



COURSES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES for ERASMUS INCOMING STUDENTS
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Faculty of Theology

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THT0104 16Z437	Liturgical Theology Teologia liturgica	English Italian	BA, MA, PhD	Summer	5	30	15		Rev. Assoc. Prof. Ivan Stoyanov Ivanov, PhD	ivan.ivanov@theo.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): The base of the Liturgical Theology is the study of Eucharist and all the related liturgical phenomena, practices and the order of service. Clarification of the Sacraments – concept, essence, types, performers; Eucharist - historical, dogmatic and canonical characteristics; establishment of Last Supper - historical, dogmatic, canonical and liturgical characteristics. Time and place, materials and elements for Eucharistic celebration. Judaic Religious Practice and Eucharist in the ancient Church. Jewish religious practice and Eucharist in the ancient Church. Names of the Eucharist. Sacramental Nature of the Eucharist. Eucharist in apostolic age, Eucharist and agape. Historical development of the Eucharist I-III, IV-VIII, VIII-XI, XI- XV centuries. Eucharistic rites of the Church: Eucharistic canon. Types of Eucharistic families. Patristic testimonies of the Eucharist. Authors of liturgical rites. Eucharist of the East and West. Byzantine Liturgy: Anaphora of St. Basil the Great, Anaphora of St. John Chrysostom. Sacraments of the Church and their connection with Eucharist. Rites of the Church and their connection with Eucharist. The parts of Liturgy. Prayers of the Eucharistic Liturgy - Hermetic and Textual Study. The validity and activity of the sacrament. Grounds for participation in the Eucharist: spiritual, canonical and dogmatic. Social dimension of the Eucharist.

La materia didattica si forma sulla base della Teologia liturgica è lo studio dell'Eucaristia e dei relativi fenomeni liturgici e sacramentali, le successioni e le pratiche. Viene fatto un chiarimento scientifico dei sacramenti: concetto, essenza, specie, autori; il sacramento dell'Eucaristia - caratteristiche storiche, dogmatiche e canoniche; Istituzione dell'ultima Cena del Signore - caratteristiche liturgiche storiche, bibliche, dogmatiche e canoniche. Tempo e luogo, materiali e elementi per eseguire l'Eucaristia. La pratica religiosa ebraica e la prassi eucaristica nell'antica Chiesa: Denominazioni dell'Eucaristia. Carattere sacramentale dell'Eucaristia. Eucaristia in età apostolica, l'Eucaristia e l'Agapi. Sviluppo storico del sacramento dell'Eucaristia I-III, IV-VIII, VIII-XI, XI-XV secoli. L'Eucaristia nei tempi moderni. Linee eucaristiche della Chiesa: canoni eucaristici. Tipi di famiglie liturgiche. Testimonianze patristiche dell'Eucaristia. Autori dei Canoni liturgici. L'Eucaristia d'Oriente e d'Occidente. Liturgie bizantine: Anafora di San Basilio il Grande, Anafora di San Giovanni Chrisostomo. I sacramenti della Chiesa e il loro rapporto con l'Eucaristia. Preghiere della Liturgia eucaristica – studio ermeneutico e testuale. La validità e l'attività del sacramento. Motivi per la partecipazione all'Eucaristia: spirituali, canonici e dogmatici. Dimensione sociale dell'Eucaristia.

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THT0104 16I965	The Sacrament of the Eucharist	English, Italian	BA, MA, PhD	Summer	2.5	30			Rev. Assoc. Prof. Ivan Stoyanov Ivanov, PhD	ivan.ivanov@theo.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): This lecture course is a discipline part of the Liturgical Theology. Students get acquainted with the bibliography, the main liturgical terms in Greek, Latin and Slavic, related to the subject. In the process of teaching and research in this field, both the methods specific to each scientific field and some more specific depending on the object and nature of the research are used, such as: historical-archeological, hermeneutical, exegetical-philological and text-critical, comparatively critical, allegorical, dispositive and descriptive, the method of comparative analysis, the complex cultural-historical method, the liturgical-analytical method. The course deals with the main research problems related to: Liturgical sources, manuscripts and codes; Concept of sacraments, nature, types, perpetrators; the mysterious Eucharist, historical, dogmatic and canonical characteristics; Eucharist - liturgical characteristic. Establishment of the Last Supper - historical, dogmatic and canonical liturgical features. Time and place, materials and elements for performing the Eucharist. Jewish religious practice and the Eucharist in the ancient Church. Pagan religious practice and the Eucharist in the ancient Church. Names of the Eucharist. Character of the Eucharist. The Eucharist in the apostolic period, the Eucharist and the agape. The historical development of the sacrament of Eucharist I-III, IV-VIII, VIII-XI, XI-XV centuries, the Eucharist in modern times. Eucharistic Orders of the Church: Eucharistic Canons. Types of liturgical families. Patristic

Testimonies of the Eucharist. Authors of liturgical orders. Eastern and Western Eucharist. The Eucharist - the main mystery of the Church. Byzantine liturgies. The sacraments of the Church and their relationship with the Eucharist. The ordinances of the Church and their relationship with the Eucharist. Parts of the liturgy. Prayers of the liturgy. The validity and effectiveness of the sacrament. Grounds for participation in the Eucharist: spiritual, canonical and dogmatic. Themes: “From the Protoanaphora to the present day”; History and evolution of the Eucharistic prayer; Types of Eucharistic Prayer; Liturgical “embolism”; Eucharist of East and West; The “Eucharistic Message” of St. Apostle Paul; Life in Christ; Eucharistic dialogue; Grace, love, fellowship. The clergyman and the people of God; Trisagion – a choir of angels and men. Theology of the angelic song; Institutio: “This is My Body”, “This is My Blood”. The sacrifice of Christ; Eucharistic epiclesis: μετόνοια, consecration and sanctification. Eternal Pentecost.

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THT2124 16I210	The Social Dimension of the Eucharist	English, Italian	BA, MA, PhD	summer	2.5	30			Rev. Assoc. Prof. Ivan Stoyanov Ivanov, PhD	ivan.ivanov@theo.uni-sofia.bg

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THT0104 16 I964	The Sacrament of the Baptizing	English, Italian	BA, MA, PhD	summer	2.5	30			Rev. Assoc. Prof. Ivan Stoyanov Ivanov, PhD	ivan.ivanov@theo.uni-sofia.bg

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THT0104 16Z439	Homiletics	English	BA/ MA	winter	5	45	15		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Andrian Aleksandrov	andrian.aleksandrov@theo.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):

Homiletics is a fundamental discipline of Practical Theology whose task is to prepare preachers for the Church. The learning content is developed into two main sections – homiletic theory and history. The course is interdisciplinary and is directly related to a number of scientific areas, such as Rhetoric, Logic, Pedagogy, Psychology etc. Classes are conducted using audio and video equipment.

The main tasks of the course are:

- Acquiring basic knowledge in the theory and history of church homiletics;
- Developing specific skills for preparing and delivering modern Orthodox sermons;
- Fostering communication culture.

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THT01041 6Z405	Methods of Teaching Religion	English	BA/ MA	winter	5	30	30		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Andrian Aleksandrov	andrian.aleksandrov@theo.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction): Methodology of Teaching Religion is a discipline required for obtaining a teaching qualification. The lectures are developed according to the requirements of methodological training, taking into account the traditions of Orthodox theological education in Bulgaria, in particular systematic Orthodox Theology. The course content is divided into two parts – general and specific. The general part looks at fundamental issues of the science of Methodics, and the specific part makes linear and logical connections to the different fields of Orthodox Theology – exegetical, historical, systematic and practical – in accordance with their studied disciplines.

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THT01041 6Z403	Religious Pedagogy	English	BA/ MA	winter	5	30	30		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Andrian Aleksandrov	andrian.aleksandrov@theo.uni-sofia.bg
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Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction): The task of Religious Pedagogy is to provide bachelor and master students with the basic knowledge required for obtaining a qualification for teaching religion in secular schools, the spiritual high schools of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church and parish schools. Religious Pedagogy is based on traditional religious and pedagogical postulates, taking into account the new provisions of the pedagogical science and the realities of the interreligious and multicultural aspect of modern European society.

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THT0104 16Z220	Biblical Theology	English	BA/BS	winter	2.5.	30			Prof. Emil T. Stoyanov	traytchev@theo.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): The discipline “Biblical Theology” is aimed at acquainting students with the richness of revealed by God truths and exalted ideas in the Old Testament, which by succession pass to the New Testament and fertilize through the centuries the spiritual culture of the Christian peoples. Emphasis is placed on fundamental biblical themes, such as monotheism - polytheism, the revelation of God's name to the man, the theology of creation, Israel's traditions, angelology - demonology, the concept of the law, faith, messiahism, sin, eschatology in the Old Testament and theology of the temple, which are analyzed in a traditional Orthodox-Biblical spirit. In this way is strengthening the biblical-theological view that the Old Testament has an eternal significance not on its own, but only in the light of the New Testament good news.

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THT0104 16Z111	The History of the New Testament Era	English	BA/BS	winter	2.5	30			Prof. Emil T. Stoyanov	traytchev@theo.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): The Subject of the discipline “The History the New Testament Era” is the Event of world significance that builds the essence and the framework of the Gospel and the early Church. By distancing themselves from the actual theological treatment, with the help of inductive and casual historical research, a historical view of the subject (18 century BC - 2 century AD) is given. At the same time, the theological point of view is implicitly implied, given the main theme in Christology: “The Word became flesh”, when “the time had fully come” (John 1:14, Galatians 4:4). Attention is focused on the cultural and religious significance of the restoration of Judaism after the captivity in Babylon (587/6-538 BC) and the beginning of the Persian hegemony (538-331 BC). In the view of the Jews' struggle against Hellenism, an overview of the rule of the Hellenistic rulers (331-142 BC) is made, focusing in particular on the political magnificence of the Kingdom of the Hasmonians (142-63 AD). The Roman period is thoroughly examined until the beginning of the political catastrophe of Judaism (33-66 AD) and the fall of Jerusalem in 135 AD.

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THT0104 16Z435	Pastoral Theology	English	BA	winter	5	60			Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ivo Yanev	ivo.ianev@gmail.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): Pastoral theology is the branch of practical theology concerned with the application of the study of religion in the context of regular church ministry. This approach to theology seeks to give practical expression to theology. Normally viewed as an “equipping” of ministers, practical theology is often considered to be more pragmatic than speculative, indeed, essentially a practical science. Hence its main interests are in those areas of theology which will aid clergy in ministry for the young people.

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