

	<p align="center">Department of Religious Sciences, University of Zadar</p> <p align="center">Graduate Double-Major Theological and Catechetical Program</p>
Description of the study program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The main objective for launching the double-major undergraduate university theological and catechetical curriculum is to prepare lay persons and religious to teach the subject of confessional religious education and ethics in elementary and secondary schools, as well as in other educational institutions. - This curriculum also provides students with the qualifications to work in various cultural-artistic, social, healthcare, humanitarian, tourism, business and media institutions. Croatia as a whole, especially the coastal region to which the city of Zadar belongs, has a rich cultural heritage inspired by a thirteen-century tradition of Christian faith. In connection with this, this course of study improves the understanding of persons engaged in tourism and cultural work, and adequately promotes the tangible and intangible Christian heritage in Croatia and the world. Christian anthropology, which sees the person as having personal dignity from which ensue his inalienable rights, will help those pursuing this study program to participate more successfully in the humanitarian activities of various civil society organizations. - In Europe and, thus, in Croatia as a member of Europe, the population is aging, i.e., there are a disproportionate number of elderly inhabitants for whom there is a growing need for retirement homes, institutions providing palliative care and shelters for the poor. In this sense, this curriculum qualifies students for the position of spiritual assistant or animator in such healthcare institutions in order to help the elderly and disabled experience a happy old age and dignified death. - In a world with an increasing number of different religious faiths, in a comparative manner this study provides insights and knowledge about other religions (Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism etc.) and in seeking the truth qualifies the student for genuine inter-religious dialogue and tolerance, as well as opposition to violence and the imposition of worldviews and beliefs. Theological catechetical study, as such, is directed toward in an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary manner to the humanities and social sciences, and follows the latest guidelines for the development of theological-catechetical science in the world and in our country. - In order to pursue the double-major graduate theological-catechetical program, the potential partners are as follows: the Archdiocese of Zadar, the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office, preschool institutions, elementary and secondary schools, the Education and Teacher Training Agency, the Zadar Tourist Board and Zadar County. - A person with a master's degree in catechetics can obtain employment in parish catechesis, religious education in elementary and secondary schools, consultants at preschool

	institutions in the various religious education programs; in charitable, social and humanitarian institutions; in counseling centers for young people and families, in retirement homes, palliative care institutions, shelters for the poor, media and tourism institutions.
Learning outcomes of the study programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to compare and integrate theological-anthropological, pedagogical-psychological and cultural-historical understanding of modern man from the Christological perspective; - to evaluate and critically assess contemporary challenges in the area of religious practice; - to function at qualitatively higher levels within the complex demands of working in the religious-pedagogical field; - to compare and assess religious and scientific views of the world, man and society; - to organize and manage research projects by selecting the appropriate research paradigms, as well as analyze and interpret the results of research; - to correlate and present theological and catechetical knowledge at the level of scholarly work; - to compare and critically assess the relationship between catechetical knowledge and its concrete application in religious education practice; - to initiate partnership among families, parish communities, educational institutions and archdiocesan offices as well as charitable, social, healthcare and civil organizations; - to prepare and conduct catechesis in educational institutions; - to plan, organize and conduct parish catechesis; - to be involved in the preparation of catechetical programs for children, young people and adults, as well as persons with developmental disabilities; - to propose and organize pastoral activity in the parish community; - to create and conduct pastoral ministries for special parish groups; - to prepare, organize and conduct church administration; - to develop the abilities of management and team leadership for catechetical and religious-pedagogical projects; - to participate in creating archdiocesan projects for religious tourism; - to plan, organize and lead programs of spiritual help, animation and assistance in various institutions and associations; - to explain the need and develop awareness about the need for ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue in the contemporary multicultural and multiconfessional world; <p>to plan, organize and manage personal professional development in the context of lifelong education and learning.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - integrate discourse about angels and demons in a historical-religious context, - semantically differentiate modern discourse about angels and demons from biblical and traditional understanding; - present the role of angels in the history of salvation in the Old and New Testaments; understand the basic elements in the discernment of spirits.
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