

# Doctoral School in Theology and Religious Sciences

The Doctoral School of Theology and Religious Sciences, within the Faculty of Greek-Catholic Theology, proposes an academic programme of excellence designed to form researchers and teachers/academic staff capable of engaging with contemporary cultural complexity, combining scientific rigour with spiritual depth. It aims to integrate academic rigour, pastoral openness, and clarity of information. The objective is to present the doctoral programme not merely as a qualification, but as a path of research and spirituality—a journey of advanced research that is both accessible and meaningful for the life of the Greek-Catholic Church. At the same time, the doctoral school contributes to the interpretation of history and culture in the light of Revelation, responding to the needs of the Church today. It addresses clergy, consecrated persons, and lay people who have already obtained a Master's degree and wish to achieve full scientific maturity as well as pastoral qualifications. Through scientific research, prospective doctoral students are offered the opportunity to acquire competencies for an active role in the ecclesial community, to become competent researchers in theological fields, to prepare for university teaching, and to promote interdisciplinary research combining theology, the humanities, and source studies.

The School focuses on key specialisations, ensuring high-level training in the following areas: a) Biblical Theology (Old and New Testament), providing immersion in the biblical context in order to interpret the present; b) Dogmatic Theology, including Christological, Trinitarian, ecclesiological and sacramental studies, as well as the relationship between reason and faith, offering coherent answers to the questions of our time; c) Patristic Studies, the Tradition of the Church Fathers, and ancient and monastic spirituality, rediscovering the Church Fathers for a living theology; d) Spirituality, the History of Spirituality and Mystical Theology, deepening the understanding of Christian experience and prayer.

The programme lasts four years and concludes with a doctoral thesis that makes an original contribution to theological research. In terms of opportunities and benefits, the Doctoral School of Theology and Religious Sciences offers qualification for teaching within our Faculty of Greek-Catholic Theology, as well as the training of experts who can contribute to religious publications, research centres, cultural mediation, and eparchial pastoral missions.

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