GRADUATE STUDIES

SACRAE THEOLOGIAE LICENTIA (STL)
(ECCLESIASTICAL PROGRAMS)



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General Information

By virtue of Saint Paul University's pontifical charter, the Faculty of Theology offers a licentiate programme (*Sacrae Theologiae Licentia* - STL) conferred by the Senate of Saint Paul University. 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. To obtain the licentiate, one must successfully complete a two-year programme that includes coursework and research at the graduate level.

Graduate Faculty

ANDRAOS, Michel, Dean

BLÉE, Fabrice, Professor

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Admission Requirements

Sacrae Theologiae Licentia (STL)

Admission criteria for the STL are the same as for the M.A. in Theology, except the candidate must hold an ecclesiastical bachelor's degree (STB) or its equivalent.

Degree Requirements

Sacrae Theologiae Licentia (STL)

IN THE FIRST YEAR

Seven courses as follows:

Four Foundation courses:

1 course from the following:

» THO6310 THEOLOGICAL HERMENEUTICS (3cr.)
» THO6354 RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE (3cr.)
» THO6355 THEOLOGY AND CULTURE (3cr.)

1 course from the following:

» THO6317 THE FORMATION OF THE BIBLICAL TEXT (3cr.)
» THO6318 THE INTERPRETATION OF THE BIBLICAL TEXT (3cr.)

1 course from the following:

» THO6333 METHODS AND APPROACHES IN CONTEMPORARY ETHICS (3cr.)
» THO6334 ISSUES AND DEBATES IN CONTEMPORARY ETHICS (3cr.)

1 course from the following:

» THO6354 RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE (3cr.)
» THO6358 SPIRITUALITY: METHODS; RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE HUMAN SCIENCES (3cr.)
» THO6359 COMPARATIVE STUDY OF SPIRITUAL TRADITIONS (3cr.)

One methodology course (THO6399 Methodologies in Theology, 3cr.)

Two courses to be chosen in consultation with the student's research director (who will be from the student's chosen area of studies) and with the director of Graduate Studies from:
» the other THO courses above
» graduate courses offered by the Faculties of Canon Law, Human Sciences, Philosophy (Saint Paul University)
» courses offered in the context of the MPTh programme (Faculty of Theology)
» graduate courses offered in the University of Ottawa.

IN THE SECOND YEAR

Three elective courses in Theology (9cr.)
A teaching internship (3cr.)
THO6997 Examen de synthèse / Synthesis Exam
THO6998 Mémoire / Research Paper (6cr.)

Courses

HUM 5524 ÉQUITÉ, JUSTICE ET ENJEUX ÉCOLOGIQUES (3CR) (3cr.)

Comprendre la justice sociale. Étudier les liens spécifiques entre les problèmes sociaux et écologiques, en lien avec l'écojustice, la justice climatique, le racisme environnemental, l'éco-féminisme et la *Charte de la Terre*(2020).

IPA 5321 PASTORAL MINISTRY AND PSYCHOLOGY (3cr.)

Interaction between theology and psychology with reference to pastoral ministry, the experience of the believer, the development of faith and of religious attitudes. The pastoral implications of psychological theories of the individual and his/her social relations: impact on cognitive processes, emotion, behaviour, competence, values. Psychological perspectives on the pastoral minister's practice, role and identity.

IPA 5322 PASTORAL MINISTRY AND SOCIOLOGY (3cr.)

Interaction between theology and sociology with reference to pastoral ministry. A study of the pastoral implications of socio-historical structures, and of social and cultural change. Analysis of how the social milieu forms the way people think, feel and act, and the reflection on the importance of this formation for values and beliefs. Sociological perspectives on Christian communities' practice, role and identity.

IPA 5722 MINISTÈRE PASTORAL ET SOCIOLOGIE (3cr.)

Interaction entre théologie et sociologie en relation avec le ministère pastoral. Implications pastorales des structures socio-historiques et des changements sociaux et culturels. Analyse de l'influence du milieu social sur les façons de penser, de sentir et d'agir et réflexion sur l'impact qu'a cette influence sur ces valeurs et croyances. Perspectives sociologiques sur les pratiques, le rôle et l'identité des communautés chrétiennes.

THO 5304 CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN ITS SOCIAL DIMENSION (3cr.)

The Christian community as a social reality embodying beliefs and values. Its relationship to and responsibility toward contemporary society and church: local, national, international. Present social questions and the Christian social tradition.

THO 5308 STUDIES IN PASTORAL PRACTICE II (3cr.)

Study of a specific topic or issue in pastoral theology.

THO 5704 DIMENSION SOCIALE DE LA COMMUNAUTÉ CHRÉTIENNE (3cr.)

La communauté chrétienne comme réalité sociale incarnant croyances et valeurs. Ses relations et responsabilités envers la société contemporaine et l'Église : aux plans local, national et international. Problèmes sociaux actuels et la tradition sociale chrétienne.

THO 5708 QUESTIONS PARTICULIÈRES EN PRATIQUE PASTORALE II (3cr.)

Étude d'un sujet ou d'un problème particulier de théologie pastorale.

THO 6105 IMPORTANT THEOLOGICAL SYNTHESIS (3cr.)

THO 6310 THEOLOGICAL HERMENEUTICS (3cr.)

Principles and history of interpretation in theology. Recent developments and debates. The role of classic texts and the question of historical consciousness.

THO 6317 FORMATION OF BIBLICAL TEXT (3cr.)

Transmission of the text. Inspiration. Canonicity. The authority of the text and the believing community.

THO 6318 INTERPRETATION OF THE BIBLICAL TEXT (3cr.)

Principles and methods of interpretation. History of interpretation: the Church Fathers, Middle Ages, the Reformation, 19th and 20th centuries.

THO 6333 METHODS AND APPROACHES IN CONTEMPORARY ETHICS (3cr.)

Hermeneutical questions and methodological foundations of contemporary ethical reflection analysed from a theological perspective.

THO 6334 ISSUES AND DEBATES IN CONTEMPORARY ETHICS (3cr.)

Exploring in depth the basic concepts of theological tradition with regard to Christian ethics, as well as the main questions related to ethical research in a contemporary context. Reflection on what is at stake with regard to the public relevance of the Christian ethical discourse in a pluralist and multicultural society.

THO 6354 RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE (3cr.)

Faith and experience. The Mystery of God. Interpretations and expressions of the experience of God.

THO 6355 THEOLOGY AND CULTURE (3cr.)

The relationship between faith and culture; contemporary issues, questions and challenges. The contextual nature of theology.

THO 6358 SPIRITUALITY: METHODS; RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE HUMAN SCIENCES (3cr.)

Analysis of the methods used in the theological study of spirituality. Spirituality in relation to the human sciences.

THO 6359 COMPARATIVE STUDY OF SPIRITUAL TRADITIONS (3cr.)

Comparative theological study of one or more Christian spiritual traditions and one or more spiritual traditions within other religions to highlight their views of the world, human reality and salvation.

THO 6399 METHODOLOGIES IN THEOLOGY (3cr.)

Various methodologies used in the main fields of theological research. Theoretical and practical aspects of writing a paper or a thesis: matters of research, defining the problem, a working hypothesis, choosing a method, bibliographical research, writing up the status questiones, etc.

THO 6505 GRANDES SYNTHÈSES THÉOLOGIQUES (3cr.)

THO 6710 HERMÉNEUTIQUE THÉOLOGIQUE (3cr.)

Principes et histoire de l'herméneutique en théologie. Développements et débats récents. Rôle des textes classiques et question de la conscience historique.

THO 6717 FORMATION DU TEXTE BIBLIQUE (3cr.)

Transmission du texte. Inspiration. Canon. Autorité du texte et communautés croyantes.

THO 6718 INTERPRÉTATION DU TEXTE BIBLIQUE (3cr.)

Principes et méthodes d'interprétation. Histoire de l'interprétation : Pères de l'Église, Moyen-Âge, Réforme, 19e et 20e siècles.

THO 6733 APPROCHES ET MÉTHODES EN ÉTHIQUE CONTEMPORAINE (3cr.)

Questions herméneutiques et méthodologiques fondamentales de la réflexion éthique contemporaine analysées dans une perspective théologique.

THO 6734 PROBLÈMES ET DÉBATS EN ÉTHIQUE CONTEMPORAINE (3cr.)

Approfondissement des concepts fondamentaux de la tradition théologique en éthique chrétienne ainsi que des questions majeures qui caractérisent la recherche éthique dans son contexte contemporain. Réflexions sur les enjeux de la pertinence publique du discours éthique chrétien dans une société pluraliste et multiculturelle.

THO 6754 EXPÉRIENCE RELIGIEUSE (3cr.)

Foi et expérience. Mystère de Dieu. Interprétations et expressions de l'expérience de Dieu.

THO 6755 THÉOLOGIE ET CULTURE (3cr.)

Rapport entre foi et culture; débats contemporains, questions et défis. Nature contextuelle de la théologie.

THO 6758 SPIRITUALITÉ : SES MÉTHODES, SES RAPPORTS AVEC LES SCIENCES HUMAINES (3cr.)

Analyse des méthodes utilisées dans l'étude théologique de la spiritualité. La spiritualité dans ses rapports avec les sciences humaines.

THO 6759 ÉTUDE COMPARÉE DE TRADITIONS SPIRITUELLES (3cr.)

Étude théologique comparée d'une ou de plusieurs traditions spirituelles chrétiennes et d'une ou de plusieurs traditions spirituelles dans d'autres religions. Un intérêt particulier pour leur vision de l'univers, de la réalité humaine et du salut.

THO 6799 MÉTHODOLOGIES EN THÉOLOGIE (3cr.)

Présentation des diverses méthodologies utilisées dans les principaux champs de la recherche théologique. Aspects théoriques et pratiques relatifs à la réalisation d'un mémoire ou d'une thèse : question de recherche, établissement de la problématique, hypothèse de travail, choix de la méthode, recherche bibliographique, rédaction de l'état de la question, etc.

THO 6997 M.A. SYNTHESIS EXAMINATION IN EASTERN CHRISTIAN STUDIES (3cr.)

A written and oral exercise during which the student is expected to demonstrate the ability to reflect critically on five themes (and concomitant texts) of particular significance to Eastern Christian Studies.

THO 6999 RESEARCH PAPER (6cr.)

The research paper, approximately 40 pages in length, aims at a deeper understanding of a precise theological topic, with the help of pertinent methodological tools.

THO 7999 MASTER'S THESIS (12cr.)

The master's thesis, about 100 pages long, must show that the student can work independently and in a rigorously scientific manner.

THO 9295 DOCTORAL SEMINAR IN THEOLOGY (3cr.)

Organization and composition of a thesis proposal acceptable to the Faculty of theology and the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (Graded: S or N/S)

THO 9695 SÉMINAIRE DE 3E CYCLE EN THÉOLOGIE (3cr.)

Organisation et rédaction d'un projet de thèse acceptable par la Faculté de théologie et la Faculté des études supérieures et postdoctorales. (Noté : S ou NS)

THO 9998 EXAMEN DE SYNTHÈSE

THO 9999 THÈSE DE DOCTORAT

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