

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN RUŽOMBEROK  
FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

Subjects offered\*

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## Department of Systematic Theology

<b>DEPARTMENT: Department of Systematic Theology</b>	
<b>COURSE CODE:</b> KHBV/Bib12/09	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b> Introduction to Biblical languages - Hebrew I.
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> To provide students with the knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet, transcription and pronunciation of consonants, vowels and reduced vowels. The lectures will focus on the morphology of Verbs, Nouns and their constructive condition; Pronouns - personal and possessive.	

<b>COURSE CODE:</b> KHBV/Bib11/09	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b> Introduction to Biblical languages - Biblical Greek I., II.
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> An introduction to Biblical Greek. To provide the students with the possibility to learn The Greek alphabet, pronunciation and transcription, to focus on grammar. Student will later translate the Matthew's gospel with the help of a dictionary and a philological key.	

<b>COURSE CODE:</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b> Biblical Theology I., II. (Pentateuch)
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> <b>Biblical Theology I.</b> Introduction to the exegetical methods: - the distribution of the diachronic and synchronic methods. Exegesis of The Old Testament: Creation (Gen. 1-11), Contract (Gen. 12; 15; Ex 24), the Old Testament prophecies; poetry of The Old Testament - Psalm Miserere (Psalm 51); Exegesis of the New Testament: the narration of Jesus' childhood Mt1-2 and Luke 1-2, the question of miracles and healing in the Gospels (Mark 5), the institution of the Eucharist and the speech in Capernaum (John 6); Apocalypse, literary genre and its interpretation, image of the Lamb of God. Middle East in the 2nd and 1st thousand BC: important archaeological sites (eg. Mari, Ugarit, Tell el-Amarna, etc.), ancient empires and kingdoms; Late Bronze Age and transformation at Iron Age; creation of the Kingdom and the problem of David and Solomon Empire; Israel and Judah in shade of Assyria; Babylonian captivity; Persian Empire and the province Jehud; Hellenism; Seleucids and the Maccabees; Arrivals of Romans; Herod the Great. <b>Biblical Theology II.</b> Introduction to the Pentateuch/Torah - structure and interpretation of selected parts; Genesis; Exodus; Leviticus, its central position in Pnt (Lv 16); Numbers; Deuteronomy. Text of the Old Testament in terms of textual criticism; theories on the origins and composition of the Pentateuch (Wellhausen; Schmidt; Zenger/Weimar; Blum); Characteristics of particular sources; Exegesis of selected parts of the Pentateuch.	

<b>COURSE CODE:</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b> Biblical Theology III., IV. (Prophets)
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b>	
<b>Biblical Theology III.</b>	
This course introduces students the second part of the Hebrew Bible (earlier prophets) and The Alexandrian canon; The socio-historical background: Promised Land - theories about the occupation of the country and their evaluation; The Book of Joshua - content, structure and theological significance; Book of Judges. Book of Samuel; prophetic cycles in the Book of Kings; Persian period: historiography after exile – Book of Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah Books; Hellenistic period, and late biblical narrative. Book of Tobit, Judith, Esther, Book of Maccabees; Exegesis of selected texts (Joshua 24; 2 Sam 7; 1 Cr 18, Neh 8).	
<b>Biblical Theology IV.</b>	
This course deals with general issues. Historical Introduction: History and social inclusion of the prophets; Literary introduction: Final form and development of the prophetic writings; prophetic texts and phenomena in ancient Middle East. Prophetic terminology; Samuel, Elijah, Elisha as prophets. Golden age of the prophets and the four major collections of prophetic (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, XII small prophets). Apocalyptic literature. Characteristics and origin of apocalyptic literature. The Book of Daniel and exegesis of the most important parts.	

<b>COURSE CODE:</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b> Biblical Theology V. (Wisdom literature)
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b>	
<b>Biblical Theology V.</b>	
This course will concentrate on the wisdom literature of Israel: literary genre, theological themes, the main features of the Hebrew poetry; Introduction to various books and exegesis of selected parts. The Book of Psalms: origin of the Psalms; psalms as poetry and prayer; the numbering and distribution of the Psalms; Psalms: Jewish prayer which has been received by the Christian Community; exegesis of selected Psalms.	

<b>COURSE CODE:</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b> Gospel of John - The New Act III.
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b>	
The course aims mainly at John's Christology, since Jesus' miracles and speech were more detailed described than by the Synoptics. Lectures focus particularly on some miracles (eg. healing of the blind man, the resurrection of Lazarus) that are "signs", that show the saving mission of Jesus, that is fulfilled through the Passion, the cross and the resurrection. Through the form and content will show the connection of the Gospel with the other John writings, which creates so called "John's direction."	

<b>COURSE CODE:</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b> Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b>	
To develop the awareness about the work of St Luke the Evangelist - especially through detailed description of events before, during and after the birth of Jesus Christ; to show the Luke's theology of The Universality of Salvation via the parables, to introduce Jesus as the true Savior - Savior of the lost. Through the analysis of the first 13 chapters of Acts of the Apostles clarify life of the first Community Church as a model for our modern Church.	
To provide students with the importance of letters from prison. The letters show the situation of religious communities in Ephesus, Philippi, Colosse in the 2nd half of the 1st century A.D. It enables the students to understand Paul's ecclesiology, but also his prophetic, clerical and pastoral identity with Jesus Christ. To understand the situation in the Church at the end of the 1st century.	

<b>COURSE CODE:</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b> Disputed Letters of Paul
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> To focus on Paul's life and his apostolate during his three missionary journeys; an interpretation of Paul's theological topics by analysis and exegesis of four letters (Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians).	

<b>COURSE CODE:</b> KHBV/Bib4/09	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b> New Testament - Seminar
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> Course Syllabus: Textual Criticism, Translation, Historical context, Social context, Literary context, Type of literature, Structure Composition, Intertextuality, Semantic analysis, Hermeneutics.	

<b>COURSE CODE:</b> KST/MT1/09	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b> Introduction to Moral Theology
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> The aims is to introduce students to moral theology as a discipline and formal object of moral theology; The human act: positive value and barriers; Law - division; God's call through conscience; call for perfection - the virtues; Sin.	

<b>COURSE CODE:</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b> Role of virtues in human moral life
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> To enable students to gain an in-depth knowledge of selected commandments. Course Syllabus: Demand of love and the gift of piety (1st to 3rd commandment); The requirement of love for itself and neighbour across the virtue of love, respect, justice (4th commandment); attitude toward the physical and mental health and life (5th commandment); A person's attitude to the sexual instinct, which should be taken as a gift to express love and birth of new life (6th and 9th commandment).	

<b>COURSE CODE:</b> KST/MT5/09	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b> Social Teaching of The Church
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> To become familiar with the basic terminology, concept and characteristics of the social doctrine of the Church; Systematic development of Catholic social teaching, basic principles of this doctrine; Social ethics; Natural law and natural right of man; Marriage and family as the basic cell of society and the Church; Labour Market in the Catholic Social learning; The issue of economics and private property; Culture according Christian concept; Social encyclical.	

<b>COURSE CODE:</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b> Theological Anthropology
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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

The Old Testament and the New Testament - concept of man; Paul anthropology; Anthropology of fathers; Augustine and the dualistic conception of man; Tomas - man as incarnated spirit; The unity of the human being in the plurality of its dimensions; Supernatural; K. Rahner and his "supernatural existence"; Biblical aspect of sin; The history of the doctrine of "original sin"- Pre-Augustinian understanding; Augustine and Pelagius; Medieval theology of original sin (P. Lombard, Anselm, T. Aquinas); reformation versus the Council of Trent; Angels - Biblical tradition; The Problem of Evil; Tradition and the question of angels; angel in the arts.

**COURSE CODE:****COURSE TITLE:** Theology of Grace, Eschatology**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

Early Church and faith in Christ; Jesus, the historical person; The testimony of Jesus Christ for themselves; Resurrection; The relationship of Jesus Christ to the Old Testament; the deity of Christ; the humanity of Christ; Hypostatic Union; Redemption; the theology of Virgin Mary; Oneness, Holiness, Catholicity and Apostolicity of the Church; Church doctrine of primacy; Current and sanctifying grace.

## Theology of grace:

- The term of grace in the Bible;
- View of Eastern and Western Fathers on grace;
- Dispute Augustine versus Pelagius; Council of Carthage (418) and Council of Orange (528);
- Semipelagianism;
- Scholasticism and Aristotelianism; Thomas - grace and humanity;
- The Reformation - Luther versus the Council of Trent;
- Neoscholastics - nature versus grace;
- Nouvelle theology and overcome extrinsicism;

## Eschatology:

- Issue of eschatology - eschatological reversal; a matter of time;
- Eschatological perspective in the Bible; Paul's understanding of time;
- To believe and to expect - the two roles of the Church;
- Death, judgment, resurrection, resurrected body; inferno; purgatory; heaven or a hope for everyone (von Balthasar);

## Pneumatology:

- The term "spirit"; anthropological dualism; Spirit in the OT;
- The Holy Spirit in the New Testament; Christ as the bearer of the Spirit in fullness;
- The Letters of Paul; Letters of John;
- The fact of the Holy Spirit in the mirror dogmas and theology of history;
- Fathers; question "Filioque" Pneumatology in the Latin Middle Ages; reformation;
- The Holy Spirit in the liturgy;
- II. Vatican Council.

**Department of Practical Theology****DEPARTMENT:** Department of Practical Theology**COURSE CODE:****COURSE TITLE:** Pastoral Psychology

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

Course Syllabus:

Introduction to Pastoral psychology, Christian anthropology; Serious mental disorders; Personality disorders; Specific deviation; Religious development of the individual; Spiritual accompaniment; Spiritual Groups; Family Community.

**COURSE CODE:****COURSE TITLE:** Liturgical Music**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

To introduce students to the liturgical music, different types and genres with special emphasis on the liturgical chants of the Latin rite. Folk singing. Singing in the Mass. Slovak folk songs and liturgical singing - the need for a new choral book. Liturgy and music: student will become familiar with music used during Masses in different periods and occasions (baptism, marriage, Confirmation, First Communion, Funeral ....). Liturgical singing: history of church singing from the oldest forms to the present, the most important religious centres for practising singing, basic techniques of church singing, church rules on singing parts of church services.

**COURSE CODE:****COURSE TITLE:** Introduction to Canon Law**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

Students will learn the main topics of The philosophy of law, theology rights, history of canon law, legislation, administrative law, the legal status of persons, legal capacity, church authorities; History of canon law.

**COURSE CODE:****COURSE TITLE:** Marriage Law in The New Code of Canon Law**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

To gain insight into the marriage law: marriage; obstacles; celebrations.