DIPLOMA IN PASTORAL THEOLOGY

In order to ensure that students are acquainted with a broad range of theological investigation, but to allow them to concentrate in a field of interest, the programme includes the following work to be done during a two-semester period:

1. 5 courses taken from one of the areas of specialization.
2. 2 courses from the other areas of specialization.
3. 2 courses from those common to all areas of specialization.
4. One seminar in the area of specialization.
5. The completion of a thirty to fifty page dissertation, composed under the direction of a member of the Faculty of Theology.

Students who at a future date may wish to obtain the S.T.L., will be able to count the M.A. work towards the fulfilment of the Licentiate requirements. Normally, one returning to finish the Licentiate would complete the requirements in two semesters and would be responsible for a new tesina and the lectio coram.

LICENTIATE IN THEOLOGY

The Licentiate programme represents two years of post-S.T.B. study in one of the following areas of specialization: Scripture, Thomism, Dogma, Ecumenism, Moral Theology and Spiritual Theology. The Licentiate is the academic degree which enables one to teach in a Major Seminary or equivalent school and which is therefore required for this purpose.

When first registering, the student must choose one of the areas of specialization. During the two years of studies, the student must complete the following requirements:

1. 14 courses in the area of specialization (42 ECTS);
2. 3 courses from areas outside one’s specialization (9 ECTS);
3. 3 courses from those common to all areas of specialization (9 ECTS).
4. 4 seminars in the area of specialization (16 ECTS).
5. Obligatory Seminar of Methodology;
6. The composition of a thesis, at least 50 pages, written under the direction of one of the Professors in one’s area of specialization (25 ECTS). The theme of the thesis is to be registered at the Dean’s office once it is agreed on by the student and the Professor.
7. The personal preparation of a set of themes proper to the area of specialization (List A). The list of themes is given to the student at the time of registration (19 ECTS).

Towards the end of the fourth semester, the student must formally request the final exam (lectio coram) in the Secretariat. At that time he should consign to the Dean’s Office:

1. Two bound copies of the thesis;
2. A list of 20 themes — List B — drawn up by the student, at least one from each of the courses and seminars of specialization, taken during the biennium. The aim of each theme is to provide a precise topic that can be treated adequately in a 40 minute teaching exercise (the lectio coram).
3. Students of the Dogma and Moral Sections are moreover required to submit a brief outline
and bibliography of the themes set by the Sections (List A).

Before the final exam (*lectio coram*) the student must have completed successfully all course
and seminar examinations. Three days before the scheduled date of the *lectio coram*, the
student will present himself to the Dean’s Office to choose one of three themes taken from his
own list (B) as the title of his exposition.

Students will be admitted to the final exam (*lectio coram*) on condition that [1] they have passed
all their course and seminar examinations during the licentiate cycle, and [2] paid all pertinent
fees.

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1. The student will present a theme for 40 minutes.
2. A professor will pose questions on that theme for 10 minutes.
3. Two professors will pose questions on the list of themes of the student’s specialization (List
A) for 20 minutes.

For students that registered in Ecumenical Section in academic year 2017-2018 the Licence
exam will be oral and written.

**The oral exam** will consist of a colloquium on the tesina between the candidate, the Moderator
and the Second Reader.

**The written exam** is the comprehensive exam. It will be based
- on an obligatory bibliography consisting of foundational works on ecumenism and official
  Church documents to be given at the time of registration in the licence programme
- on course and seminar work in the licentiate biennum.

Descrizione e bibliografia dei corsi sono indicate solo nella Sezione/Facoltà di appartenenza

Course description and bibliography are given only in the listing of the Section/Faculty the
course belongs to.

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