

COURSES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

Basic courses for both specializations – mandatory for Pastoral Theology (PT) and Spiritual Theology (ST)

A. GENERAL COURSES

1. **Practical theology: foundations and method:** The different profiles of action and experience in practical theology - Sergio De Marchi, Antonio Ramina, Roberto Tommasi, Andrea Toniolo
2. **Themes in New Testament biblical theology:** "You will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). The narrative ecclesiology of the Acts of the Apostles - Carlo Broccardo
3. **Biblical hermeneutics and exegetical methods:** A pragmatic profile - Stefano Romanello
4. **Research methodology in pastoral/spiritual theology:** Marzia Ceschia, Assunta Steccanella

B. COMMON COURSES FOR BOTH SPECIALIZATIONS

1. **Patrology:** Augustine of Hippo's *De Magistro*: a guide for the soul - Maurizio Girolami
2. **Systematic theology 1:** The instinct of faith. A practical-theological investigation into the *sensus fidei* - Stefano Didonè
3. **Systematic theology 2:** Perspectives on the future of Christianity - Ugo Sartorio
4. **Themes in biblical theology 1:** "You are all brothers" (Mt 23:8) - Daniele La Pera
5. **Themes in biblical theology 2:** The "justice" of life. Exegesis and hermeneutics from biblical scriptures to today's life - Ernesto Borghi
6. **Philosophy:** Relevance and irrelevance, potential and limits of the idea of "person" - Roberto Tommasi
7. **Practical theology themes 1:** The Christian as witness: farewell to the "theology of the laity" - Marco Vergottini
8. **Practical theology themes 2:** An entirely ministerial Church? Ancient novelties - Livio Tonello
9. **Practical theology themes 3:** Questions to the church from LGBT+ Christians - Giorgio Ronzoni
10. **Practical theology themes 4:** The perpetrator of violence in intimate relationships - Brian Vanzo

C. INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINARS – WORKSHOPS

1. **Pastoral theology seminar – workshop:** Proximity as a sign for reinterpreting the parish community. - Rolando Covi - Assunta Steccanella
2. **Spiritual theology seminar – workshop:** The *via pulchritudinis* of the christian experience. Beauty as a spiritual path - Marzia Ceschia – Antonio Bertazzo

D. SPECIFIC COURSES FOR PASTORAL THEOLOGY

1. **Themes in pastoral theology 1:** "Synodality and the hierarchical structure of the church: compatibility analysis" - Alessio Dal Pozzolo
2. **Special catechetics:** "Deciding for the gift". Youth, Gospel, and service - Rolando Covi
3. **Themes in pastoral theology 2:** Complex family situations: Practical-theological reflection in light of *Amoris Laetitia* - Francesco Pesce

E. SPECIFIC COURSES FOR SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY

1. **Seminar-Workshop:** The *via pulchritudinis* of Christian experience. Beauty as a spiritual path – M. Ceschia, A. Bertazzo
2. **History of spiritual experience 1:** Proposals and figures of emerging spirituality in the first Christian millennium – M. Ceschia
3. **Themes in ST 1:** The praise of all things. Franciscan spirituality – A. Ramina
4. **Themes in ST 2:** Discernment and spiritual accompaniment – G. Molon
5. **Human sciences and spiritual theology:** Topics comparing spiritual experience and intrapsychic dynamics – A. Bertazzo
6. **Themes in ST 3:** Liturgical spirituality – S. Bertin
7. **Themes in ST 4:** Reading and interpreting spiritual literature – M. Ceschia
8. **Themes in ST 5:** “Myself and my Creator”: the spirituality of Saint John Henry Newman – M. Marchetto