

# Postdoctoral Programme in Theology

Study Plan · 6 semesters · 120 academic credits · 3 years

<b>120</b> Total Credits	<b>6</b> Semesters	<b>26</b> Courses & Tutorials	<b>16</b> Academic Phases
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■ Methodology   
 ■ Doctrinal/Ethics   
 ■ Biblical/Exegetical   
 ■ Contemporary   
 ■ Historical/Systematic   
 ■ Research/Thesis

## Semester 1 — Methodological and Doctrinal Foundations 22 credits

Course Name	Code	Description	Cr.	Hours	Type
<b>Phase I — Methodological foundations</b>					
<b>Advanced Theological Methodology</b>	TDP-101	Theological epistemology, research paradigms, methodological hermeneutics and academic standards of theological discourse.	5	125 h	Methodology
<b>Research Design and Academic Communication</b>	TDP-102	Postdoctoral project design, advanced academic writing, scientific publishing and bibliographic reference management.	5	125 h	Methodology
<b>Phase II — Doctrinal and ethical formation</b>					
<b>Ethics and Moral Theology</b>	TDP-103	Foundations of Christian ethics, bioethics, theological deontology and application of moral principles in contemporary contexts.	5	125 h	Doctrinal
<b>Biblical Hermeneutics and Biblical Studies</b>	TDP-104	Hermeneutical principles, history of biblical interpretation, exegetical methods and the relationship between text, context and reader.	4	100 h	Biblical
<b>Phase III — Dialogue and contemporary engagement</b>					
<b>Comparative Religion and Interreligious Dialogue</b>	TDP-105	Comparison of world religious traditions, theology of religions, ecumenism and frameworks for interreligious dialogue.	3	75 h	Contemporary

## Semester 2 — Biblical Depth and Contemporary Theology 21 credits

Course Name	Code	Description	Cr.	Hours	Type
<b>Phase III (cont.) — Dialogue and contemporary engagement</b>					
<b>Contemporary Issues in Theology</b>	TDP-106	Contextual theology, postcolonialism, feminist theology, eco-theology and challenges of modern religious pluralism.	4	100 h	Contemporary
<b>Phase IV — Original research and academic contribution</b>					
<b>Seminar I — Postdoctoral Research Project</b>	TDP-107	Formulation of the postdoctoral project: problem statement, hypothesis, theoretical framework, methodology and research timeline.	5	125 h	Research
<b>Tutorial I — Individual Research Mentoring</b>	TDP-108	Individual sessions with assigned mentor for methodological guidance, progress review and project adjustments.	3	75 h	Research
<b>Phase V — Biblical and exegetical depth</b>					
<b>Biblical Hermeneutics</b>	TDP-109	In-depth analysis of hermeneutical methods: historical, narrative, rhetorical criticism and postmodern readings of sacred texts.	4	100 h	Biblical
<b>Exegetical Methodology and Biblical Text</b>	TDP-110	Critical exegesis of OT and NT, linguistic analysis, textual criticism, literary structures and homiletical application.	5	125 h	Biblical

## Semester 3 — Theological Engagement and Advanced Mentoring 19 credits

Course Name	Code	Description	Cr.	Hours	Type
<b>Phase VI — Contemporary theological engagement</b>					
<b>Contemporary Issues in Theology II</b>	TDP-111	Advanced study of public theology, secularization, political theology, human rights and mission in plural contexts.	4	100 h	Contemporary
<b>Seminar II — Moral Theology and Ethical Problems</b>	TDP-112	Critical analysis of contemporary ethical dilemmas: bioethics, social justice, sexuality, environment and applied moral theology.	5	125 h	Doctrinal
<b>Phase VII — Advanced research mentoring</b>					
<b>Tutorial II — Specialized Research Guidance</b>	TDP-113	Individualized oversight of the postdoctoral project, evaluation of theoretical frameworks and guidance for academic publications.	4	100 h	Research
<b>Phase VIII — Historical and systematic foundations</b>					
<b>Historical and Systematic Theology</b>	TDP-114	History of Christian thought, patristics, scholasticism, the Reformation, modern theology and contemporary theological systems.	3	75 h	Historical
<b>Biblical or Modern Languages</b>	TDP-115	Biblical Hebrew, New Testament Greek or a modern language of academic relevance to the research project.	3	75 h	Biblical

Semester 4 — Research Development and Interculturality						19 credits
Course Name	Code	Description	Cr.	Hours	Type	
<b>Phase IX — Doctoral research development</b>						
<b>Research Project Development I</b>	TDP-116	First development phase: data collection, preliminary analysis and presentation of progress to the academic committee.	5	125 h	Research	
<b>Tutorial III — Advanced Research Mentoring</b>	TDP-117	Personalized guidance on research methodology, chapter review and preparation of scientific articles.	4	100 h	Research	
<b>Phase X — Intercultural and interreligious engagement</b>						
<b>Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue</b>	TDP-118	Intercultural theology, comparative missiology, cultural anthropology applied to theology and ministry in multicultural contexts.	4	100 h	Contemporary	
<b>Phase XI — Educational and philosophical foundations</b>						
<b>Core Principles I — Philosophy of Education</b>	TDP-119	Philosophy of theological education, critical pedagogy, models of ministerial formation and applied university didactics.	3	75 h	Historical	
<b>Tutorial IV — Final Research Mentoring</b>	TDP-120	Review and consolidation of the central chapters of the postdoctoral project with guidance for academic presentation.	3	75 h	Research	

Semester 5 — Contemporary Hermeneutics and Culmination						19 credits
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<b>Phase XII — Completion of advanced research</b>						
<b>Research Project Development II</b>	TDP-121	Second phase: data analysis, argumentation development, internal peer review and preparation of the thesis draft.	5	125 h	Research	
<b>Tutorial V — Culminating Research Mentoring</b>	TDP-122	Final accompaniment in writing the postdoctoral document, conclusion refinement and preparation for the defence.	4	100 h	Research	
<b>Phase XIII — Contemporary theological interpretation</b>						
<b>Contemporary Theological Hermeneutics</b>	TDP-123	Current hermeneutical horizons: Gadamer, Ricoeur, analogical hermeneutics, phenomenology and their impact on theology.	5	125 h	Biblical	
<b>Research Project Development III</b>	TDP-124	Refinement of the postdoctoral work, feedback integration, derived journal article and preparation of the final version.	5	125 h	Research	

Semester 6 — Final Culmination and Defence					20 credits	
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<b>Phase XV — Final completion of research</b>						
<b>Research Project Development IV</b>	TDP-125	Definitive writing of the postdoctoral document: executive summary, annotated bibliography and research appendices.	<b>6</b>	150 h	<b>Research</b>	
<b>Tutorial VI — Doctoral Thesis Mentoring</b>	TDP-126	Comprehensive final review with mentor and committee, form and content adjustments, defence protocol and formal submission.	<b>6</b>	150 h	<b>Research</b>	
<b>Phase XVI — Academic contribution and defence</b>						
<b>Public Thesis Defence</b>	TDP-127	Presentation and defence of the postdoctoral project before an external examining panel; evaluation of originality, rigour and contribution to the theological field.	<b>8</b>	200 h	<b>Research</b>	

Each academic credit corresponds to 25 hours of academic work (contact hours + independent study). Total programme hours: 3,000 hours. Programme structured across 16 phases over 6 semesters.