



Ecclesiology with Mariology (7,5 ECTS credits)

Level: 1st cycle

Discipline: THEOLOGY (Systematic Theology)

Course ID: 0254

Admission requirements

General admission requirements for university studies. Students taking part in the course as a part of their Bachelor's degree program must have completed Course A, Introduction in Philosophy and Theology (30 ECTS credits). Students taking part in the course as a freestanding course are expected to have corresponding prior knowledge.

Educational goals

After having completed the course the student is expected to be able to:

- explain basic ecclesiological and mariological concepts of Christian theology;
- identify and clearly express disputed questions connected to these concepts;
- read scholarly ecclesiological and mariological texts critically and to debate major topics in writing as well as orally;
- explain developments in the Christian understanding of the Church and of Mary and to connect them with their respective cultural settings;
- show how the idea of the Church is interconnected with the person of Mary in Christian faith.

Course content

This course is an exploratory study on the foundations and the mission of the Church. It examines the basic concepts and important debated issues of Catholic ecclesiology. The course also gives an introduction to the theological significance of Mary. Ecclesiology and Mariology are intrinsically interwoven. Like Mary, the Church is called to be a credible response to the Word of God. The topics will be discussed in ecumenical perspective.

Teaching and examination

The course is taught in English. The papers are preferably to be written in English; it is also permitted to write in German.

The course consists of the following segments: The individual preparation before the local teaching with readings and one short written paper, the days of classes, and the final paper.

Students are expected to attend the course having read and prepared all the assigned material. Information regarding the individual preparation and the papers will be distributed at the beginning of the course. During the individual preparation before the days of classes, each student will write a

short paper of 1200–1500 words in length. The final paper of 4000–5000 words will be written after the days of classes. All students are expected to engage in class discussion. Individual students may give short presentations based on their own reading and reflection of the texts.

Grade Distribution:

- Initial short paper: 20%
- Course participation/presentation: 20%
- Final paper: 60%

Bibliography

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- Kasper, Walter. *The Catholic Church. Nature, Reality and Mission*. London–New York: Bloomsbury, 2015.
- Mannion, Gerard, and Lewis Seymour Mudge, eds. *The Routledge Companion to the Christian Church*. London–New York: Routledge, 2008.

See also "Kursplaner: allmänna bestämmelser" (Course plans: General rules)

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