulative Functions	5
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In the course, students will learn about up-to-date issues and problems concerning observational methods in developmental science; they will be able to use and evaluate them, as well as design their own observational methods. Upon completion of the course, students will know how to use various observational and qualitative methods for tracking developmental changes in families and children.

PS 12	Tavčar	Research Topics in Psychiatry and Neuropsychiatry	5
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Seminar encompasses discussions and presentations of current research on neurological functioning of human brain, its impact on behaviour, cognitive and emotional functioning of individuals, and methods of discovering and treating neuropsychiatric disorders. Students will grasp and be able to evaluate findings from various field of research: neurochemistry, neuroanatomy, behavioural neurology, neurophysiology, neuropsychopharmacology, neuroendocrinology, and cognitive neuroscience.